

1 September 2023

Gavin Rayward
Project Manager
Transport for NSW

Dear Gavin,

Preliminary assessment results for the Harrington Road Intersection Upgrade 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 works are within the existing road corridor and disturbed areas (disturbed zones).
- The project is unlikely to harm known Aboriginal objects or places (AHIMS sites).
- The AHIMS search indicated that there are no recorded Aboriginal sites within the works areas. There are 2 within proximity to the study area, however these sites will not be impacted.
- The study area does 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, however, the cultural heritage potential of the study area appears to be reduced due to past disturbances in the form of the construction of the Pacific Highway, Wharf Road, George Gibson Drive and Two Mile Creek Road.
- 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 Simon Wilson 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 Transport for NSW *Unexpected Heritage Items Procedure*.

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

Yours sincerely

Lee Davison
Aboriginal Community and Heritage Partner

Project study area

