

# Appendix D

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## Stage 1 Aboriginal Heritage (PACHCI) Assessment

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Dear David

~~Assessment results for Tuggerah to Doyalson M1 Upgrade boundary adjustments and ancillary sites based on *Procedure for Aboriginal Cultural Heritage and Investigation* the procedure.~~

The project, as described in the Stage 1 assessment checklist (see attached) [attach Resource 3], was assessed as being unlikely to have an impact on Aboriginal cultural heritage.

The assessment is based on the following due diligence considerations:

- The project is unlikely to harm known Aboriginal objects or places.
- The AHIMS search did not indicate moderate to high concentrations of Aboriginal objects or places in the study area.
- The study area does not contain landscape features that indicate the presence of Aboriginal objects, based on the Office of Environment and Heritage's *Due diligence Code of Practice for the Protection of Aboriginal objects in NSW* and the Roads and Maritime Services' procedure.
- The cultural heritage potential of the study area appears to be reduced due to past disturbance.
- There is an absence of sandstone rock outcrops likely to contain Aboriginal art.

Your project may proceed in accordance with the environmental impact assessment process, as relevant, and all other relevant approvals.

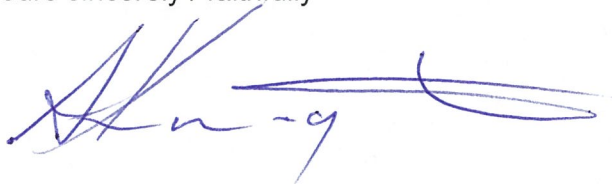
If the scope of your project changes, you must contact me and your regional environmental staff David Wells Ph 02 49240280 M 0439 620 932 to reassess any potential impacts on Aboriginal cultural heritage.

If any potential Aboriginal objects (including skeletal remains) are discovered during the course of the project, all works in the vicinity of the find must cease. Follow the steps outlined in the Roads and Maritime Services' *Unexpected Archaeological Finds Procedure*.

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For further assistance in this matter and do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely / faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Stephen Knight', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Stephen Knight  
Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Advisor – Hunter Region

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## Activity checklist

Procedure for Aboriginal cultural heritage consultation and investigation - Resource 1

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### 1. Project details

Project name: Tuggerah to Doyalson M1 Upgrade boundary adjustments and ancillary sites

Name of project manager: David Wilks

Name of Aboriginal cultural heritage officer: Stephen Knight – Hunter Region

Project WBS#: D/00362/D/EV

### 2. Purpose of this assessment

This resource provides a checklist of actions associated with the four stages of the *Procedure for Aboriginal cultural heritage consultation and investigation*. It can be used to:

- Assist Roads and Maritime Services staff to ensure that the appropriate actions have been completed for a particular project.
- Demonstrate that the Roads and Maritime Services has been duly diligent in considering potential harm to Aboriginal cultural heritage prior to project implementation.






A copy of this checklist must be kept on the project file.

### Glossary

The following terms are used in this resource:

ACHA – Aboriginal cultural heritage advisor  
AFG – Aboriginal focus group meeting  
AHIMS – OEH's Aboriginal heritage information management system  
CHAR – Cultural heritage assessment report  
OEH – Office of Environment and Heritage  
PM – Project manager  
RES – Regional environmental staff  
SES(H) – Senior Environmental Specialist (Heritage)

### 3. Action checklist

Stage	Action	Completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Date completed and signature
Stage 1	<b>Action 1:</b> Is the activity exempt development in accordance with the <i>Environmental assessment procedure for routine and minor works</i> ? If <b>yes</b> , the project may proceed in accordance with all other relevant approvals. If <b>no</b> , proceed to Action 2.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> *	01.10.2015 
	<b>Action 2:</b> Undertake a Basic Search of AHIMS. Are sites located in the study area? If <b>yes</b> , undertake an Extensive Search.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> *	01.10.2015 
	<b>Action 3:</b> Provide project details and AHIMS results to ACHA and RES.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> *	01.10.2015 
	<b>Action 4:</b> ACHA and RES to advise PM whether the project is likely to harm Aboriginal objects or places.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> *	01.10.2015 
	<b>Outcomes:</b> Are known or potential impacts to objects or places likely?  If <b>no</b> , proceed in accordance with all other relevant approvals and environmental impact assessment processes.  If <b>yes</b> , proceed to Stage 2.  <u>Note:</u> For large or complex projects, it may not be feasible to do a Stage 2 survey. Has a cultural heritage constraints mapping been suggested instead? If <b>yes</b> , engage an archaeologist and Aboriginal stakeholders to prepare this.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> * <b>NO</b>	01.10.2015 

## Stage 1 Roads and Maritime Services assessment

Procedure for Aboriginal cultural heritage consultation and  
investigation: Resource 3

### Aim

The project manager (or their representative) must provide the information requested in this checklist to the regional Aboriginal cultural heritage adviser. This information will assist them in determining whether the project may affect Aboriginal cultural heritage in accordance with Stage 1 of the procedure.

Please **provide** this completed cover sheet, along with the required information, to your regional Aboriginal cultural heritage adviser.

### Contact details for this project

**Name of project:** Tuggerah to Doyalson M1 Upgrade boundary adjustments and ancillary sites.

**Project Manager:** David Wilks

**WBS:** D/00362/D/EV

### Environmental officer undertaking/managing the environmental impact assessment

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**Corporate communications officer, if any**  
Nil

**Date:** 01/10/2015



Action	Status <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Item 1</b> Attach an overview of the project. The overview must include the known scope and extent of the proposed works; compound site requirements; access and movement of plant; re-location and/or provision of utilities; the location of noise walls, sedimentation basins, shared pathways, cycle ways, etc...	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Item 2</b> Attach a map/plan of the study area that clearly outlines the extent and scope of the project. The map/plan should also include topographical information where available.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Item 3</b> If land acquisition is required, provide details about this.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Item 4</b> Attach a brief description of current and past land use, where known. For example, the study area land is currently used as a car park/road reserve/farming/etc. and was formally used for a car park/road reserve/farming/etc...	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Item 5</b> Describe the timeframe for the project along with key milestones and deliverables.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Item 6</b> Please attach the results of the Office of Environment and Heritage's Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System ( <b>AHIMS</b> ) <b>Basic Search</b> - <a href="http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/licences/WhatInformationCanYouObtainFromAHIMS.htm">http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/licences/WhatInformationCanYouObtainFromAHIMS.htm</a>  If required, please include the results of an <b>AHIMS Extensive Search</b> . These results should be plotted on a map/plan covering the study area.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Item 7</b> Attach the results of the following heritage searches relevant to the study area: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Native Title Register search</li> <li>• State Heritage Inventory search</li> <li>• Australian Heritage Database search</li> </ul>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Item 8</b> Attach a copy of any heritage assessment (Aboriginal or non-Aboriginal) previously prepared for the study area/project?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Item 9</b> Attach a copy of any environmental impact assessment previously prepared for the study area/project?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>