

Appendix N

Aboriginal Heritage Clearance Letter



09/12/2013

Rebecca Murray
Environmental Officer
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Dear Rebecca

Re: Preliminary assessment results for the West Connex enabling airport precinct works and compound ancillary sites area proposal based on Stage 1 of the *Procedure for Aboriginal cultural heritage consultation and investigation* (the procedure).

The project, as described in the Stage 1 assessment checklist, 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 any known 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.
- No Aboriginal cultural modified mature trees were present in the study area.
- The Aboriginal cultural heritage potential of the study area appears to be severely reduced due to past disturbance.
- The proposed compound sites are in previously heavily disturbed areas.
- The area was inspected on the 4/12/2013

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 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*.

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

Yours sincerely

Barry Gunther
Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Advisor – Sydney Region

Roads and Maritime Services