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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Scandium21 Pty Ltd is the proponent of the approved (but yet to be developed) Syerston Project (the Project), near Fifield, approximately 60 kilometres north of Condobolin in central western New South Wales (**Figures 1 and 2**). Scandium21 Pty Ltd is a wholly owned subsidiary of Clean TeQ Holdings Limited ("Clean TeQ"). The Project is a greenfield site with the capacity to sustain a 2.5 million tonnes per annum autoclave feed rate over a minimum 21 year mine life. The Project is contained largely within Exploration Licence 4573 and Mining Lease Applications 113, 132, 139, 140, 141.

The approved Project includes the establishment and operation of the nickel cobalt scandium mine and processing facility, limestone quarry and processing facility, rail loading and unloading facility, natural gas pipeline, borefields and water pipeline, and associated road infrastructure upgrades. Open cut mining and processing of ore to produce up to 180 tonnes per annum (tpa) of scandium oxide and 40,000 tpa of nickel and cobalt metal equivalents (as either sulphide or sulphate precipitate products) are approved at the mine processing facility.

An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) was prepared in late 2000 by then-proponent Black Range Minerals, as a requirement to apply for Development Consent for the Project. The existing environment, potential environmental impacts, mitigation measures and environmental management, rehabilitation and monitoring strategies associated with the approved Project are documented in the EIS. An archaeological investigation (Appleton, 2000) was prepared as part of the EIS. The Project was granted Development Consent (DA 374-11-00) in May 2001, with several modifications since that time.

Clean TeQ is seeking to modify the existing Development Consent (DA 374-11-00) to (amongst other elements) reconfigure the approved borefield arrangement and to supplement the water supply for the approved Syerston Project by extracting surface water from the Lachlan River. As part of this development proposal, Clean TeQ is also seeking approval for a modified pipeline arrangement through the town of Fifield. This proposal is herein referred to as "the Modification". To this end, Clean TeQ commissioned Landsape Natural and Cultural Heritage Management to undertake an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment of the Modification.

This report presents an assessment of the Aboriginal cultural heritage related issues for the Modification in accordance with the relevant requirements of the various advisory documents and guidelines.

No Aboriginal cultural heritage sites have previously been recorded in or near the Modification area and the present survey did not encounter any additional items or sites of Aboriginal cultural heritage significance.

Based on the results of this cultural heritage investigation and consultation with representatives of the Registered Aboriginal Parties (RAPs) the following is recommended:

- The Modification be allowed to proceed because the areas proposed for development are located in areas where harm to Aboriginal cultural heritage will be avoided.
- The wider landscape setting of the Modification presents a low risk of activities harming previously unidentified Aboriginal cultural heritage, but any future variations to the footprint of the Modification should be preceded by an appropriate level of assessment/investigation.
- In the unlikely event that human skeletal remains are encountered during the course of activities associated with the Modification, all work in that area must cease. Remains must not be handled or otherwise disturbed except to prevent further disturbance. If the remains are thought to be less than 100 years old, the Police or the State Coroner's Office (tel: 02 9552 4066) must be notified. If there is reason to suspect that the skeletal remains are more than 100 years old and of Aboriginal origin, Clean TeQ should contact the Office of Environment and Heritage's (OEHS) Environmental Line (tel: 131 555) for advice. In the unlikely event that an Aboriginal burial is encountered, strategies for its management would need to be developed with the involvement of the local Aboriginal community.

- A Heritage Management Plan (HMP), which outlines the management and mitigation measures for Aboriginal cultural heritage, should be prepared for the Syerston Project in consultation with the Aboriginal community and the OEH and should incorporate the Modification and the recommendations of this assessment. The HMP should continue to remain active for the life of the Modification and define the tasks, scope and conduct of all Aboriginal cultural heritage management activities.
- Clean TeQ should continue to provide training to all on-site personnel regarding the HMP strategies relevant to their employment tasks.
- Clean TeQ should continue to involve the RAPs and any other relevant Aboriginal community groups or members in matters pertaining to the Modification.

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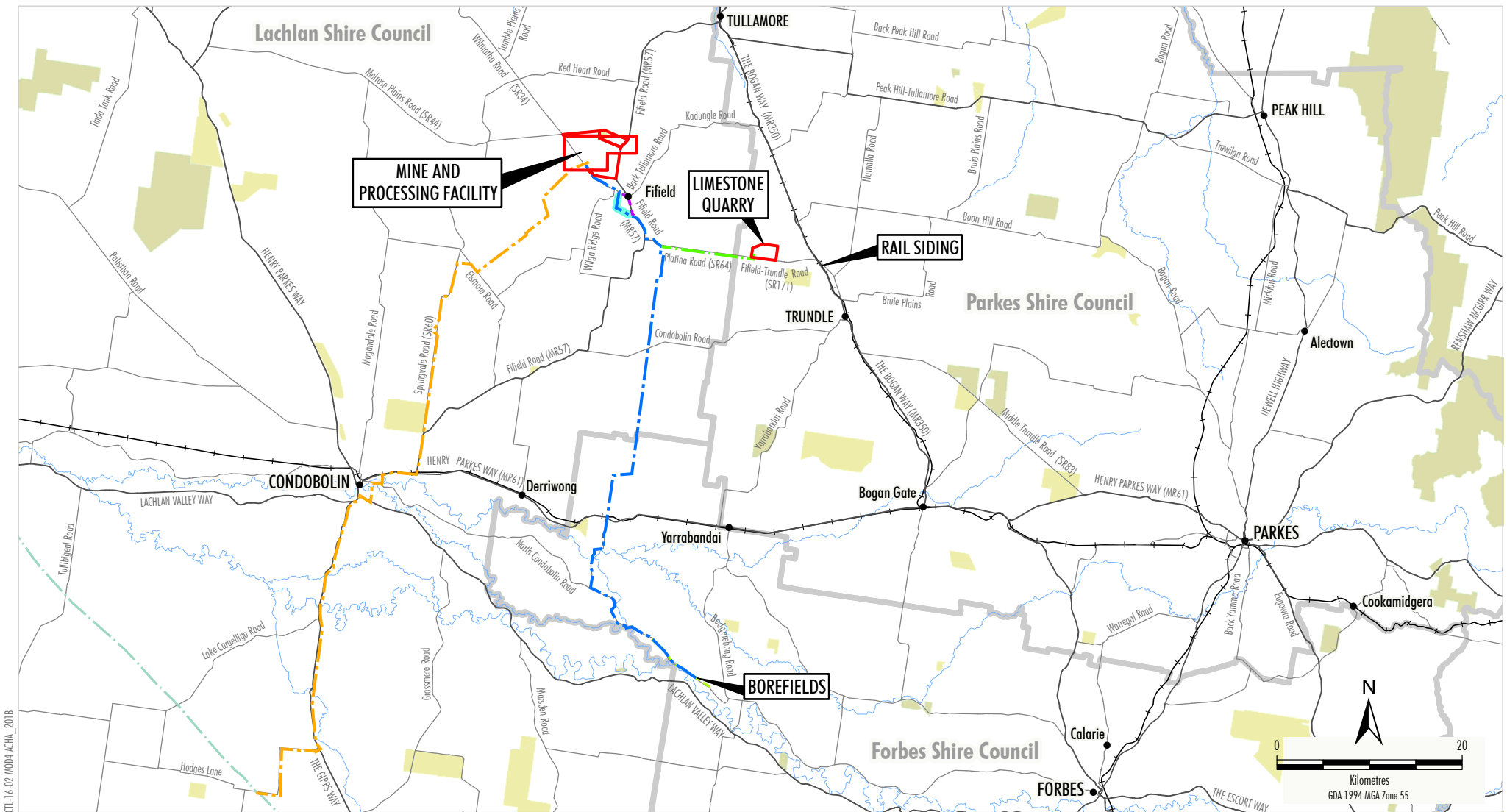
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- *Aboriginal cultural heritage consultation requirements for proponents 2010* (Part 6 *National Parks and Wildlife Act, 1974* [NP&W Act]) (Consultation Guidelines) (NSW Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water [DECCW], 2010a).
- *Code of Practice for Archaeological Investigation of Aboriginal Objects in New South Wales* (DECCW, 2010b).
- *Guide to investigating, assessing and reporting on Aboriginal cultural heritage in NSW* (NSW Office of Environment and Heritage [OEH], 2011).
- *The Burra Charter: The Australia ICOMOS Charter for the Conservation of Places of Cultural Significance* (Australia International Council on Monuments and Sites [ICOMOS], 2013).
- *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage: Standards and Guidelines Kit* (NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service, 1997).
- *Ask First: A Guide to Respecting Indigenous Heritage Places and Values* (Australian Heritage Commission, 2002).
- *NSW Minerals Industry Due Diligence Code of Practice for the Protection of Aboriginal Objects* (NSW Minerals Council, 2010).



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- LEGEND**
- National Park/Conservation Area
 - State Forest
 - Local Government Boundary
 - Existing Gas Pipeline
 - Mining Lease Application Boundary
 - Approved Water Pipeline
 - Approved Limestone Quarry Water Pipeline
 - Approved Gas Pipeline
 - Approved Borefield Infrastructure Corridor

- Modified Water Pipeline Alignment Option
- Approved Fifeild Bypass

Source: Black Range Minerals (2000); NSW Department of Industry (2017);
NSW Land & Property Information (2017); Office of Environment
and Heritage NSW (2107)



SYERSTON PROJECT MODIFICATION 4
Regional Location

Figure 1

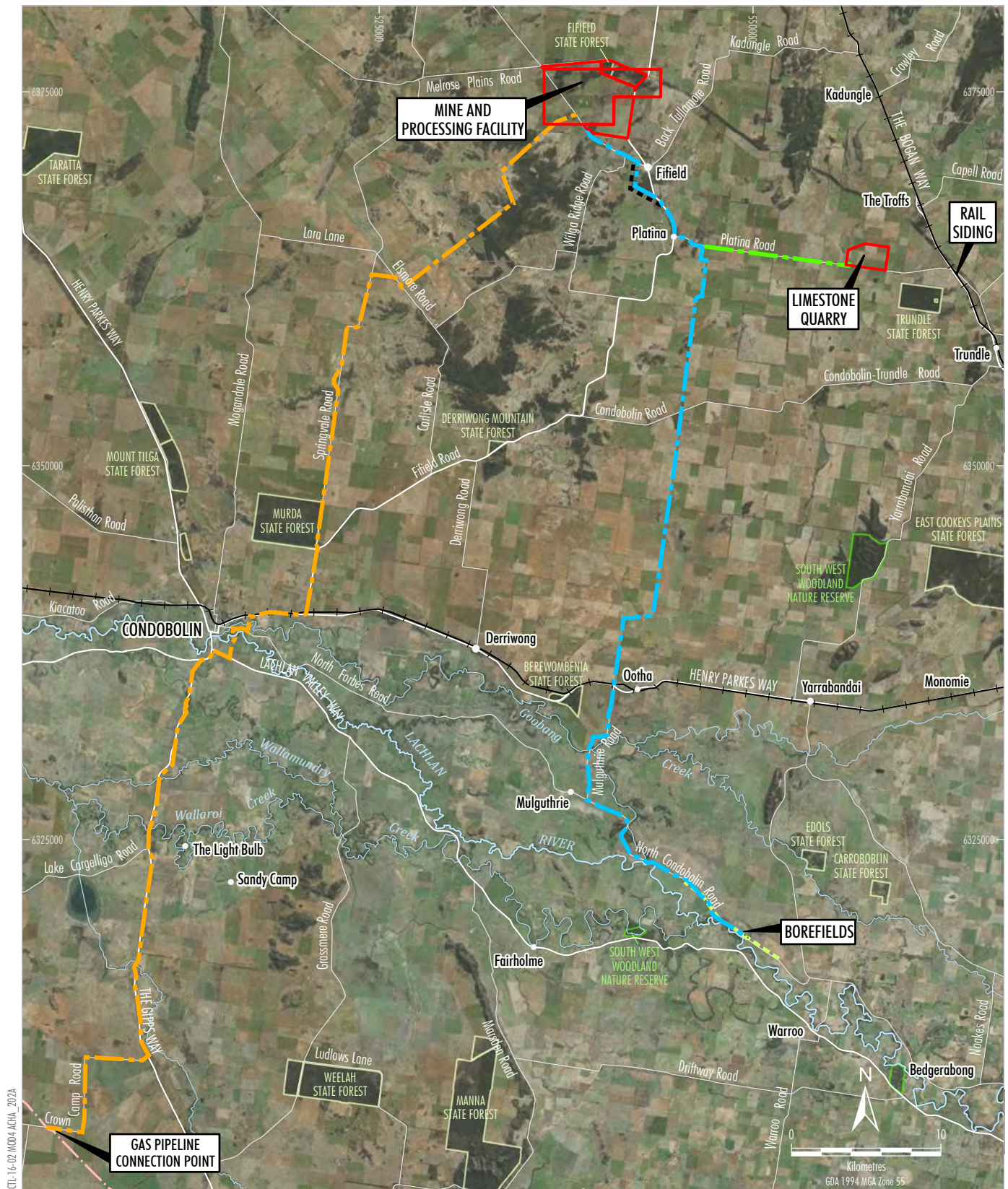


Figure 2

- *Due Diligence Code of Practice for the Protection of Aboriginal Objects in New South Wales* (DECCW, 2010c).

This ACHA would be used to support an application for an Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit (AHIP) under section 90 of the NP&W Act (and/or a variation application to the existing approved AHIP #C0003049).

1.1 OBJECTIVES OF STUDY

The specific objectives of the ACHA were to:

- consult the local Aboriginal community to identify any concerns they may have (consultation with the Aboriginal community followed the requirements of the Consultation Guidelines [DECCW, 2010a]);
- conduct a desktop assessment (including heritage register searches) to delineate areas of known and predicted Aboriginal cultural heritage within the Modification area;
- undertake a stratified archaeological survey of known and predicted Aboriginal cultural heritage identified in the desktop assessment with representatives of the local Aboriginal community;
- record any Aboriginal cultural heritage sites within the Modification area and assess their significance;
- identify the nature and extent of approved impacts of the Modification on Aboriginal cultural heritage; and
- develop measures in consultation with the Aboriginal community to avoid or mitigate potential impacts of the approved Modification on Aboriginal cultural heritage places and objects.

Preparation of this report involved collation of relevant archival, archaeological, historical and environmental information and the use of aerial photographs and topographic and geomorphic maps to identify areas likely to contain Aboriginal cultural heritage sites.

1.2 STRUCTURE OF THIS REPORT

This ACHA has been prepared in consideration of the requirements of the *Code of Practice for Archaeological Investigation of Aboriginal Objects in New South Wales* (DECCW, 2010b) and as such includes the following specific information:

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| Section 1: | Outlines the Modification and the objectives and structure of this report. |
| Section 2: | Lists the investigators and contributors involved with this report. |
| Section 3: | Provides a summary description of the Modification and the Modification area being considered in this ACHA. |
| Section 4: | Details the consultation and partnership with the Aboriginal community. |
| Section 5: | Outlines the landscape context and includes descriptions of land use history, geology and vegetation within the Modification area. |
| Section 6: | Provides background information and a description of previous archaeological works, including relevant ethno-history, the regional archaeological context and previous predictive models developed for the Modification area. |

- Section 7: Describes the current predictive model for the Modification area including archaeological survey and data collection, information regarding the method of the survey and a description of the areas surveyed. The results of the survey area are presented in this section. Also provides a consideration of cultural values/significance.
- Section 8: Assesses the impact of the approved Modification on Aboriginal cultural heritage.
- Section 9: Describes the management, mitigation measures and recommendations.
- Section 10: Provides a summary of the recommendations.
- Section 11: Lists the references cited in this report.
- Appendix 1: Provides a glossary of commonly used terms in this report.
- Appendix 2: Provides a log of consultation carried out for the Modification relevant to Aboriginal cultural heritage.
- Appendix 3: Provides a summary of correspondence to Aboriginal community stakeholders.
- Appendix 4: Provides a summary of correspondence from Aboriginal community stakeholders.
- Appendix 5: Provides the Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System (AHIMS) Register search results.
- Appendix 6: Provides relevant cadastre information and survey unit mapping.

2 INVESTIGATORS AND CONTRIBUTORS

Landscape was commissioned by Clean TeQ to complete the ACHA for the Modification and to prepare this report.

Dr Matt Cupper, a qualified archaeologist and geoscientist with 18 years' experience as a cultural heritage advisor, was Landscape's project archaeologist for the Modification.

The field investigation for the modification was undertaken in two campaigns. The first archaeological field investigation for the Modification was completed on 23 February 2016 by the project archaeologist Dr Matt Cupper. This inspection focused on the proposed modified pipeline corridor through the village of Fifield.

The second archaeological field investigation for the Modification was completed over one day on 22 March 2017 by project archaeologist Dr Matt Cupper, with the assistance of the following Aboriginal community representatives: Rebecca Shepherd and Adam Dargin (Murie Elders Group) and Cecil Coe and Eugene Coe (Wiradjuri Condobolin Corporation). The field surveys were completed as part of a broader survey program being undertaken for the approved Project.

Community consultation pursuant to the Consultation Guidelines (DECCW, 2010a) was managed by Clean TeQ.

3 DESCRIPTION OF THE MODIFICATION

3.1 THE APPROVED PROJECT

Development Consent (DA 374-11-00) for the Syerston Project was issued under Part 4 of NSW *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979* (EP&A Act) in 2001. The Development Consent (DA 374-11-00) has been modified on three occasions since it was issued:

- 2005 – to allow for the increase of run-of-mine ore processing rate, limestone quarry extraction rate and adjustments to ore procession operations.
- 2006 – to allow for the reconfiguration of the water supply borefield.
- 2017 – to allow for an initial scandium oxide focused production phase prior to refocusing on nickel and cobalt precipitate production by developing the full Project with additional scandium oxide production.

The approved Project is presented on **Figure 2** and includes the establishment and operation of the following:

- nickel cobalt scandium mine and processing facility;
- limestone quarry and processing facility;
- rail loading and unloading facility;
- natural gas pipeline;
- borefields and water pipeline; and
- associated transport and infrastructure (including the approved Fifield Bypass and materials transport route upgrades).

3.2 THE MODIFICATION

The approved Project includes (among other elements) the establishment and operation of borefields and a water pipeline. Clean TeQ is seeking modification of the development consent to supplement the water supply for the Syerston Project by extracting surface water via a pump station on the Lachlan River. Associated infrastructure includes a transfer station and connecting pipelines totalling approximately 400 metres (m) in length (**Figure 2**).

As part of the modification, Clean TeQ will also be seeking approval for a modified water pipeline alignment. In the event that Clean TeQ elects not to develop the currently approved Fifield Bypass, the water pipeline would require realignment through the Fifield township.

Clean TeQ are seeking to engage with the Aboriginal community as part of the preparation of an ACHA. This ACHA would be used to support an application for an AHIP under section 90 of the NP&W Act (and/or a variation application to the existing approved AHIP #C0003049). Consultation with Aboriginal people and communities will be guided by the Consultation Guidelines (DECCW, 2010a).

The Modification is proposed to commence as soon as practicable after all necessary approvals have been obtained and any pre-requisite conditions filled.

3.3 THE MODIFICATION AREA

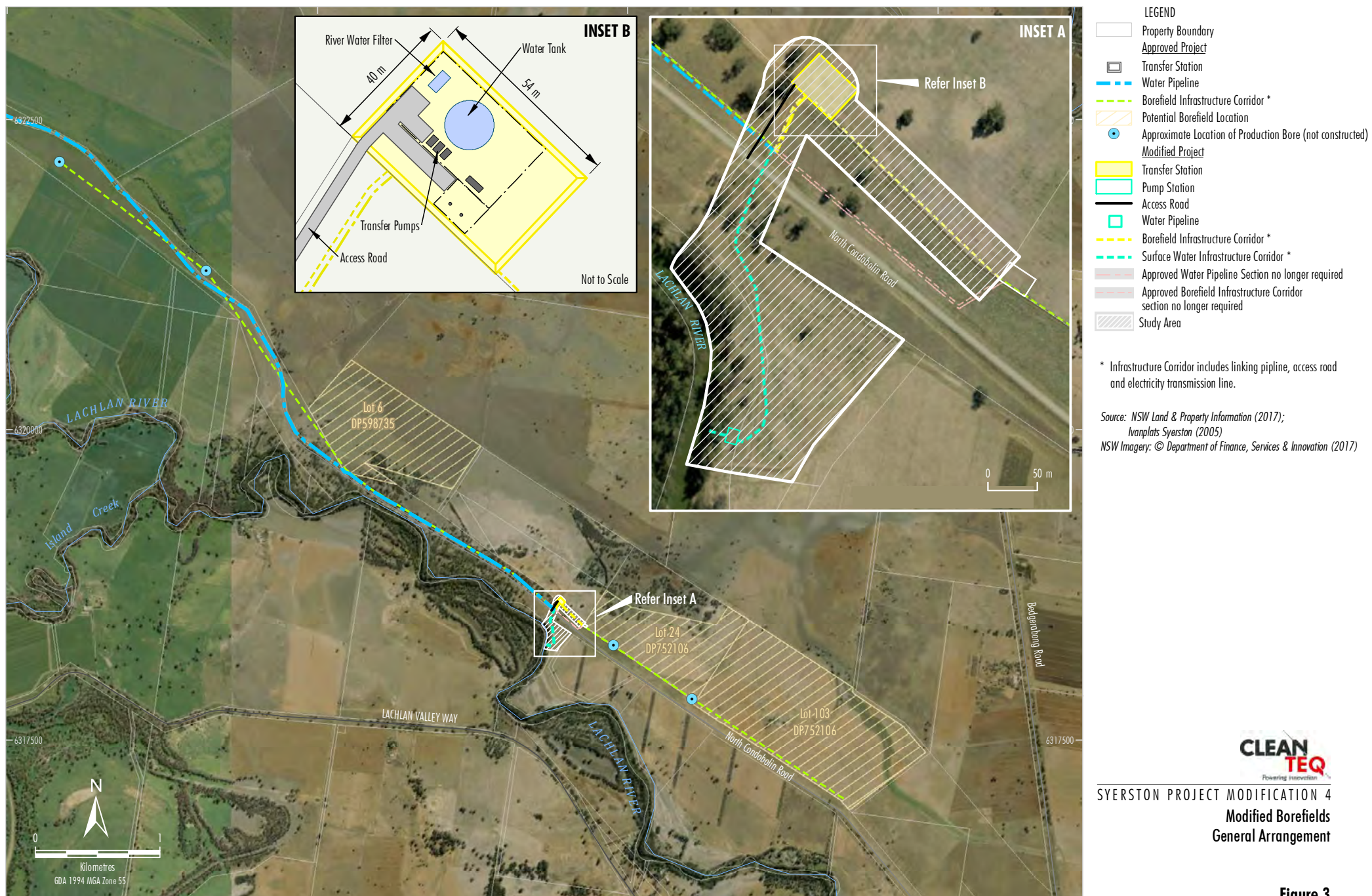
For assessment purposes, the Modification area has been separated into two key components, including the following:

- Modified borefield area (**Figure 3**).
- Modified Fifield pipeline realignment area (**Figure 4**).

In relation to the modified borefield area, Clean TeQ is seeking to modify the location of the approved transfer station (and augmentations to the water pipeline and linking pipeline) and to install new infrastructure to allow for surface water extraction from the Lachlan River (including a pump station, access road and pump station pipeline). The exact locations of the infrastructure will be flexible, and may be located anywhere within the zone indicated on **Figure 4**. Although disturbance will be limited where possible, it has been conservatively assumed in this assessment that disturbance may occur anywhere within the extent of the areas shown (presented on **Figure 4**) and hence the AHIP application (and/or variation application) would be made to allow for the entire extent of this area.

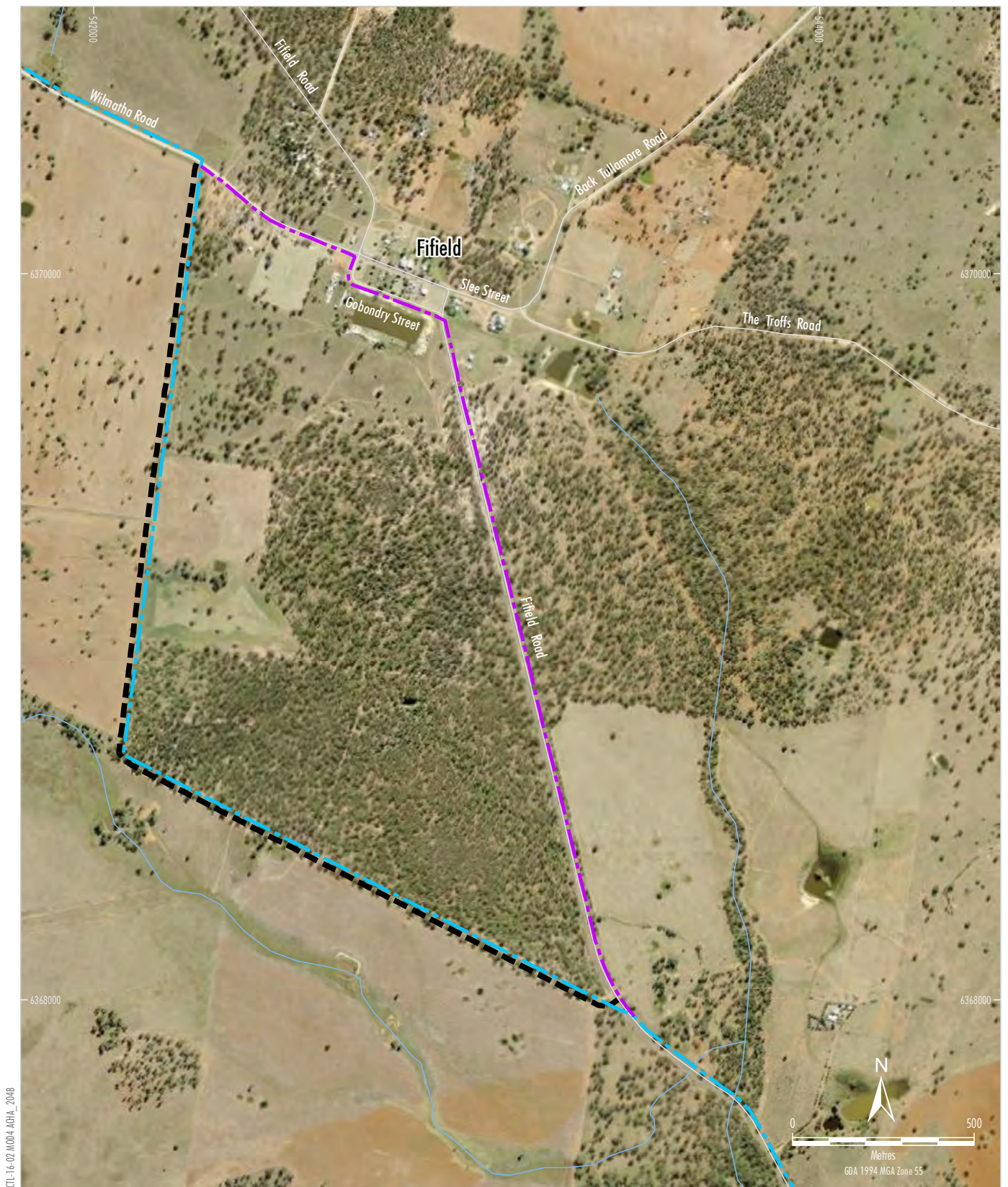
In relation to the modified Fifield pipeline realignment, it is noted that disturbance would be limited to within the extent of the existing road reserves.

As described above, Clean TeQ will seek an application for an AHIP for the Modification area (and/or a variation application to the existing approved AHIP #C0003049), including all portions of land described above and affected by the components of the Modification.



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Figure 3



LEGEND

- Approved Fifield Bypass
- Approved Water Pipeline
- Modified Water Pipeline

Source: Black Range Minerals (2000);
 NSW Land & Property Information (2015)
 NSW Imagery: © Department of Finance, Services & Innovation (2017)



SYERSTON PROJECT
 Modified Water Pipeline Alignment

Figure 4

4 ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

4.1 INTRODUCTION

Consultation with the Aboriginal community for the Modification was undertaken in accordance with the Consultation Guidelines (DECCW, 2010a), and the NSW *National Parks and Wildlife Regulation, 2009* (NP&W Regulation).

Accordingly, this assessment has involved the appropriate representatives of the local Aboriginal community and considered their cultural values and concerns. The following sections describe consultation undertaken with the Aboriginal community and demonstrate that the input of the involved Aboriginal community representatives has been considered.

The Consultation Guidelines (DECCW, 2010a) outline a four stage consultation process that includes detailed guidance as to the aim of each consultation stage and what actions are necessary for it to be successfully completed. These four stages include the following:

- Stage 1 – Notification of Modification proposal and registration of interest.
- Stage 2 – Presentation of information about the proposed Modification.
- Stage 3 – Gathering information about the cultural significance.
- Stage 4 – Review of draft ACHA report.

It is noted that community consultation was undertaken previously as part of the archaeological investigation prepared to support the original EIS for the approved Project (Appleton, 2000) and as part of the Modification to the borefield (Modification 2) (Appleton, 2005). Notwithstanding, this consultation was undertaken prior to the implementation of relevant guidelines and regulations, and hence, Clean TeQ has commissioned Landsape to prepare a contemporary assessment including consultation with the local Aboriginal community in accordance with the Consultation Guidelines (DECCW, 2010a) and the NP&W Regulation.

4.2 REGISTRATION PROCESS

In accordance with section 4.1.2 of the Consultation Guidelines (DECCW, 2010a), Modification notifications (**Appendix 3**) were sent on 2 December 2016 to the following organisations:

- Central West Local Land Services;
- Condobolin Local Aboriginal Land Council (LALC);
- Lachlan Shire Council
- National Native Title Tribunal;
- Native Title Services Corporation Limited (NTSCORP);
- OEH;
- Office of the Registrar, NSW *Aboriginal Land Rights Act, 1983*; and
- Peak Hill LALC.

Responses to the Modification notifications were received from the following organisations (**Appendix 4**):

- Office of the Registrar, of the NSW *Aboriginal Land Rights Act, 1983* (6 December 2016);
- OEH (9 December 2016);
- National Native Title Tribunal (14 December 2016); and
- Lachlan Shire Council (18 January 2017).

As a result of contacting the relevant organisations, a number of individuals and groups were identified as potentially having an interest in the Modification. An invitation was sent out to each individual/group inviting Aboriginal persons or groups who hold cultural knowledge relevant to, or who have right or interest in, determining the cultural heritage significance of Aboriginal object(s) and/or place(s) in the “Area of Interest” to register an interest in the Modification on 6 January and 18 January 2017 (**Appendix 3**).

In addition, public notices inviting the registration of Aboriginal persons or groups who hold cultural knowledge relevant to, or who have a right or interest in, determining the cultural heritage significance of Aboriginal object(s) and/or place(s) in the “Area of Interest” were published in the Condobolin Argus on 18 January 2017 and the Koori Mail on 11 January 2017 (**Appendix 3**).

A copy of the list of the Registered Aboriginal Parties (RAPs) for the Modification, along with a copy of the written notifications and the public notice, were provided to the OEH, the Condobolin LALC and the West Wyalong LALC on 22 February 2017, in accordance with section 4.1.6 of the Consultation Guidelines (DECCW, 2010a).

As a result of the registration process undertaken for the Modification, a total of seven RAPs have registered an interest in the Modification¹, including:

- Wiradjuri Condobolin Corporation.
- Murie Elders Group.
- Binjang Wellington Wiradjuri Aboriginal Heritage Survey.
- West Wyalong LALC.
- Condobolin LALC.
- Louise Davis.
- Peter Peckham.

A consultation log detailing all Aboriginal community consultation undertaken for the Modification is provided in **Appendix 2**. A copy of relevant written correspondence sent to and received from the RAPs is provided in **Appendices 3 and 4**.

¹ The Forbes Aboriginal & Community Working Party were originally registered as stakeholders for the consultation process, however at a later date they advised Clean TeQ that they did not wish to be included in the Aboriginal consultation process going forward, and hence have not been described further in this report.

4.3 PROPOSED METHODOLOGY AND INFORMATION SESSION

Information regarding the Modification was provided in writing to all RAPs on 14 February 2017. A copy of the Proposed Methodology was provided for review and comment (**Appendix 3**).

A minimum of 28 days was allowed for the RAPs to provide input in regards to the following aspects:

- The nature of the Proposed Methodology.
- Any Aboriginal objects or places of cultural value within the Modification area, or issues of cultural significance.
- Any restrictions or protocols considered necessary in relation to any information of sensitivity that may be provided.
- Any other factors considered to be relevant to the ACHA.

Correspondence that included an invitation to attend an information session regarding the ACHA for the Modification was provided in writing to all RAPs on 20 February 2017. The information session was held at the Condobolin RSL Club on 8 March 2017. The purpose of the information session was to provide RAPs with an additional opportunity to raise any cultural issues or comments/perspectives regarding the Modification or the Proposed Methodology.

The information session supported the information previously provided in writing and included a presentation on the nature and scale of the Modification, an overview of the impact assessment process, a discussion of the roles, functions and responsibilities of participants and protocols for the management of any sensitive cultural heritage information.

Three representatives of the Murie Elders Group and two representatives of the Wiradjuri Condobolin Corporation attended the information session on 8 March 2017. Copies of the attendance records for the information sessions and a copy of the Proposed Methodology are provided in **Appendix 3**.

4.4 COMMENTS ON PROPOSED METHODOLOGY

At the close of the Proposed Methodology review period, the comments and feedback on the Proposed Methodology received by Clean TeQ were recorded in the consultation log in **Appendix 2** (if verbal) or **Appendix 4** (if written/email) and are recorded and considered below.

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Responses to each of the relevant submissions received from the RAPs at the closing date for comments and feedback on the Proposed Methodology are provided in **Table 1**.

Table 1. Responses to Submissions from RAPs on Proposed Methodology.

Date, Registered Aboriginal Party	Comment on the Proposed Methodology	Clean TeQ Response
16 March 2017, Murie Elders Group	<i>"Following an archaeological survey by John Appleton, between 1998 and 2000, which was not made available either prior to or at the meeting, 14 archaeological sites were observed and recorded, including "six isolated artefacts, six scarred trees, an open scatter and an extensive campsite" (page 3 of methodology document). A satellite map of the proposed "sites of disturbance" was also provided at the consultation meeting. Unfortunately, neither John Appleton nor Dr Cupper was present at this meeting to answer any questions about the methodology, the proposed field surveys or the past field survey. We find it inappropriate that an archaeologist was not present at a meeting about the proposed methodology to answer our questions about the methodology. The focus group meeting and proposed methodology document did not provide satisfactory information about how the archaeological survey would be conducted... Regarding the methodology at the consultation Meeting, RAPS were informed that the purpose of the field survey with Dr Cupper was to re-record "the sites previously visited", with additional recordings to be made as they were identified during the proposed surveys however no methodology was put forward regarding a broader survey of the proposed impact area which was not sufficiently surveyed by Appleton in the 1998/2000 survey. There was some discussion regarding the 14 sites recorded, in that there were so few identified and documented, and the RAPs were informed that the "Consultation back then doesn't meet the standards now, and the survey is to document any new sites". As a method has not being put forward to tell us how the new sites will be documented and recorded we cannot provide specific comment, we hope that the survey covers enough of the proposed impact area to locate all evidence of Aboriginal occupation in the area."</i>	<p>The Proposed Methodology is an assessment methodology, rather than a methodology regarding the survey techniques or sampling approach. In this regard, it was not considered necessary for the archaeologist to be present at this time.</p> <p>In the event that any RAPs had queries that were unable to be answered by the Modification team and Clean TeQ representatives at the meeting, these questions were taken on notice and provided to the archaeologist for a response.</p> <p>Detailed survey methodology is outlined in Section 7 of this assessment, including the re-documentation of relevant sites within the Modification area and the recording and identification of new Aboriginal heritage sites.</p>
16 March 2017, Murie Elders Group	<i>It is noted that the "recent AHIMS recordings" for the areas concerned, now appears to have been reduced from 14 sites to 5 sites. Archaeological work around the area has recorded significantly more sites in the area over the past 20 years which area not shown on the map provided on 16 March."</i>	<p>Noted. For clarity on the maps and for the purposes of the information session, the focus was on the AHIMS sites recorded within and immediately adjacent to the Modification.</p> <p>However, AHIMS records as well as previous archaeological investigations in the Modification area and wider surrounds have been considered as part of this assessment. Further details regarding previous works are summarised in Section 6.</p>
16 March 2017, Murie Elders Group	<i>"Finally, as this survey was conducted prior to 2010, when significant legislative changes were made, along with the probability that there have been many changes to landforms over the past 20 year period (as the result of both man made changes and environmental factors including drought, floods), as well as recent site identification (both on AHIMS & from local knowledge), it is respectfully suggested that the previous survey cannot be relied upon to any degree, and that the field survey needs to be conducted in line with current legislative requirements to ensure that no significant sites or places are mistakenly impacted, thus ensuring that the AHIP (Aboriginal heritage Impact Permit) now being sought by the Syerston Modification, can be properly considered and supported by all stakeholders in this process, in a proper and timely manner."</i>	Noted. As described in Section 7, field surveys for the purposes of this assessment have been undertaken, including a re-survey and assessment of areas considered during the previous archaeological investigation (Appleton, 2000, 2005).

4.5 ABORIGINAL CULTURAL HERITAGE FIELD SURVEYS

The field investigation for the modification was undertaken in two campaigns. The first campaign of the archaeological field investigation for the Modification was completed on 23 February 2016 by the project archaeologist Dr Matt Cupper. This inspection focused on the proposed modified pipeline corridor through the village of Fifield.

The second campaign of the archaeological field investigation for the Modification was completed over one day on 22 March 2017 by project archaeologist Dr Matt Cupper, with the assistance of the following Aboriginal community representatives: Rebecca Shepherd and Adam Dargin (Murie Elders Group) and Cecil Coe and Eugene Coe (Wiradjuri Condobolin Corporation). The field surveys were completed as part of a broader survey program being undertaken for the approved Project.

During the field surveys, attending RAPs were invited to provide any cultural information or values associated with the Modification area. For example, the archaeologists encouraged participants to provide input on bush food resources, fauna and cultural associations/knowledge of the Modification area.

4.6 REVIEW OF DRAFT ACHA REPORT

In accordance with the Consultation Guidelines (DECCW, 2010a), an initial draft of this ACHA was provided to all RAPs listed in Section 4.2 for review and comment on 9 June 2017. As part of the draft ACHA review process, Clean TeQ invited all RAPs and other community stakeholders and Elders to attend an information session regarding the draft ACHA at the Condobolin RSL Club on 22 June 2017. The purpose of the information session was to provide an opportunity for RAPs to discuss, ask questions and/or provide comment on the draft ACHA, particularly the cultural significance and proposed management measures. Dr Matt Cupper and representatives from Clean TeQ attended the information session. The information session also included an opportunity to attend a site inspection (i.e. in addition to the field surveys) to view the Project Area and a selection of the recorded Aboriginal heritage sites.

A total of eight RAPs attended the information and site inspection (Appendix 3). No comments were received in relation to the Modification or the draft ACHA.

5 LANDSCAPE CONTEXT

5.1 CONTEXT OF MODIFIED BOREFIELD AREA

In relation to the modified borefield area, the Modification area is located on the edge of the riverine channel in the Lachlan River valley. The climate is semi-arid, receiving approximately 420 millimetres of rainfall per annum (Bureau of Meteorology, 2017).

Geologically, the area is Quaternary alluvium within the Lachlan River trench, which comprises channel and overbank deposits of clay and silt.

Remnant and regrowth Grey Box (*Eucalyptus microcarpa*) and Black Box (*E. largiflorens*) with a substorey of Myall (*Acacia pendula*) grow on the alluvial plains, with River Red Gum (*E. camaldulensis*) trees lining the river channel. Extensive cleared areas primarily have a vegetation cover of native and introduced pasture grasses.

Overall, the area has been extensively modified by past European land use practices. The alluvial plains had largely been cleared for agricultural cropping and sheep and cattle grazing following European settlement in the second half of the nineteenth century. Road and channel construction has disturbed parts of the Modification area. Remnant vegetation occurs in the North Condobolin Road and travelling stock reserves to be traversed by the proposed water pipelines, but these are degraded by past earthworks and grazing (see **Figures 5 – 8**).



Figure 5. Cleared paddock in the eastern portion of the Modification area.



Figure 6. Lachlan River channel in the central portion of the Modification area.



Figure 7. Cleared paddock in the eastern portion of the Modification area.



Figure 8. Travelling stock reserve in the western portion of the Modification area.

5.2 CONTEXT OF MODIFIED FIFIELD PIPELINE REALIGNMENT AREA

In relation to the modified Fifield pipeline realignment area, the Modification area comprises low footslopes of the Lachlan Fold Belt that fringes the plains of the Murray-Darling Basin (Brown and Stephenson 1991, Sherwin 1997). The area is underlain by deeply weathered schist and quartzite bedrock of the early Ordovician (474-484 million year old) Girilambone Group (Sherwin 1997). Stony, dark reddish brown clay loam soil derived from these weathered basement rocks forms the surface of the proposed disturbance area.

As described in Section 3, the modified Fifield pipeline realignment would occupy the road reserves of Fifield Road, Wilmatha Fifield Road, Burra Street and Gobondry Street over a distance of approximately 3 km west and south of the town of Fifield. The Fifield Road reserve retains degraded patches of Red Box (*Eucalyptus polyanthemus*), Poplar Box (*Eucalyptus populnea*) and White Cypress Pine (*Callitris glaucophylla*) woodland vegetation, but most of the proposed corridor has been disturbed by past European land use. This has included clearing of almost all of the original vegetation along Wilmatha Road, Burra Street and Gobondry Street, land levelling and installation of road, fences and utilities (Figures 9 - 14).



Figure 9. Wilmatha Fifield Road reserve.



Figure 10. Gobondry Road reserve.



Figure 11. Gobondry Road reserve.



Figure 12. Condobolin Tullamore Road reserve.



Figure 13. Condobolin Tullamore Road reserve.



Figure 14. Condobolin Tullamore Road reserve.

6 ABORIGINAL CULTURAL HERITAGE CONTEXT

6.1 ETHNO-HISTORICAL CONTEXT

Aboriginal people of the Wiradjuri language group occupied the southwest slopes of central western NSW at the time of first contact with Europeans (Sturt, 1833; Hovell and Hume, 1837; Mitchell, 1839; Tindale, 1974). The Wiradjuri were traditionally associated with the region encompassing the Macquarie, Lachlan and Murrumbidgee Rivers.

There may have been around 60 different dialects of Wiradjuri, whose speakers shared similar material culture and social organisation (Howitt, 1904; White, 1986). Perhaps the greatest regional variation was between speakers of the northern dialect (*Wirraaydhuurray*) and those of the south (speakers of the *Wirraayjuurray* dialect) (White, 1986). For example, the practice of carving zigzag motifs into tree trunks appears to have been particular to the Wiradjuri of the Macquarie and Lachlan River valleys, but is absent from the Murrumbidgee (Etheridge, 1918; Bell, 1982). Such carved trees are thought to have perhaps marked ceremonial areas and burial grounds. The *Burbung* ceremony was another of the Wiradjuri customs and traditions (Howitt, 1904). This ceremony was associated with male initiation and involved the preparation of special earth mounds and usually the application of red ochre.

The Wiradjuri were hunter-fisher-gatherers and appear to have had a semi-sedentary lifestyle. They caught fish including eels, freshwater crayfish, yabbies, tortoises and freshwater mussels in the Lachlan, Macquarie and Murrumbidgee Rivers and other streams and wetlands in the region (Howitt, 1904). Watercraft were manufactured from large slabs of bark cut from River Red Gum trees. Fish were caught using fishing lines and nets made from reed fibre.

Nets were used to catch waterbirds, whose eggs were also collected. Some of the other animals that the Wiradjuri hunted include kangaroos, wallabies, emus, possums, echidnas, lizards, snakes and frogs (Howitt, 1904). In summer, some Wiradjuri journeyed southeast to the high plains of the Great Dividing Range, where bogong moths were collected in large quantities (Flood, 1980). Plant foods included Native Millet, Panic Grass, Pigface fruits, Wild Cherries, Kangaroo Apple, tubers, yams, roots and other grass grains (Howitt, 1904; Gott, 1983).

Aspects of the initial interaction between Europeans and the Wiradjuri led to violent conflict. Aboriginal people were shot, poisoned and displaced from their land by pastoral settlers and, in retaliation, cattle, sheep, stockmen and shepherds were speared (Pearson, 1984).

Explorer and Surveyor-General of NSW Lieutenant John Joseph William Molesworth Oxley had led an expedition down the Lachlan River in 1817 (Johnson, 2001). At Goobothery upstream of Condobolin he exhumed the burial mound of a Wiradjuri leader that has been marked by two carved trees. Oxley's party was eventually forced to divert north by the Great Cumbungi Swamp in the lower reaches of the Lachlan (Johnson, 2001). He struck the Macquarie River and encountered favourable land for pasture, further surveying the region the following year and opening up the southwest slopes to pastoral settlement (Pearson, 1984). Over the next few years pastoral runs were taken up along the Macquarie in the Wellington area approximately 140 km northeast of the Modification area.

Expanding European settlement led to conflict with the Wiradjuri. Intense fighting occurred between 1822 and 1824 in what were termed the Bathurst Wars (Pearson, 1984). In 1824, Governor Brisbane instituted a period of martial law over the region between Bathurst and Wellington. There was considerable resistance by local Aboriginal people led by Windradyne, a senior Wiradjuri guerrilla leader, but by the end of the year the violence had been quashed. Martial law was repealed on 11 December 1824, and on 28 December 1824 Windradyne travelled to Parramatta, where he was pardoned by Governor Brisbane (Pearson, 1984).

The first pastoral runs were taken up on the Lachlan in the 1830s and within a decade of the first contact with Europeans many of the Wiradjuri were living adjacent to pastoral homesteads, often working as shepherds or engaged in other labouring activities (Günther, 1837-1842). Those Aboriginal people who resided on pastoral holdings in central western NSW continued to live a semi-traditional existence into the second half of the nineteenth century (Pearson, 1984). This included collecting plant and animal foods to supplement station rations. Historical sources record a rapid decline in Wiradjuri numbers, caused by dispossession of land and the consequent destruction of habitat and social networks (Günther, 1837-1842; Pearson, 1984). Diseases including smallpox and malnutrition also took their toll (Günther, 1837-1842; Pearson, 1984). Traditional social networks collapsed. Other social structures, such as marriage laws, were also abandoned.

Grants of land were set aside for church and government Aboriginal reserves from the 1830s. One of the earliest was Wellington Mission operated by the Church Missionary Society for Africa and the Far East between 1832 and 1844 on the Macquarie River at Wellington (Günther, 1837-1842). One of the ministers, Reverend Watson, had a policy of removing Aboriginal children from their families, which led to bitter confrontations between Watson and other missionaries. The Church Missionary Society dismissed Watson in 1839 (Pearson, 1984). Watson and his wife left the mission along with a small group of Wiradjuri People and established a private mission, known as Apsley Mission, just outside the boundary of the Wellington Mission. Approximately eight years after establishing Apsley Mission, Watson, his wife Ann and their small Aboriginal community of about thirty people moved to a new site on the bank of the Macquarie River, known as the Blake's Fall Mission (Pearson, 1984).

An Aboriginal Reserve (reserve number R32512) was gazetted for Aboriginal people on the south bank of the Lachlan River at Condobolin on 13 April 1901 (Department of Lands, 1900). Known as the Condobolin Mission, and later the Willow Bend Mission, the reserve was originally run by the Aborigines Protection Board (later Aborigines Welfare Board). Aboriginal people also resided at a self-managed "fringe camp" at the Murie Reserve, approximately 4 km south of Condobolin, between approximately 1900 and 1970.

Many of the contemporary Aboriginal people of central western NSW live in regional centres such as Condobolin, and the region has a population of around 13,600 Aboriginal people, or some 6 % of the total population (Australian Bureau of Statistics, 2016).

6.2 PREHISTORIC CONTEXT

Accounts of Aboriginal land use of central western NSW during the nineteenth century provide an insight into possible settlement patterns in the prehistoric period. Pearson (1984) concluded that, prior to European settlement, large localised clans of Aboriginal people inhabited the southwest slopes encompassing the Modification area.

During normal conditions, clans divided into bands of up to 20 people, who may have used a territory with a radius of 20 km to 30 km. These bands coalesced relatively quickly into groups of 80 to 150 people to take advantage of a guaranteed or desirable resource, such as seasonal food resources (Pearson, 1984).

The material record of this occupation is preserved in the archaeological sites of central western NSW, most of which probably date to the period since the last Ice Age (after around 18,000 years ago). All that remains at many of these sites are flakes of stone debris from the making and resharpening of stone tools. These were made both at Aboriginal open and closed habitation areas (campsites and rockshelters) or special activity areas such as axe grinding groove sites.

As well as being the sites of manufacture and maintenance of stone implements, habitation areas usually contain evidence of domestic and other activities such as cooking and food preparation. Campfires or oven hearths are common, marked by charcoal and heat retaining stones or hearthstones. Organic remains consist of marsupial, rodent, bird, lizard, snake and fish bones, eggshell and freshwater mussel shell. Modified trees show where bark may have been removed by Aboriginal people to manufacture canoes, shelters and dishes, or carved to mark burial grounds and ceremonial sites.

6.3 TYPES OF ABORIGINAL CULTURAL HERITAGE SITES IN THE REGION

Based on the results and analytical conclusions of previous archaeological surveys in similar landscape contexts on the southwest slopes of central western NSW, it is possible to predict the types and topographic contexts of Aboriginal cultural heritage sites in the Modification area. The occurrence and survival of archaeological sites is, however, dependent on many factors including micro-topography and the degree of land surface disturbance.

The types of Aboriginal cultural heritage sites previously recorded on the southwest slopes of central western NSW are described in Sections 6.3.1-6.3.11.

6.3.1 Stone Artefact Scatters

Scatters of stone artefacts exposed at the ground surface are one of the most commonly occurring types of archaeological site in the region. The remains of fire hearths may also be associated with the artefacts. In rare instances, sites that were used over a long period of time may accumulate sediments and become stratified. That is, there may be several layers of occupation buried one on top of another.

Stone artefact scatters are almost invariably located near permanent or semi-permanent water sources. Local topography is also important in that open campsites tend to occur on level, well drained ground elevated above the local water source. In central western NSW they are commonly located on river terraces and along creek-lines and also around the margins of lakes and swamps.

6.3.2 Modified Trees

Slabs of bark were cut from trees by Aboriginal people and used for a variety of purposes including roofing shelters and constructing canoes, shields and containers. Scars also resulted from the cutting of toeholds for climbing trees to obtain honey or to capture animals such as possums. Some trees were carved, whereby Aboriginal people cut designs through the bark onto the wood beneath. Ethno-historic records indicate that some carved trees were associated with burials whilst others may have been sacred or totemic sites.

In central western NSW, River Red Gums and Box are the most commonly scarred species. Carvings are often on Box or Cypress Pine. The classification of scarred trees as natural, European or Aboriginal is often problematic. However, if the scar is associated with Aboriginal activity the tree must now be more than ~150 years old (Long, 2005).

6.3.3 Hearths

Hearths consist of lumps of burnt clay or stone cobble hearthstones. Sometimes ash and charcoal are preserved. Other materials found in hearths include animal bone, freshwater mussel shell, emu eggshell and stone artefacts. Hearths probably represent the remains of cooking ovens, similar to those described in ethnographic accounts by Major Thomas Mitchell (1839). These were lined with baked clay nodules and stone cobbles, possibly to retain heat. Hearths may be isolated or occur in clusters and may be associated with open campsites or middens. They are sometimes located on floodplain terraces of central western NSW.

6.3.4 Stone Quarries

These are locations where Aboriginal people obtained raw material for their stone tools or ochre for their art and decoration. Materials commonly used for making flaked stone tools include chert, silcrete, quartz and quartzite. These materials were obtained from exposed sedimentary formations or picked up as loose rock on the surface. Stone quarries may also be associated with volcanic rock outcrops, which provided the raw material for ground stone tools such as stone axes. Gobondery Mountains to the northeast of Fifield has one such axe quarry (Beuzeville, 1917).

6.3.5 Stone Arrangements, Ceremonial Rings and Ceremony and Dreaming Sites

Stone arrangements range from cairns or piles of rock to more elaborate arrangements such as stone circles or standing slabs of rock held upright by stones around the base. Beuzeville (1917) describes concentric stone circles measuring 4 m to 5 m in diameter near The Troffs, east of Fifield. Some stone arrangements were used in ceremonial activities whilst others may represent sacred or totemic sites. Other features associated with the spiritual aspects of Aboriginal life are those now called 'ceremony and dreaming' sites. These can be either stone arrangements or natural features such as rock outcrops, waterholes or mountains, which may be associated with initiation ceremonies or the activities of ancestral creators.

6.3.6 Water Holes

These result from Aboriginal people modifying rock outcrops to collect or trap surface or groundwater. Water holes may be in the beds of creeks or hill slopes where sheets of rock may have been hollowed out to pool water. In most instances, soft stone such as limestone or sandstone outcrops provided the most suitable surface for excavating water holes. A notable example in the Fifield area was a stone trough cut by Aboriginal people at a spring, which gave its name to the locality "The Troffs" (Beuzeville, 1917; this site has subsequently been destroyed by railway construction).

6.3.7 Freshwater Shell Middens

Shell middens are deposits of shell and other food remains accumulated by Aboriginal people as food refuse. In inland NSW these middens typically comprise shells of the freshwater lacustrine mussel (*Velesunio ambiguous*) or the freshwater riverine mussel (*Alathyria jacksoni*). Freshwater middens are most frequently found as thin layers or small patches of shell and often contain stone or bone artefacts and evidence of cooking. Such sites are relatively common along the watercourses of central western NSW and their associated wetlands.

6.3.8 Earth Mounds

Earth mounds may have been used by Aboriginal people as cooking ovens or as campsites. Originally they appear to have ranged from 3 m to 35 m in diameter and from 0.5 m to 2 m in height. Today, however, they may be difficult to recognise because of the effects of ploughing, grazing and burrowing rabbits. Earth oven material, stone artefacts, food refuse and the remains of hut foundations have been exposed in excavated earth mounds.

6.3.9 Rockshelter Sites

Caves or shelters in cliff lines and beneath boulder overhangs were often used by Aboriginal people as campsites. Because of the confined area in these shelters and because of repeated Aboriginal occupation of such sites, the occupation deposits that they contain are often richer than open campsites and are usually stratified. Rockshelters will only be found where suitable geological formations are present. They may occur as sandstone overhangs, shelters beneath granite tors or as limestone caves.

6.3.10 Rock Art Sites

Rock art consists of paintings, drawings and/or engravings on rock surfaces. In most instances in the wider region, rock art is related to the distribution of rockshelters but it may also be found on freestanding rocks.

6.3.11 Burials

Aboriginal burial grounds may consist of a single interment or a suite of burials. In the drier parts of the Murray-Darling Basin, skeletal material is regularly found eroding from sand deposits (Bonhomme, 1990; Hope, 1993). In the higher southwest slopes burial sites are rarely found because conditions for the preservation of bone are poor. Knowledge of Aboriginal burial grounds is best sought from local Aboriginal communities.

6.4 PREVIOUS ABORIGINAL CULTURAL HERITAGE INVESTIGATIONS

An understanding of the past Aboriginal occupation of central western NSW has begun to emerge from a number of studies including some undertaken within and in proximity to the Modification area. However, there have been few systematic regional investigations, with most undertaken in discrete areas including management studies of conservation reserves in the region and for mining and infrastructure developments. These include surveys of the Cowal Gold Operations near West Wyalong (south of the Modification area) (Paton, 1989; Cane, 1995, 1996, 1997; Huys and Johnston, 1995; Nicholson, 1997; Stone, 2002; Pardoe, 2009, 2011, 2013) and the approved Syerston Project (Appleton, 2000; Cupper and Stone, 2017). Also relevant is Flood's (1980) broad-scale study of the uplands further east, which identified general features of the regional archaeological record of the southwest slopes of central western NSW.

Surface scatters of flaked stone artefacts are the most common site type in central western NSW. These stone assemblages are dominated by flakes and flaked pieces mostly struck from quartz, and less commonly, silcrete, chert and quartzite. Few formalised tool types have been recorded, but include ground-edged axes and grinding dishes. Eucalypt trees modified by Aboriginal people are also well represented along creeklines of central western NSW and are particularly abundant on the adjacent plains. Other site types on the plains include earthen features such as hearths and mounds. Rockshelters, rock art sites, axe-head grinding grooves, waterholes, stone sources and stone arrangements also occur in the foothills of the southwest slope.

Aboriginal occupation of central western NSW is known to date from at least 29,000 to 34,000 years ago. The oldest ages have been obtained from the Pleistocene (Ice Age) sites of Cuddie Springs and Tambar Springs at the downstream end of the Macquarie River catchment some 300 km north of the Modification area (e.g. Field and Dodson, 1999). Closer to the Modification area, a burial of a very tall and robust Aboriginal male, Kiacatoo Man, from Kiacatoo some 30 km downstream on the Lachlan River from Condobolin, has been dated to 17,000 years ago (Kemp *et al.*, 2014).

The Lachlan River was a particular focus of past Aboriginal occupation. Trees carved by Aboriginal people are a prominent site type along the river. Carved trees had designs cut into their trunks, commonly a type of zigzag motif, and marked ceremonial areas and burial grounds (Etheridge, 1918; Bell, 1982). This practice appears to have been peculiar to the central part of western NSW. Bell (1982) located a total of 205 carved trees in this region. Most were concentrated along the Bogan and Macquarie Rivers and the middle reaches of the Lachlan River.

The distribution of modified trees probably reflects wider Aboriginal settlement patterns of the southwest slopes. People seem to have spent much of their time near the more reliable water sources. Paton and Hughes (1984), who examined areas near Condobolin, recorded that stone artefact densities drop from one artefact per square metre (m^2) close to the Lachlan River, to as little as one artefact per 400 m^2 away from the river. These stone artefact assemblages are dominated by quartz (77 %) with the remainder comprising chert.

Similar stone artefact scatters close to water sources in the Lachlan River valley have been described by Silcox (1986) at West Wyalong and Paton (1989), Cane (1995, 1996, 1997), Huys and Johnston (1995), Nicholson (1997), Stone (2002) and Pardoe (2009, 2011, 2013) at Lake Cowal. These studies found that quartz, silcrete and chert were prevalent in lithic assemblages, the latter often used to manufacture backed blades. Other formal artefact types such as modified flakes, scrapers, adze slugs and seed grinding implements were less abundant.

Rock art sites tend to occur in the bedrock ranges of the southwest slopes, mainly to the northeast of the Modification area. Paintings include both figurative and non-figurative motifs. Lines, dots, tracks, hand stencils and depictions of humans, emus and kangaroos are represented (Gunn, 1983; Martin, 1991).

Flood's (1980) investigation of the higher uplands of central western NSW to the east of the Modification area provides insights into possible regional patterns of past Aboriginal land use. Flood (1980) found that lowland sites often either comprised large base camps, open occupation areas covering two or three square kilometres (km²) found on sand dunes and near lakes and rivers, or smaller camps distributed along river banks in a lineal pattern.

Flood (1980) noted typical landscape settings of Aboriginal campsites. All sites are within 1 km and most within 100 m of a river, creek, lake or spring. However, no sites are located right at the water's edge. All sites are located on well-drained ground with a reasonably good view of the approaches. When sites occur on the side of a mountain range or valley their aspect is usually east or north thus obtaining shelter from the prevailing westerly winds (Flood, 1980).

6.5 PREVIOUSLY RECORDED ABORIGINAL CULTURAL HERITAGE IN THE MODIFICATION AREA

The most recent archaeological investigations pertinent to the Modification area are Appleton's (2000, 2005) and Landskape's (2017) previous assessments undertaken for the approved Syerston Project (and subsequent modifications).

Appleton (2000, 2005) identified 14 Aboriginal cultural heritage sites in or near the Syerston Project area. These comprised one stone artefact scatter (AHIMS site number 35-4-0015), eight isolated finds of stone artefacts (AHIMS site numbers 35-4-0010, 35-4-0011, 35-4-0012, 35-4-0013, 35-4-0014, 35-4-0016, 43-2-0049, 43-2-0050), four scarred trees (AHIMS site numbers 43-4-0009, 43-4-00010, 43-4-0011, 35-4-0017) and a site complex with stone artefacts, hearths, a scarred tree and hundreds of flaked lithics (AHIMS site number 43-4-0014).

A more recent assessment undertaken by Landskape (2017) identified an additional 13 Aboriginal cultural heritage sites in or near the Syerston Project area, including two stone artefact scatters (AHIMS site numbers 35-4-0024, 36-4-0132), eight isolated finds of stone artefacts (AHIMS site numbers 35-4-0027, 35-4-0028, 35-4-0030, 35-4-0031, 35-4-0032, 35-4-0033, 35-5-0170, 35-5-0171), two stone quarries (AHIMS site numbers 35-4-0025, 35-4-0026) and a scarred tree (AHIMS site number 35-4-0029).

The closest of these Aboriginal cultural heritage sites are two isolated finds of stone artefacts (AHIMS site numbers 43-2-0049, 43-2-0050) north of the North Condobolin Road reserve approximately 1 km east of the Modification area (Appleton, 2005; AHIMS search number 266797 accessed 15 February 2017). **Table 2** provides a summary of Aboriginal cultural heritage sites previously identified proximal to the Modification area.

Table 2. Previously Identified Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Sites Proximal to the Modification Area.

AHIMS Site Number	Site Name	Site Type	Eastings GDA94 mE (Zone 55)	Northings GDA94 mN (Zone 55)
43-2-0050	North Condobolin Road ISO2	Isolated find of a stone artefact	550643	6317884
43-2-0049	North Condobolin Road ISO1	Isolated find of a stone artefact	550673	6317994

7 CULTURAL HERITAGE FIELD INVESTIGATION

In accordance with the *Guide to Investigating, Assessing and Reporting on Aboriginal Cultural Heritage in New South Wales* (OEH, 2011) and the *Code of Practice for Archaeological Investigation of Aboriginal Objects in New South Wales* (DECCW, 2010b), an archaeological design and survey methodology was prepared as a key component of the cultural heritage field assessment. Details of the archaeological design and survey methodology are presented in the following sections.

7.1 CULTURAL HERITAGE SITE PREDICTIVE MODEL

Previous archaeological studies indicate that the most frequently recorded Aboriginal cultural heritage places in central western NSW are open occupation areas represented by scatters of stone artefacts and culturally modified trees (NSW OEH AHIMS site database). Burials, earthen features including mounds and hearths and stone features including stone quarries, ceremonial rings, water holes, rockshelters and rock art sites are also represented in the archaeological record.

The potential for encountering Aboriginal cultural heritage in the Modification area is mitigated to some extent by the high degree of previous disturbance. For example, the extent of tree clearance from past agricultural land use reduces the probability of encountering scarred and carved trees. Similarly, modification of the original land surface during past agricultural land use and road and channel construction could have destroyed earthen features such as mounds and stone features such as arrangements and ceremonial rings, had they previously existed in this area. Stone artefacts, alternatively, are more likely to survive in the cultivated soil.

Based on past observations of archaeological site types and their distribution and landscape setting, the following predictive model of Aboriginal cultural heritage site locations for the activity can be proposed:

- **Trees scarred or carved by Aboriginal people** may occur wherever mature Eucalypt trees grow. However, given the extent of vegetation clearance the probability of encountering culturally modified trees is not particularly high.
- **Stone artefact scatters and isolated finds** of stone artefacts are possible at the Modification area. They are typically found within 200 m of water sources, so are most likely to be encountered on the margins of the Lachlan River. They are also possible around natural depressions such as ephemeral swamps.
- **Burial sites** are possible, particularly in sandy deposits elevated above waterways. However, there is a low likelihood of occurrence within the Modification area.
- **Freshwater shell middens** may occur on the margins of the Lachlan River.
- **Earthen features** including **mounds, ovens and hearths, stone arrangements and ceremonial rings** are normally restricted to level ground, the former usually adjacent to water sources. They are possible near waterways in the study area, but their likelihood is lessened because previous land disturbance such as earthworks associated with grading roads and fence lines, constructing channels and ploughed cultivation during agricultural cropping is likely to have destroyed earthen and stone features, had these site types originally occurred in the Modification area.
- **Rockshelters, grinding grooves, water holes, stone quarries and rock art sites** are not likely to occur, given the absence of suitable rock outcrops in the Modification area.

While predictive studies such as this can be expected to identify areas in which sites associated with subsistence activities may be present, notably open habitation areas, other sites may fall outside such a predictive framework. For example, places associated with spiritual aspects of traditional Aboriginal society such as ceremony and dreaming sites are often located at topographically distinct or unique features, which cannot be identified from an examination of maps or other records. For this reason, it was essential that local Aboriginal communities be consulted so that sites of significance to them can be identified.

7.2 FIELD METHODOLOGY

7.2.1 Logistics

The field investigation for the modification was undertaken in two campaigns. The first archaeological field investigation for the Modification was completed on 23 February 2016 by the project archaeologist Dr Matt Cupper. This inspection focused on the proposed modified pipeline corridor through the village of Fifield.

The second archaeological field investigation for the Modification was completed over one day on 22 March 2017 by project archaeologist Dr Matt Cupper, with the assistance of the following Aboriginal community representatives: Rebecca Shepherd and Adam Dargin (Murie Elders Group) and Cecil Coe and Eugene Coe (Wiradjuri Condobolin Corporation). The field surveys were completed as part of a broader survey program being undertaken for the approved Project.

7.2.2 Survey Methods

The Modification area was inspected on foot by the project archaeologist and Aboriginal community representatives (in portions of the area) (**Figures 15 and 16**). The field teams examined the ground surface for any archaeological traces such as stone artefacts, hearths, hearthstones, shells, bones and mounds. All mature trees in the areas of proposed disturbance were inspected for scarring or carving by Aboriginal people.

Particular attention was paid to areas with high ground surface visibility such as along stock and vehicle tracks and in scalds, gullies and other eroded areas.

The team members walked abreast across the surveyed areas in a series of closely spaced transects. These were evenly distributed over the areas of proposed disturbance and approximately 5 m apart. Due to the general openness of the landscape, it was usually possible to identify likely site locations from at least 5 m and deviate from the transects to make closer inspections.

Indicative survey unit mapping is presented in **Appendix 6**.

7.2.3 Access to Survey Areas and Weather Conditions

Access was available to all of the Modification area and weather conditions were good during the survey.



Figure 15. Survey team members inspecting the Modification area.



Figure 16. Survey team members inspecting the Modification area.

7.3 SURVEY COVERAGE DATA

7.3.1 Conditions of Visibility

Conditions of ground surface visibility affect how many sites are located. Visibility may also skew the results of a survey. If, for example, conditions of ground surface visibility vary dramatically between different environments, then this would be reflected in the numbers of sites reported for each area. The area with the best visibility may be reported as having the most sites (because they are visible on the ground) while another area with less visibility but perhaps more sites would be reported as having very little occupation. It is important therefore to consider the nature of ground surface visibility as part of any archaeological investigation.

Conditions of ground surface visibility typically ranged from approximately 5 % to 60 % across the Modification area (**Table 3, Figures 17 and 18**). Grass and herbaceous plant growth was generally moderate to dense, with areas of the ground surface exposed by erosion from scalding and gullying and stock and vehicular traffic.



Figure 17. Moderate visibility conditions within the Modification area.

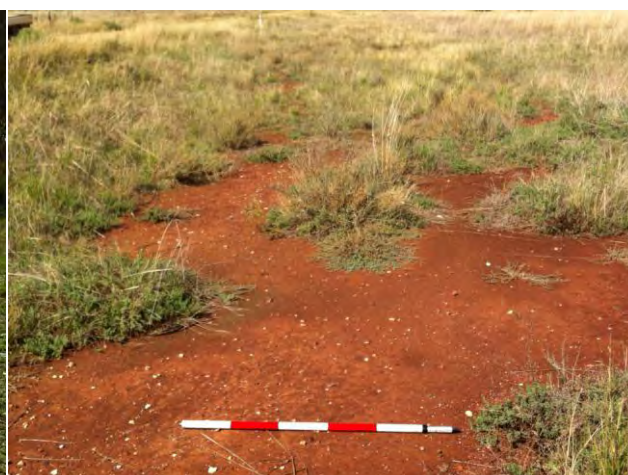


Figure 18. Moderate visibility conditions within the Modification area.

7.3.2 Coverage Analysis

Coverage analysis is a useful measurement to allow cultural resource managers to assess surveys from adjacent areas and it also allows some meaningful calculation of the actual sample size surveyed. The *actual* or *effective* area surveyed by a study depends on the conditions of ground surface visibility. Conditions of surface visibility are affected by vegetation cover, geomorphic processes such as sedimentation and erosion rates, and the abundance of natural rock that may obscure the remains of cultural activities.

Approximately 56 % of the surface of the Modification area was inspected on foot (**Tables 3 and 4**)². This is a relatively high coverage and was a result of the generally intensive nature of the survey and the typically fair conditions of surface visibility.

Table 3. Effective Survey Coverage of the Modification Area.

Survey Unit	Landform	Survey Unit Area (m ²)	Visibility (%)	Exposure (%)	Effective Cover (m ²)	Effective Cover (%)	No. of Sites
Pipeline	Lower terrace	40,000	60	60	24,000	60	-
Pump station	Lower terrace	500	10	10	50	10	-
Transfer station	Lower terrace	2500	5	5	125	5	-
Total		43,000			24,175	56	-

m² – square metres.

Table 4. Landform Summary of Sampled Areas of the Modification Area.

Landform	Landform Area (m ²)	Area Effectively Covered (m ²)	Landform Effectively Surveyed (%)	No. of Sites
Lower terrace	43,000	24,175	56	-
Total	43,000	24,175	56	-

7.4 SURVEY RESULTS

No Aboriginal cultural heritage sites were identified in the Modification area, despite the intensive nature of the survey. This negative result is despite the generally fair conditions of surface visibility and high survey coverage. It is largely attributable to past land use of the Modification area, including pastoralism, agriculture and channel and road construction, as such previous land clearing and earthworks are likely to have destroyed Aboriginal cultural heritage sites, had they previously existed in this area.

Quarry sites are also definitely not represented in the Modification area as rock outcrop is lacking. Landforms such as lunettes or source-bordering sand dunes that might contain sensitive sub-surface archaeological material such as burials do not occur in the Modification area. The sediments of the Modification area had been well enough exposed by pastoral and agricultural activities, road and channel construction, vehicular traffic and wind and water erosion to determine that no archaeological material was present on the surface nor is likely to be buried beneath the soil.

² The results presented in **Tables 3 and 4** allow for a correction for transect spacing (i.e. the calculations allow for the areas between survey team members [who are assumed to be able to view a maximum 8-m-wide strip of the ground surface] are deducted).

In relation to the proposed Fifield pipeline realignment area, it was observed that much of the original vegetation had been removed and the land levelled. Extensive earthen embankments have been constructed on the south side of Gobondry Street for the Fifield township water reservoir. The verges of Fifield Road, Wilmatha Road, Burra Street and Gobondry Street have been graded by heavy machinery, and the topsoil and subsoil within the proposed pipeline corridor have been substantially disturbed during past excavations for the roads. Additionally, trenches have been excavated across the corridor to install utilities including water and telecommunications cables. This extensive previous ground disturbance means that little of the original land surfaces for the entire length of the proposed pipeline corridor remains intact.

7.5 IDENTIFIED ABORIGINAL CULTURAL VALUES

As described in earlier sections, this assessment has been prepared in accordance with the Consultation Guidelines (DECCW, 2010a) and the NP&W Regulation.

The cultural values assessment undertaken to date has been based on the following:

- Review of background resources including previous archaeological investigations for the surrounding region and the approved Syerston Project (Appleton, 2000; Landskape, 2017).
- Historical research.
- Discussions with RAPs during field survey.
- Discussions with RAPs during community information sessions.
- Requests for comments during the review period for the Proposed Methodology.
- Specific meetings with RAPs upon request.

These points of consultation provided the opportunity for the Aboriginal community to have direct input into the management of Aboriginal cultural heritage values – both tangible and intangible – in the Modification area.

During the archaeological surveys the attending RAPs did not identify any specific locations within the Modification area as being of high or specific cultural significance. However a number of sites were identified in the surrounding areas (e.g. Mulgutherie Mountain) as being of specific value to the Aboriginal community. These sites are outside of the Modification area and hence would not be subject to impacts by the Modification.

RAPs identified the Modification area as a place that Aboriginal people had occupied in the past. Generally, the Aboriginal representatives viewed all the Aboriginal cultural heritage sites as significant because they preserve a record of how and where people lived in the past.

The Lachlan River and its adjacent plains are considered to be of particular cultural significance to the Aboriginal community. Several of the RAPs involved in the assessment advised that the river areas have special significance to the Aboriginal community. Local Aboriginal people previously and still visit the Lachlan River for significant social events including meetings, fishing, mussel collecting and family outings.

8 POTENTIAL IMPACTS OF THE MODIFICATION ON ABORIGINAL CULTURAL HERITAGE

In accordance with the *Guide to investigating, assessing and reporting on Aboriginal cultural heritage in NSW* (OEH, 2011), the principles of ecologically sustainable development were considered in assessing the likely harm of the Modification to Aboriginal cultural heritage sites.

No Aboriginal cultural heritage was identified within the Modification area, so no known Aboriginal cultural heritage sites, items or values would be potentially impacted by the Modification. The potential for previously unidentified Aboriginal cultural heritage to occur in the Modification area is however considered in Section 8.1.

8.1 POTENTIAL FOR PREVIOUSLY UNIDENTIFIED ABORIGINAL CULTURAL HERITAGE TO OCCUR IN THE MODIFICATION AREA

Although the Modification area was sufficiently surveyed (both previously and during this assessment), there remains the potential for Aboriginal cultural heritage sites to be located within this area (e.g. sites that may have been obscured by grass or soil at the time of survey). Such previously unidentified features, should they occur, would probably be isolated finds or low-density concentrations of stone artefacts (based on the predictive model outlined in Section 7.1 and informed by the results of the current survey, summarised in Section 7.4).

The shallow soils of the Modification area, coupled with past disturbance from pastoralism, agriculture and road and channel construction, means that significant *in situ* subsurface cultural deposits are highly improbable.

The Modification area does not contain culturally sensitive landforms such as lunettes or source-bordering sand dunes where subsurface Aboriginal cultural deposits (e.g. burials) have been recorded previously.

A strategy for managing any newly identified Aboriginal objects during the life of the Modification is outlined in Section 9.

8.2 POTENTIAL CUMULATIVE IMPACTS OF THE MODIFICATION

Given that no Aboriginal cultural heritage has been identified in the Modification area, coupled with the low potential for such heritage to occur, the Modification would not increase cumulative impacts to Aboriginal cultural heritage in the region.

8.3 FLEXIBILITY OF THE DESIGN OF THE MODIFICATION

The locations of the proposed components associated with the Modification are currently within their optimum design locations, but could potentially be modified to avoid harm to Aboriginal cultural heritage.

9 MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES FOR CULTURAL HERITAGE

9.1 INTRODUCTION

This section presents proposed strategies for the management of cultural heritage values within the Modification area that may be subject to direct impacts by the Modification.

Based on the known and predicted Aboriginal cultural heritage values within the Modification area, it is concluded that impacts to any Aboriginal cultural heritage (should it occur) as a result of the Modification can be effectively managed or mitigated through the following actions and strategies.

A Heritage Management Plan (HMP), which outlines the management and mitigation measures for Aboriginal cultural heritage, should be prepared for the Syerston Project in consultation with the Aboriginal community and the OEH and should incorporate the Modification and the recommendations of this assessment. The HMP should continue to remain active for the life of the Modification and define the tasks, scope and conduct of all Aboriginal cultural heritage management activities.

The effective application of the HMP and its strategies is dependent on an appreciation of its content and function by on-site staff and employees. It is recommended that training is provided to all on-site personnel regarding the HMP strategies relevant to their employment tasks.

The measures presented below are considered best practice in the mining industry. Their effectiveness and reliability is demonstrated by their continued use and inclusion in management plans and strategies developed in consultation with the RAPs and to the satisfaction of OEH.

9.2 GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the following general approach be taken to manage Aboriginal cultural heritage during the life of the Modification:

- Ongoing consultation with the Aboriginal community throughout the life of the Modification.
- Erosion and sediment control works be undertaken in accordance with the requirements of the development consent and in consideration of other Aboriginal cultural heritage management measures.
- The wider landscape setting of the Modification presents a low risk of activities harming previously unidentified Aboriginal cultural heritage, but any future variations to the footprint of the Modification should be preceded by (at a minimum, and dependent on the nature of the proposed variations) an Aboriginal cultural heritage due diligence assessment.

10 SUMMARY RECOMMENDATIONS

Based on the results of this cultural heritage investigation and consultation with representatives of the RAPs the following is recommended:

- The Modification be allowed to proceed because the areas proposed for development are located in areas where harm to Aboriginal cultural heritage will be avoided.
- The wider landscape setting of the Modification presents a low risk of activities harming previously unidentified Aboriginal cultural heritage, but any future variations to the footprint of the Modification should be preceded by an appropriate level of assessment/investigation.
- In the unlikely event that human skeletal remains are encountered during the course of activities associated with the Modification, all work in that area must cease. Remains must not be handled or otherwise disturbed except to prevent further disturbance. If the remains are thought to be less than 100 years old, the Police or the State Coroner's Office (tel: 02 9552 4066) must be notified. If there is reason to suspect that the skeletal remains are more than 100 years old and of Aboriginal origin, Clean TeQ should contact the OEH's Environmental Line (tel: 131 555) for advice. In the unlikely event that an Aboriginal burial is encountered, strategies for its management would need to be developed with the involvement of the local Aboriginal community.
- A HMP, which outlines the management and mitigation measures for Aboriginal cultural heritage, should be prepared for the Syerston Project in consultation with the Aboriginal community and the OEH and should incorporate the Modification and the recommendations of this assessment. The HMP should continue to remain active for the life of the Modification and define the tasks, scope and conduct of all Aboriginal cultural heritage management activities.
- Clean TeQ should continue to provide training to all on-site personnel regarding the HMP strategies relevant to their employment tasks.
- Clean TeQ should continue to involve the RAPs and any other relevant Aboriginal community groups or members in matters pertaining to the Modification.

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APPENDIX 1. GLOSSARY

Archaeological site - A place with evidence of past human activity. This evidence may include Aboriginal and/or historic artefacts, features, structures or organic traces.

Artefact scatter - A surface scatter of Aboriginal or historic cultural material. Scatters of stone artefacts are a common archaeological site type. These scatters may also contain charcoal, discarded animal bones, shell and ochre.

Assemblage - A collection of artefacts from a single archaeological site.

Burial site - A place with a concentration of human remains. Ochre, stone tools, charcoal and grave goods may be associated with burials. Most burial sites are found in sand dunes but dead trees, caves and rock shelters were also used.

Ceremonial ring - Place that may be associated with initiation ceremonies, meetings or sacred rituals. Stone arrangements may be present, including cairns, stone circles or standing slabs of rock.

Chert - A fine-grained opaline rock ranging in colour from white to black, but most often grey, brown, grayish brown and light green to rusty red.

Core - A piece of stone from which flakes have been removed. They usually have negative flake scars that have resulted from the removal of flakes.

Cultural material - Any material remains or objects resulting from human activity.

Flake - A piece of stone detached from a core that typically displays a striking platform, bulb of percussion and flake scars on the ventral surface.

Flaked piece - Small fragments of stone resulting from the manufacture of stone tools. A striking platform or bulb of percussion may not be evident.

Ground surface visibility - The amount of bare ground exposed, usually expressed as a percentage.

Hearth - The remains of a campfire containing charcoal, discoloured soil, and possibly, hearthstones, heat retainers or the remains of animals or shellfish cooked and consumed at the campsite.

Hearthstone - Stone cobble placed in a campfire to retain heat for cooking. The types of stone used as hearthstones in western Victoria includes calcrete and sandstone.

Heat retainer - Nodule of baked clay, thought to have been placed in campfires to retain heat for cooking.

in situ - An artefact or other feature that has not been disturbed from its original position.

Mound - Raised areas of earth ranging from 3 m to 35 m in diameter and from 0.5 m to 2 m in height. Earth oven material, stone artefacts, food refuse and the remains of hut foundations have been recovered from excavated earth mounds in the central and western parts of Victoria.

Ochre - Soft varieties of the iron oxides goethite, limonite or haematite usually coloured red or yellow and used as pigment for painting.

Quarry - An outcrop of stone or ochre where Aboriginal people have extracted the raw material for use or trade. Stone quarries are identifiable by a dense scatter of broken stone and flakes or consist of pits or hollows where material has been dug out of the ground.

Quartz - A silica mineral resistant to weathering because of its hardness. It is commonplace in the landscape as a consequence.

Quartzite - A metamorphic rock formed by the re-crystallization of quartz.

Scarred tree - A tree with a scar on its trunk caused by bark removal.

Shell midden - A surface scatter or heap of discarded shell often with charcoal, animal bones and stone artefacts. Middens may be found near coastlines, rivers, creeks, swamps and ancient lakes.

Silcrete - A hard, fine-grained rock composed of silica cement.

Stone feature - Cairns, rock wells, grinding groves, stone structures, fish traps and stone arrangements are examples of stone features.

Survey - An inspection of land either by foot or vehicle for the purpose of identifying archaeological sites.

Transect - A predetermined area or a path that directs the course of a survey.

APPENDIX 2. CONSULTATION LOG

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DATE	ORGANISATION CONTACTED	HOW CONTACTED	CONTACTED BY	NATURE OF CONSULTATION
2/12/2016	Office of Environment and Heritage, Condobolin Local Aboriginal Land Council, Peak Hill Local Aboriginal Land Council, Lachlan Shire Council, Forbes Shire Council, Parkes Shire Council, Native Title Services Corporation Limited, National Native Title Tribunal, Office of the Registrar Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983, Central West Local Land Services	Post	Mick Ryan, Scandium21	Step 1 letters sent out to relevant organisation requesting details of Aboriginal persons or groups who hold cultural knowledge relevant to, or who have a right or interest in, determining the cultural heritage significance of Aboriginal object(s) and/or place(s) in the Area of Interest for the Modification.
7/12/2016	Scandium21	Email	Office of the Registrar Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983	Provided a response to the Step 1 letter.
9/12/2016	Scandium21	Email	Kylie Rowe, Office of Environment and Heritage	Provided a response to the Step 1 letter.
14/12/2016	Scandium21	Email	Irene Assumpter, National Native Title Tribunal	Provided a response to the Step 1 letter.
19/12/2016	Scandium21	Email	Paul Bennet, Forbes Shire Council	Provided a registration on behalf of the Forbes Aboriginal & Community Working Party
6/01/2017	Interested Aboriginal Stakeholders	Post/Email	Mick Ryan, Scandium21	Step 2 letters sent out to groups/individual identified during Step 1, inviting Aboriginal persons or groups who hold cultural knowledge relevant to, or who have a right or interest in, determining the cultural heritage significance of Aboriginal object(s) and/or place(s) in the Area of Interest to register an interest in the Project.
6/01/2017	Scandium21	Email	Return Email Service	Returned email received from Joy Russell (copy of Step 2 letter). Unable to be delivered. No alternative contact details on file.
11/01/2017	Scandium21	Telephone	George, NTSCORP	Left message requesting a call back in relation to the Syerston Extension Modification Project.
11/01/2017	Interested Aboriginal Stakeholders	Public Notice	Scandium21	A public notice was published in the Koori Mail on 11 January 2017, inviting Aboriginal persons or groups who hold cultural knowledge relevant to, or who have a right or interest in, determining the cultural heritage significance of Aboriginal object(s) and/or place(s) in the Area of Interest to register an interest in the Project.
12/01/2017	George, NTSCORP	Telephone	Scandium21	Called George, returning his call. Left message with contact details and advising that would try and call again on Monday.
16/01/2017	Scandium21	Post	Australia Post	Returned mail received from Bogan River Peak Hill Wiradjuri Aboriginal Corporation (copy of Step 2 letter). The correspondence was marked "return to sender". No alternative contact details on file.
16/01/2017	George, NTSCORP	Telephone	Scandium21	Called George, returning his call. George advised that the Ngemba, Ngiyampaa, Wangaaypuwan and Wayilwan Native Title Claimants boundary was outside of the Project area and that they claimants were unlikely to register an interest.
18/01/2017	Scandium21	Post	Lachlan Shire Council	Provided a response to the Step 1 letter.
18/01/2017	Scandium21	Post	Australia Post	Returned mail received from Trevor Robinson (copy of Step 2 letter). The correspondence was marked "return to sender". No alternative contact details on file.
18/01/2017	Scandium21	Post	Australia Post	Returned mail received from Bulgandramine Youth Development Aboriginal Corporation (copy of Step 2 letter). The correspondence was marked "return to sender". No alternative contact details on file.
18/01/2017	Scandium21	Post	Australia Post	Returned mail received from Little Burning Mountain Aboriginal Corporation (copy of Step 2 letter). The correspondence was marked "return to sender".
18/01/2017	Little Burning Mountain Aboriginal Corporation	Post	Scandium21	Posted additional copy of Step 2 letter to alternative contact details (as per registered company address available on website).

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18/01/2017	Interested Aboriginal Stakeholders	Public Notice	Scandium21	A public notice was published in the Condobolin Argus on 18 January 2017, inviting Aboriginal persons or groups who hold cultural knowledge relevant to, or who have a right or interest in, determining the cultural heritage significance of Aboriginal object(s) and/or place(s) in the Area of Interest to register an interest in the Project.
19/01/2017	Interested Aboriginal Stakeholders	Post/Email	John Hanrahan, Clean TeQ	Additional step 2 letters sent out to groups/individual identified during Step 1, inviting Aboriginal persons or groups who hold cultural knowledge relevant to, or who have a right or interest in, determining the cultural heritage significance of Aboriginal object(s) and/or place(s) in the Area of Interest to register an interest in the Project. Additional letters due to late response to Step 1 correspondence.
23/01/2017	Clean TeQ	Email	Laurie Hutchison, Wiradjuri Condobolin Corporation	Registered an interested in the Project.
1/02/2017	Clean TeQ	Email	Lois Goolagong, Murie Elders Group	Registered an interested in the Project.
1/02/2017	Clean TeQ	Email	Jamie Gray, Binjang Wellington Wiradjuri Aboriginal Heritage Surveys	Registered an interested in the Project.
3/02/2017	Clean TeQ	Telephone	Lois Goolagong, Murie Elders Group	Called to confirm receipt of registration. Provided telephone contact details.
8/02/2017	West Wyalong Local Aboriginal Land Council	Post	Clean TeQ	Step 1 letters sent out to relevant organisation requesting details of Aboriginal persons or groups who hold cultural knowledge relevant to, or who have a right or interest in, determining the cultural heritage significance of Aboriginal object(s) and/or
14/02/2017	Registered Aboriginal Parties	Email/Post	Clean TeQ	Copies of Proposed Methodology were distributed for review and comment. Feedback on the Proposed Methodology was requested by Friday 17 March 2017.
15/02/2017	Clean TeQ	Telephone	Louise Davis	Registered an interested in the Project.
16/02/2017	Louise Davis	Email	Clean TeQ	Copy of Proposed Methodology distributed for review and comment. Feedback on the Proposed Methodology was requested by Friday 17 March 2017.
17/02/2017	Clean TeQ	Email	Laurie Hutchison, Wiradjuri Condobolin Corporation	Provided response to Proposed Methodology.
21/02/2017	Registered Aboriginal Parties	Email/Post	Clean TeQ	Copies of invitations to information session were distributed to all Registered Aboriginal Parties.
22/02/2017	West Wyalong Local Aboriginal Land Council, Condobolin Local Aboriginal Land Council, OEH	Post	Clean TeQ	Copies of OEH and LALC letters distributed.
23/02/2017	Clean TeQ	Telephone	Rebecca Shepherd, Murie Elders Group	Rebecca called on behalf of Lois Goolagong to confirm that the group was registered for consultation associated with the Project. Confirmed registration. Rebecca advised that the Murie Elders Group would be attending the information session on 8 March 2017.
27/02/2017	Clean TeQ	Telephone	Leeanne Hampton, West Wyalong Local Aboriginal Land Council	Called to confirm registration of West Wyalong Local Aboriginal Land Council. Also indicated that representatives of the land council will be attending the information session.
1/03/2017	Clean TeQ	Telephone	Rebecca Shepherd, Murie Elders Group	Rebecca called to request an additional copy of the Proposed Methodology be emailed through.
1/03/2017	Rebecca Shepherd, Murie Elders Group	Email	Clean TeQ	Emailed through an additional copy of the Proposed Methodology as requested.
1/03/2017	Clean TeQ	Email	Rebecca Shepherd, Murie Elders Group	Rebecca emailed to confirm receipt of additional copy of the Proposed Methodology. Also confirmed that she would extend the meeting invitation to Elders within their RAP group.
3/03/2017	Registered Aboriginal Parties	Email/Post	Clean TeQ	Copies of invitations to attend field surveys were distributed to all Registered Aboriginal Parties.
3/03/2017	Clean TeQ	Telephone	Rebecca Shepherd, Murie Elders Group	Rebecca called to advised that it was their understand that the Murie Elders were exempt from paying for workers compensation insurance. She also raised concerns with the requirements for steel capped boots for the field surveys. The need for no prior medicals was clarified.
6/03/2017	Clean TeQ	Email	Ally Coe	Emailed to advised that all emails in relation to Lois Goolagong should be directed to Rebecca Shepherd.
6/03/2017	Laurie Hutchison, Wiradjuri Condobolin Corporation	Telephone	Clean TeQ	Discussion with Ally Coe, who advised that the WCC would be providing a representative for the information session.

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6/03/2017	David Acheson, Forbes Aboriginal & Community Working Party	Telephone	Clean TeQ	David advised that the Forbes Aboriginal & Community Working Party no longer wished to be consulted in relation to the Syerston Project, and that they did not wish to receive any further correspondence.
6/03/2017	David Acheson, Forbes Aboriginal & Community Working Party	Email	Clean TeQ	Provided email correspondence to advise that as requested, Clean TeQ will no longer provide correspondence to the Forbes Aboriginal & Community Working Party in relation to the Syerston Project.
8/03/2017	Registered Aboriginal Parties	Information Session	Clean TeQ	An information session was held to discuss the Project, the Proposed Methodology and the AHIP application. All RAPs were invited to attend. Representatives from the Murie Elders Group and the Wiradjuri Condobolin Corporation attended. Representatives from the Murie Elders Group and the Wiradjuri Condobolin Corporation requested the provision of several documents relating to the approved Syerston Project.
8/03/2017	Clean TeQ	Telephone	Louise Davis	Called to advise that she would be unable to attend the information session.
9/03/2017	Clean TeQ	Telephone	Leeanne Hampton, West Wyalong Local Aboriginal Land Council	Called to confirm that a representative from the West Wyalong Local Aboriginal Land Council would be attending the surveys.
9/03/2017	Clean TeQ	Telephone	Louise Davis	Called to confirm that she would be attending the surveys.
10/03/2017	Clean TeQ	Telephone	Rebecca Shepherd, Murie Elders Group	Called to advise that she would be attending the surveys as the representative of the Murie Elders. Also confirmed the updated postal address for the group.
10/03/2017	Clean TeQ	Email	Rebecca Shepherd, Murie Elders Group	Rebecca emailed through a copy of the insurances for the Murie Elders Group, and confirmed that she would be attending the surveys as the representative. Also requested a copy of several documents that were discussed during the information session on 8 March 2017.
13/03/2017	Rebecca Shepherd, Murie Elders Group	Telephone	Clean TeQ	Called to discuss the management plan for The Murie (registered Aboriginal place). Rebecca advised that she would discuss with the Elders the possibility of providing a copy of the management plan to Clean TeQ.
14/03/2017	Rebecca Shepherd, Murie Elders Group	Post	Clean TeQ	Provided hard copies of the 2000 Archaeological Assessment prepared for the approved Syerston Project, as requested.
14/03/2017	Phil Purcell, Office of Environment and Heritage	Telephone	Clean TeQ	Called to advise of an additional interested stakeholder for the Syerston Project. Provided relevant contact details.
14/03/2017	Peter Peckham	Telephone	Clean TeQ	Called to discuss the Syerston Project and confirm that will now be included as a RAP going forward.
15/03/2017	Peter Peckham	Email	Clean TeQ	Provided Peter with a copy of the Proposed Methodology and an invitation to attend the field surveys.
15/03/2017	Rebecca Shepherd, Murie Elders Group	Telephone	Clean TeQ	Returned Rebecca's call regarding the management plan for The Murie, confirmed that plan could be provided directly during the field surveys.
15/03/2017	Jamie Gray, Binjang Wellington Wiradjuri Heritage Survey	Telephone	Clean TeQ	Called to confirm availability for the field surveys. Phone disconnected.
15/03/2017	Condobolin Local Aboriginal Land Council	Telephone	Clean TeQ	Called to confirm availability for the field surveys. Phone disconnected.
15/03/2017	Louise Davis	Telephone	Clean TeQ	Called to confirm availability for the field surveys. Louise confirmed her attendance and advised that insurances would be sent through.
15/03/2017	Clean TeQ	Telephone	Laurie Hutchison, Wiradjuri Condobolin Corporation	Called to confirm that at a representative of the WCC would be attending the field surveys and that insurances would be provided via email.
15/03/2017	Rebecca Shepherd, Murie Elders Group	Email	Clean TeQ	Provided copies documents, as per request made at the information session.
15/03/2017	Ally Coe, Wiradjuri Condobolin Corporation	Email	Clean TeQ	Provided copies documents, as per request made at the information session.
16/03/2017	Clean TeQ	Telephone	Laurie Hutchison, Wiradjuri Condobolin Corporation	Called regarding insurances and to advise that Eugene Coe would be the representative attending the surveys and would provide a copy of the insurances in the field (internet was down).
16/03/2017	Clean TeQ	Telephone	Louise Davis	Called regarding insurances and to advise that she would be relying on the West Wyalong Local Aboriginal Land Council insurances.
16/03/2017	Clean TeQ	Email	Rebecca Shepherd, Murie Elders Group	Emailed to advise that the Murie Elders Group would be providing a submission on the Proposed Methodology by COB tomorrow.

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17/03/2017	Rebecca Shepherd, Murie Elders Group	Telephone	Clean TeQ	Called to invite second representative from Murie Elders Group to attend second week of surveys. Rebecca confirmed that the additional representative in the second week would be Adam Dhaagans. Rebecca also discussed possibility of sending a junior for free during the first week to observe (as Murie Elders Group internal cost). Was advised that this would be dependent on availability each day.
17/03/2017	Laurie Hutchison, Wiradjuri Condobolin Corporation	Telephone	Clean TeQ	Called to invite second representative from WCC to attend first week of surveys. Left message on land line.
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17/03/2017	Clean TeQ	Email	Rebecca Shepherd, Murie Elders Group	Provided comments on the Proposed Methodology.
20/03/2017	Laurie Hutchison, Wiradjuri Condobolin Corporation	Telephone	Clean TeQ	Called to invite second representative from WCC to attend first week of surveys. Left message with Kristie.
21/03/2017	Peter Peckham	Telephone	Clean TeQ	Left message regarding survey commencement and to confirm whether a representative would be attending.
21/03/2017	Peter Peckham	Telephone	Clean TeQ	Returned call. Peter advised that a representative was not available, but that if one was he would give me a call.
21/03/2017	Clean TeQ	Surveys	Louise Davis	Queried whether her brother could also attend the insurances. Louise was informed that she had only been allocated one paid position and that if he attended he would not be paid. Louise agreed. She also advised that he would be coming under the West Wyalong LALC insurances.
1/05/2017	Clean TeQ	Telephone	Dave Carter, Condobolin Local Aboriginal Land Council	Called to discuss the status of the Project and AHIP application. Indicated that the Condobolin LALC would like to be involved in the project going forward.
6/06/2017	Registered Aboriginal Parties	Post/Email	Clean TeQ	Copies of the draft ACHA were provided to the RAPs for review and comment. Comments on the report were requested by Friday 7 July 2017.
9/06/2017	Registered Aboriginal Parties	Post	Clean TeQ	Copies of the draft ACHA for MOD4 were provided to the RAPs for review and comment. Comments on the report were requested by Wednesday 12 July 2017.
10/06/2017	Registered Aboriginal Parties	Email	Clean TeQ	Copies of the draft ACHA for MOD4 were provided to the RAPs for review and comment. Comments on the report were requested by Wednesday 12 July 2017.
13/06/2017 and 14/06/2017	Registered Aboriginal Parties	Post/Email	Clean TeQ	Invitations to an information session and site inspection on 22 June 2017 were distributed to all Registered Aboriginal Parties via email and post.
14/06/2017	Clean TeQ	Email	Peter Peckham	Advised that he was unable to attend the information session and site inspection.
18/06/2017	Clean TeQ	Email	Rebecca Shepherd, Murie Elders Group	Emailed to confirm attendance at information session. Requested opportunity to visit one of the stone quarry sites recorded, during the site inspection.
19/06/2017	Wiradjuri Condobolin Corporation	Telephone	Clean TeQ	Called to confirm attendance at information session. Vicky confirmed that she would be attending and possibly two other representatives.
19/06/2017	Leeanne Hampton, West Wyalong LALC	Telephone	Clean TeQ	Called to confirm attendance at information session. Leanne confirmed that she would be attending.
19/06/2017	Dave Carter, Condobolin LALC	Telephone	Clean TeQ	Called to confirm attendance at information session. Left message.
19/06/2017	Louise Davis	Telephone	Clean TeQ	Called to confirm attendance at information session. Rang out.
5/07/2017	Registered Aboriginal Parties	Post/Email	Clean TeQ	Correspondence providing an extension of the review period for the draft reports was sent to all Registered Aboriginal Parties.
17/07/2017	Rebecca Shepherd, Murie Elders Group	Telephone	Clean TeQ	Called to confirm whether submitting any written comments on the draft ACHA.
17/07/2017	Leeanne Hampton, West Wyalong LALC	Telephone	Clean TeQ	Called to confirm whether submitting any written comments on the draft ACHA.
21/07/2017	Rebecca Shepherd, Murie Elders Group	Telephone	Clean TeQ	Called to follow up on any written comments on the draft ACHA report. Rebecca advised that the Murie Elders Group did not have any comments on the draft ACHA.

APPENDIX 3. CORRESPONDENCE TO ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS

STEP 1 CORRESPONDENCE

2 December 2016

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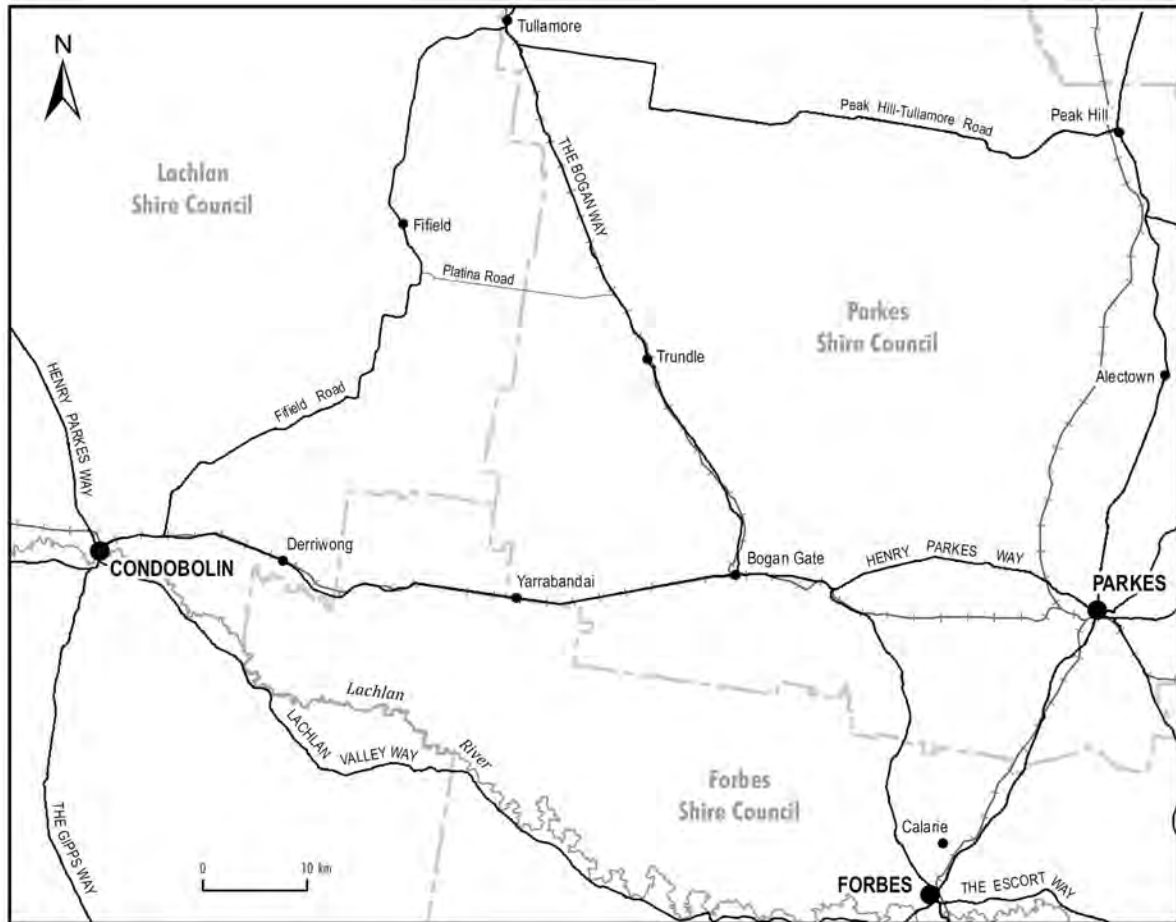
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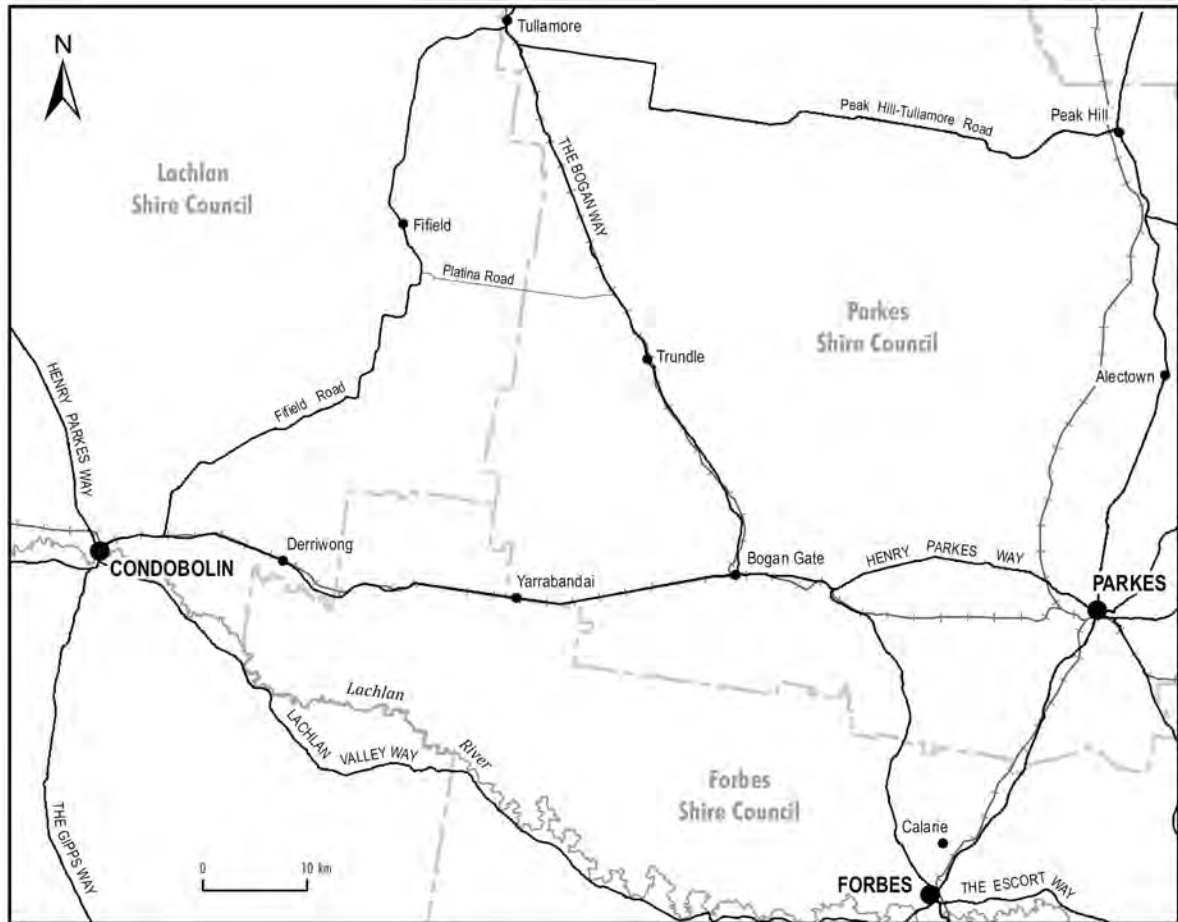
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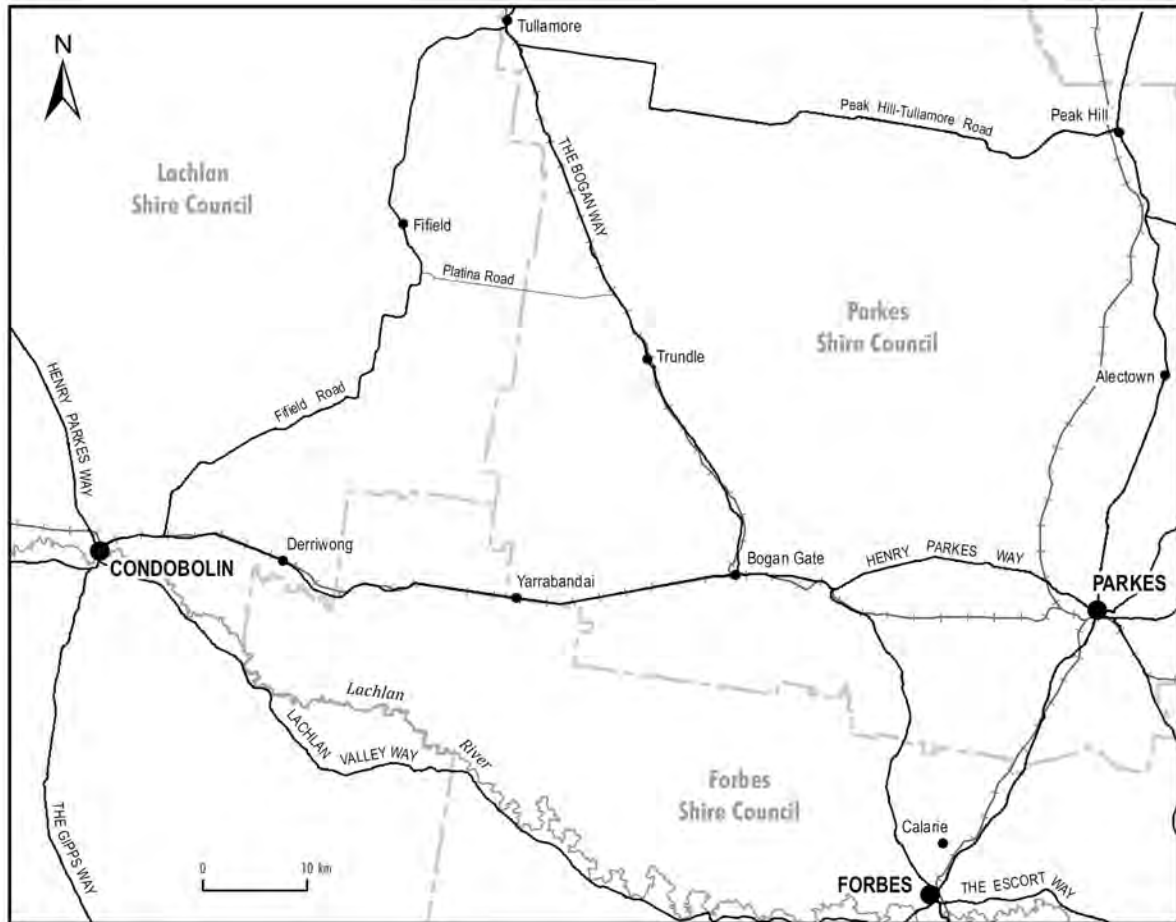
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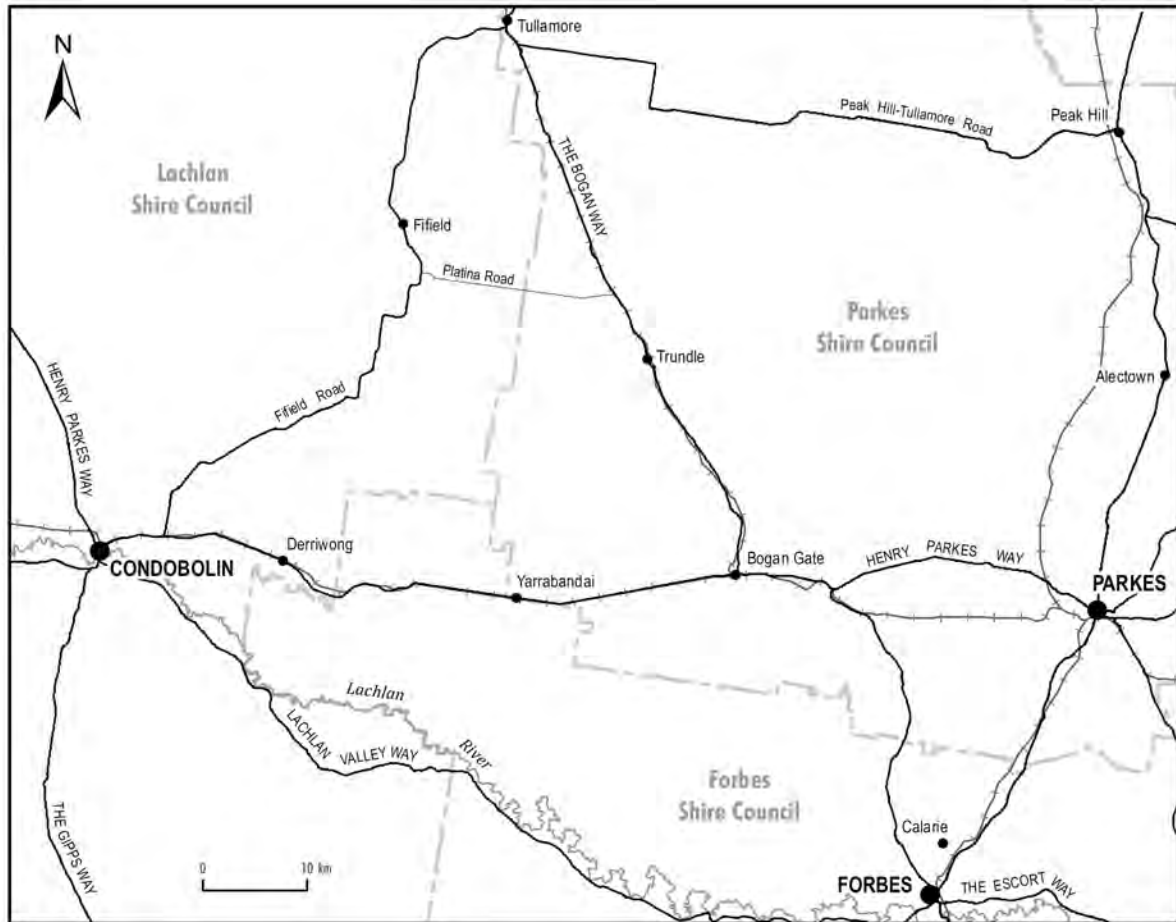
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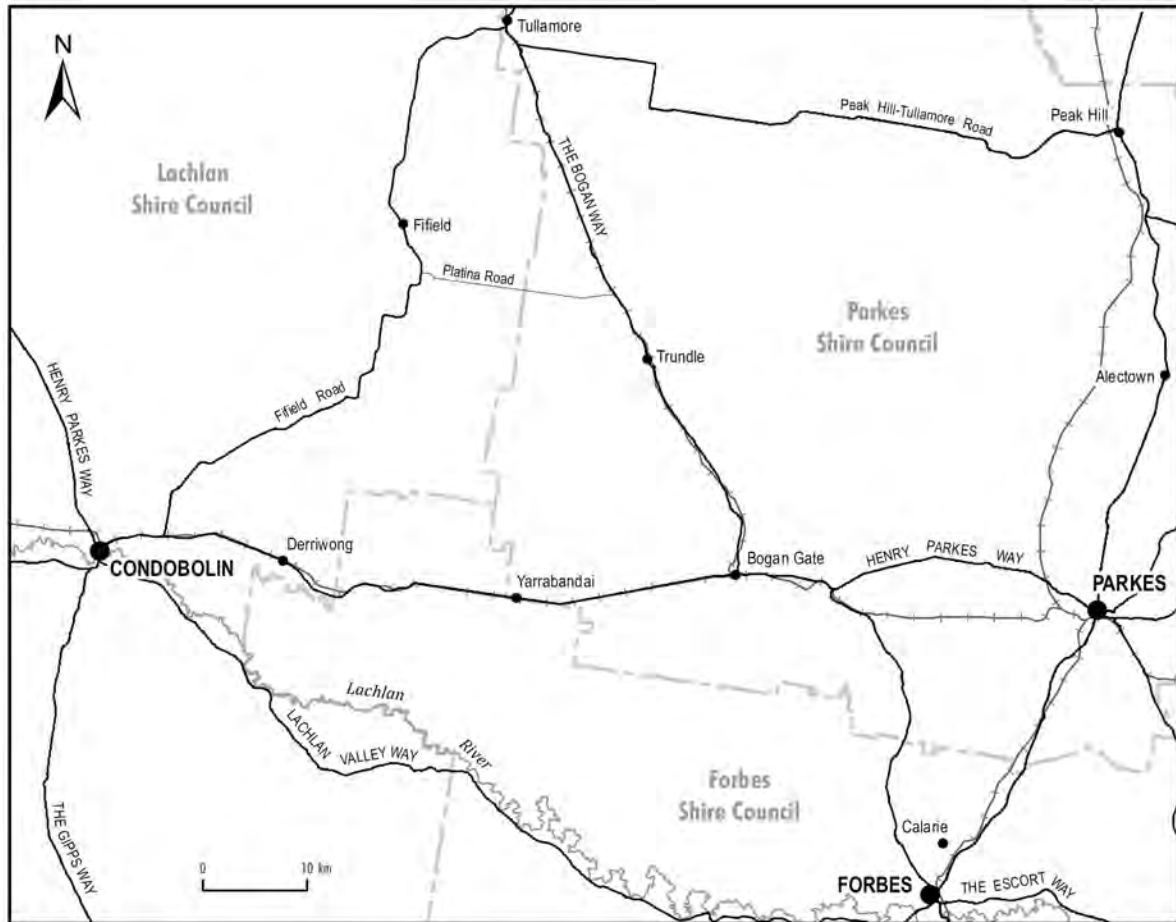
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2 December 2016

Parkes Shire Council
Attention: Kent Boyd, General Manager
PO Box 337
PARKES NSW 2870

Syerston Project Extension Modification – Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment

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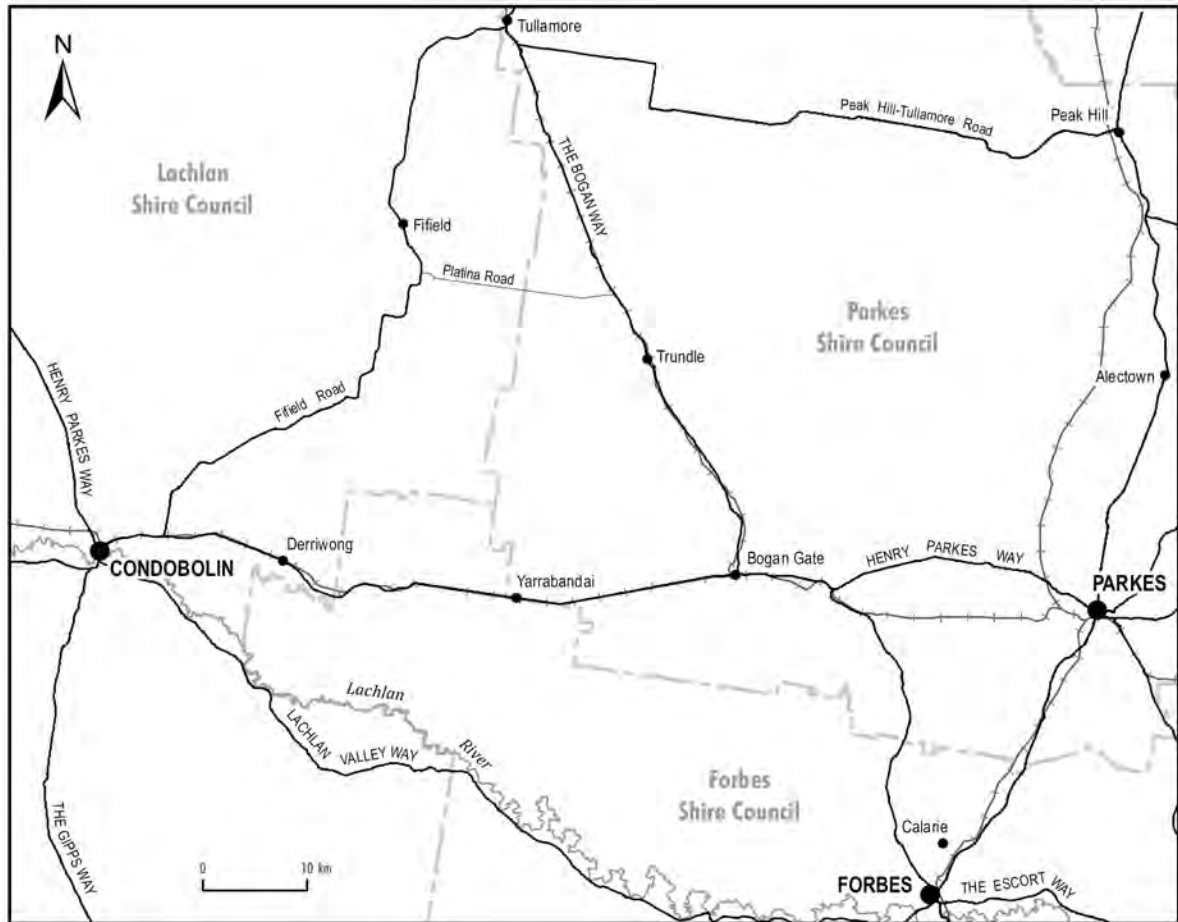
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Native Title Services Corporation Limited
PO Box 2105
STRAWBERRY HILLS NSW 2012

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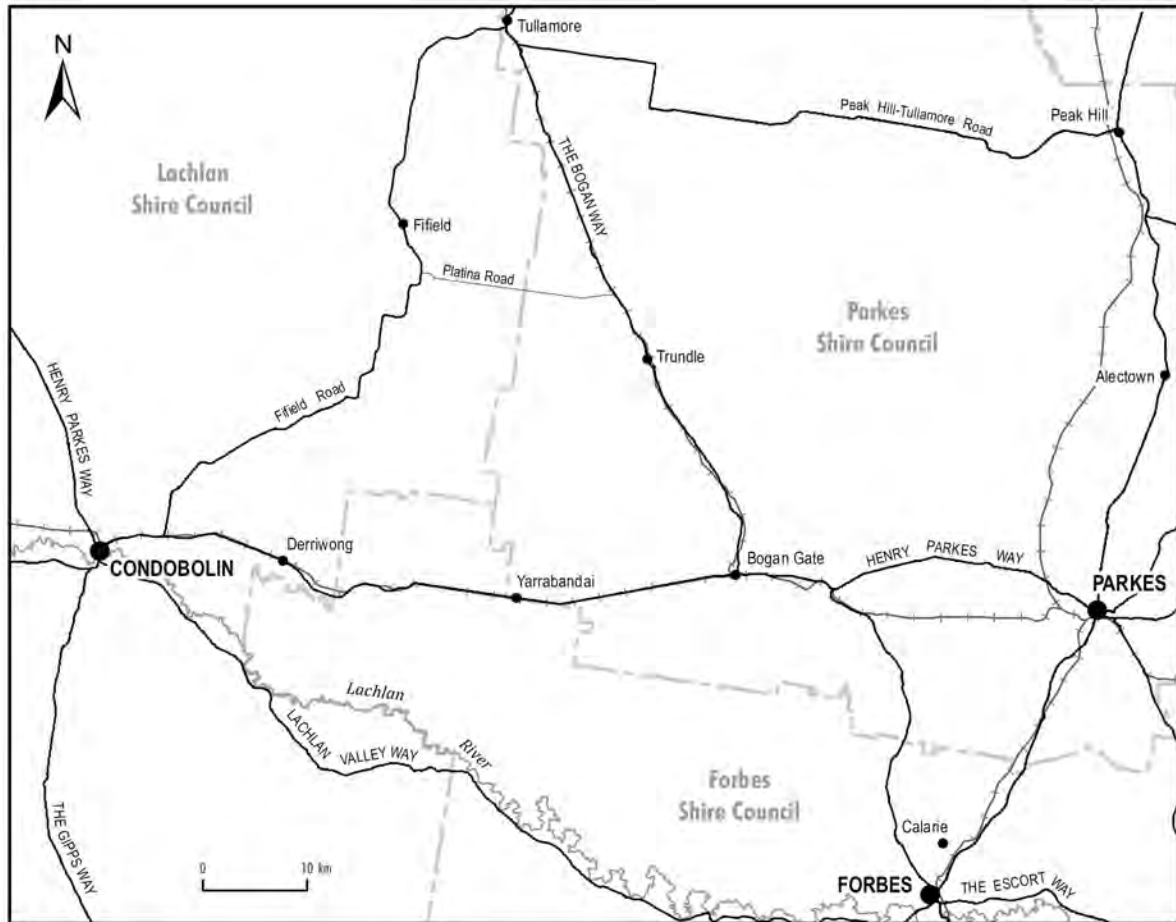
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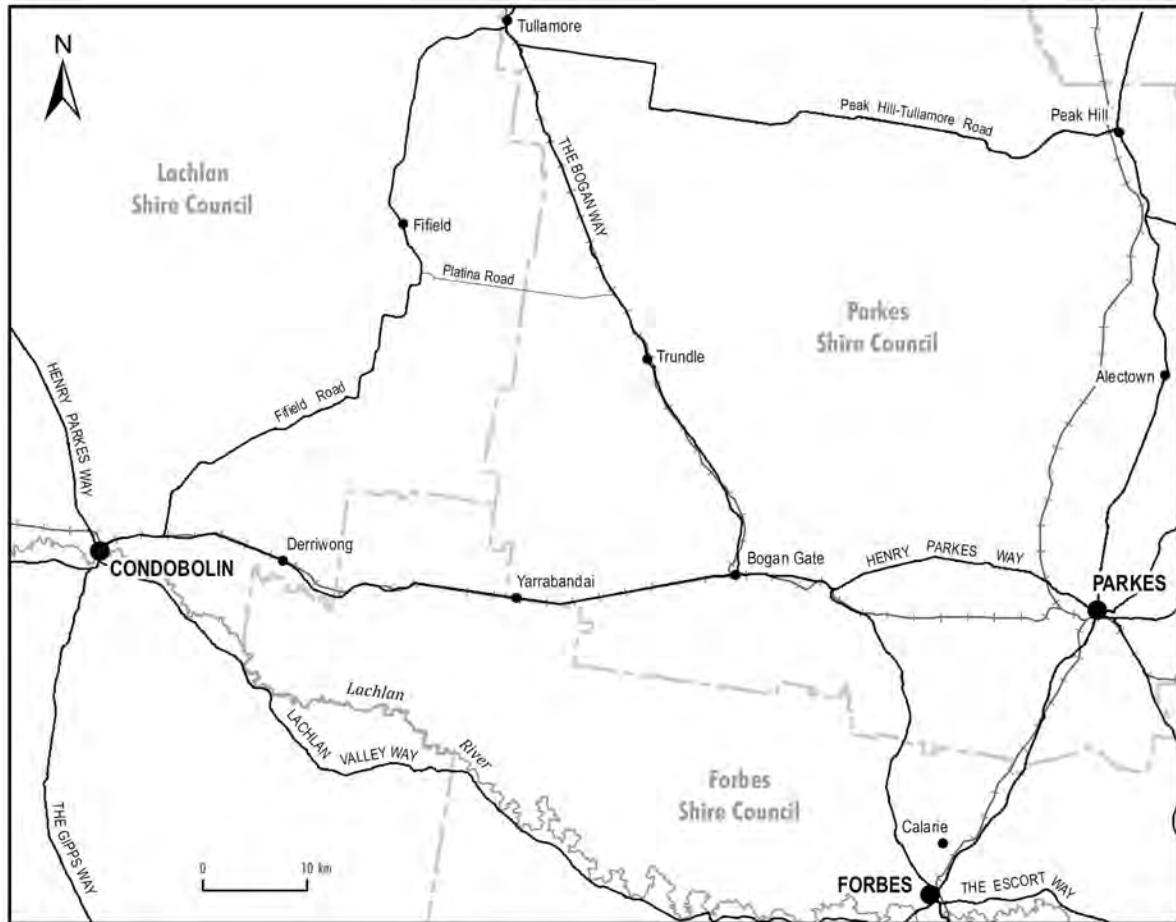
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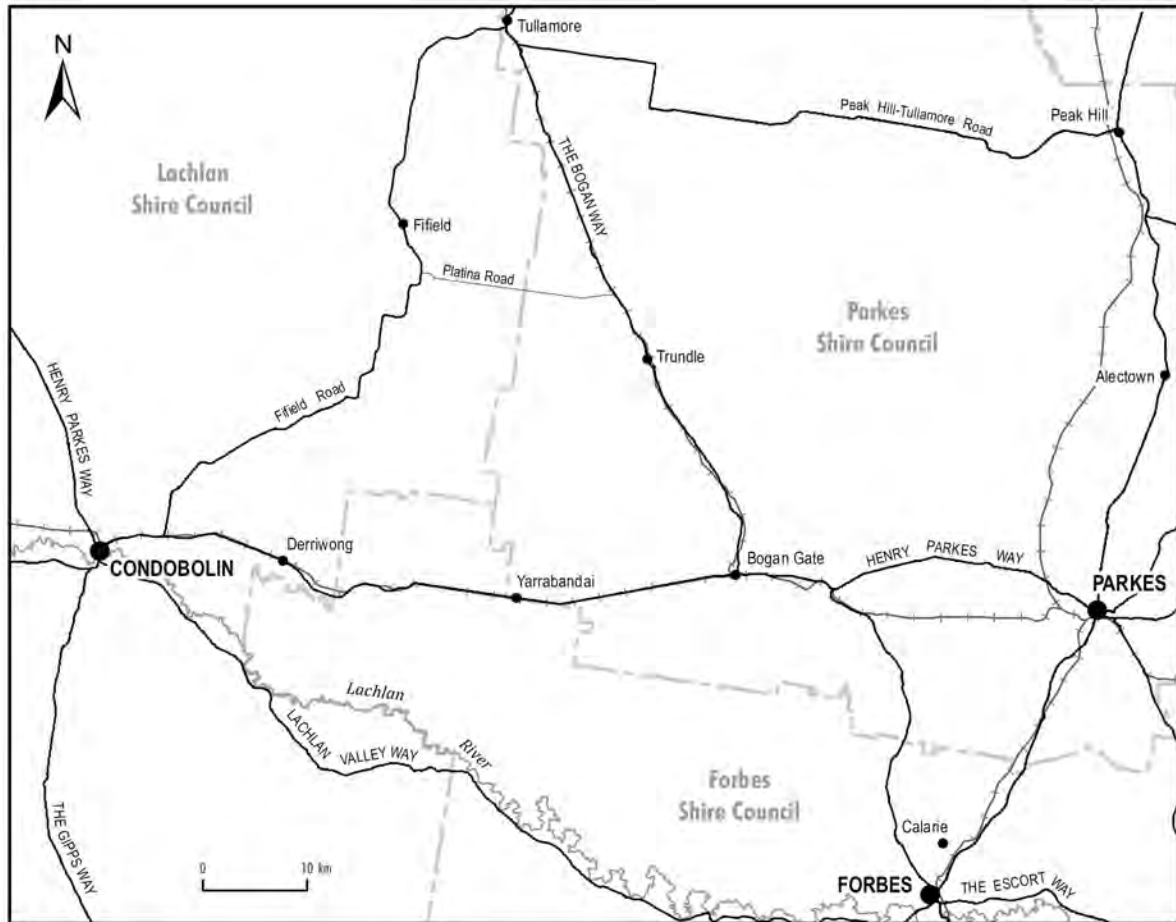
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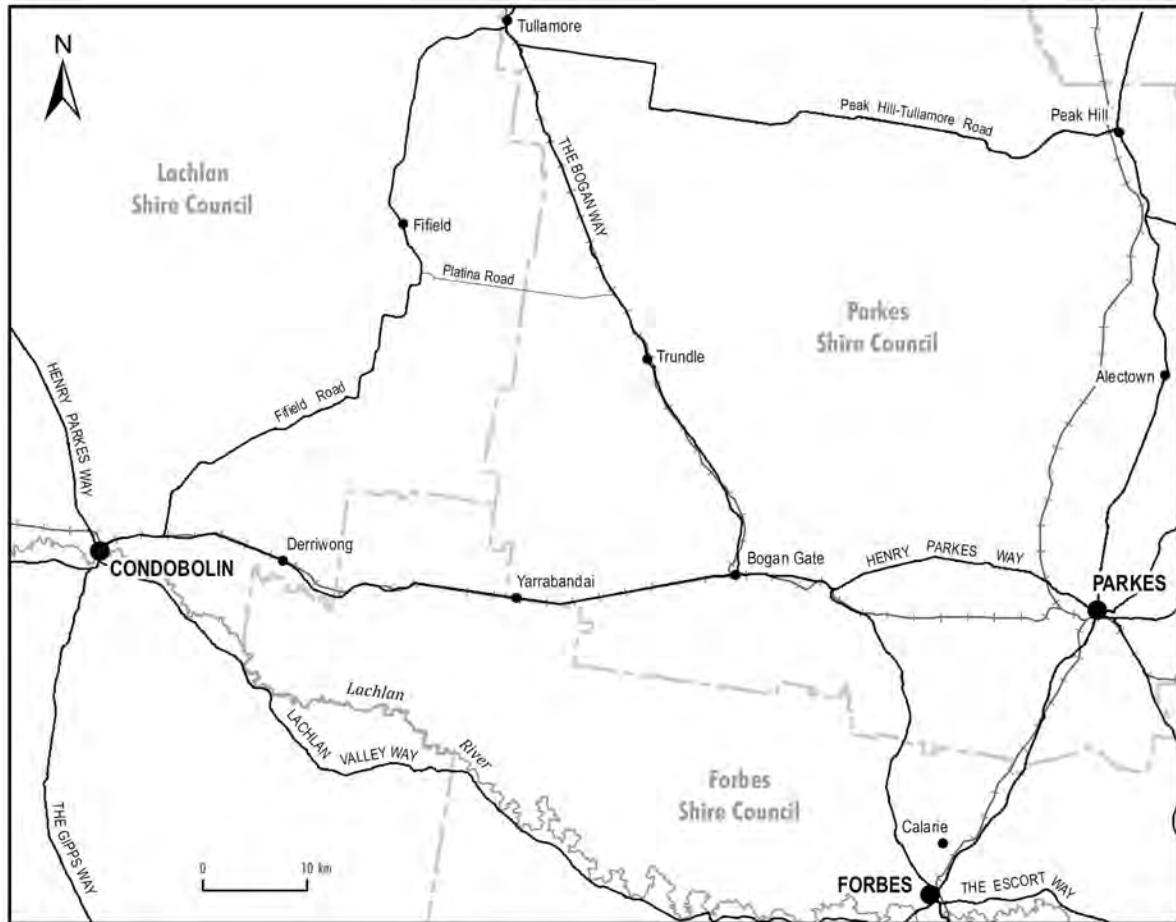
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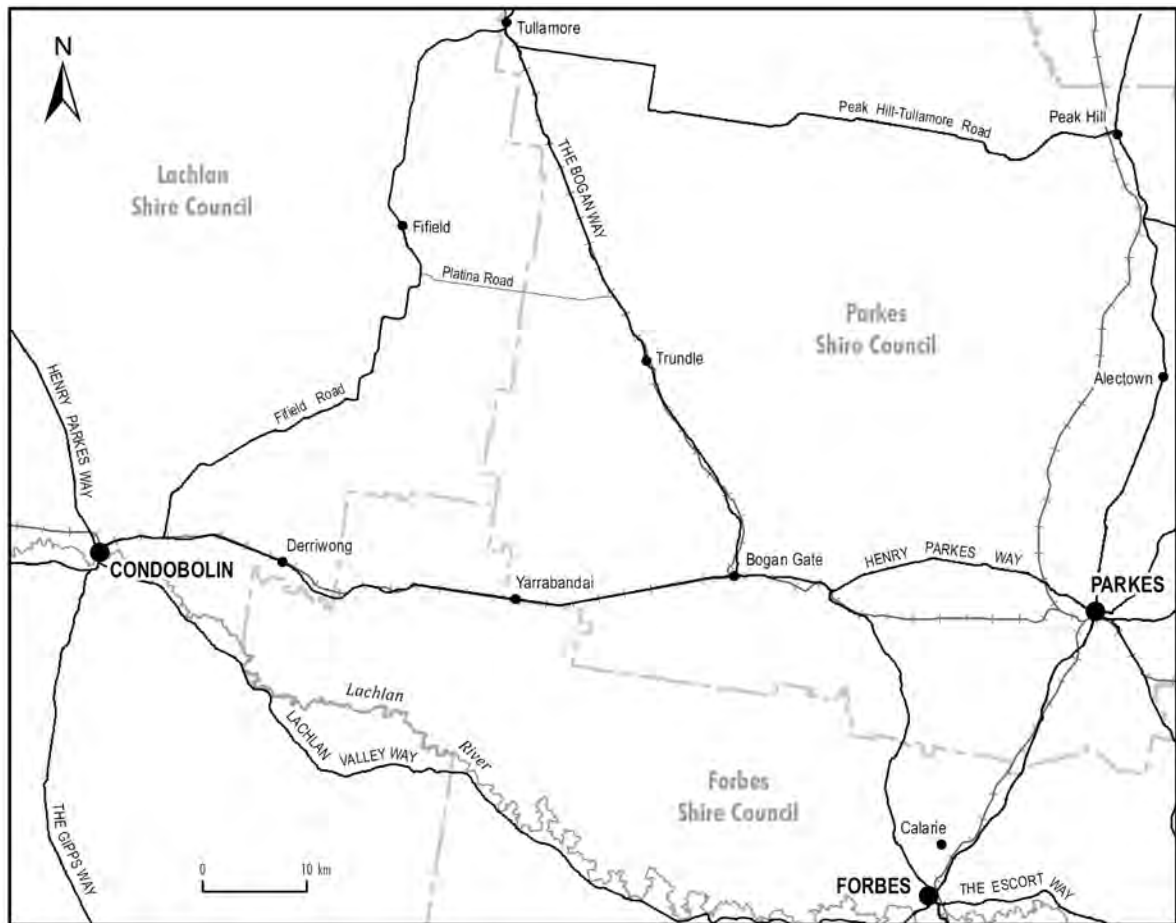
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JOHN HANRAHAN
APPROVALS LEAD – THE SYERSTON PROJECT

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STEP 2 CORRESPONDENCE

6 January 2017

Condobolin Local Aboriginal Land Council
Chairperson
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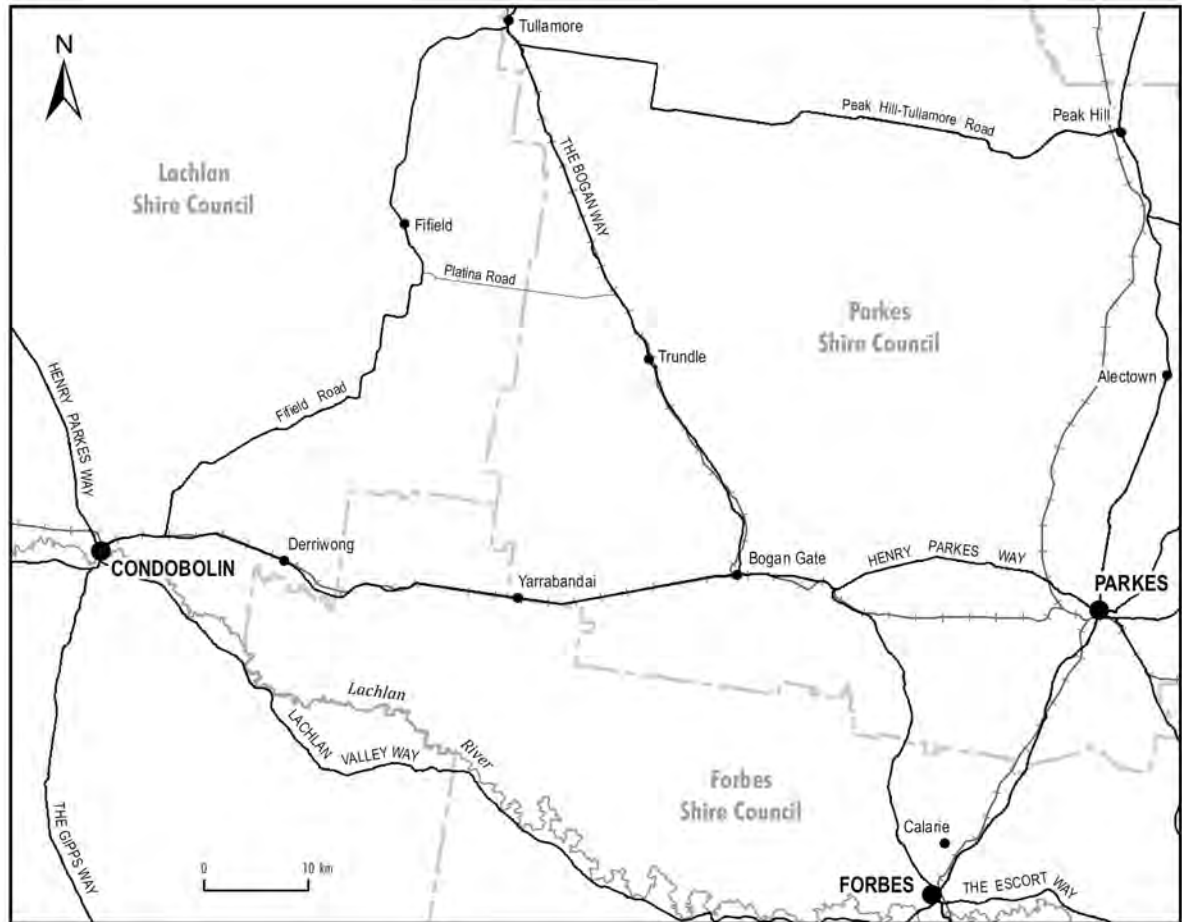
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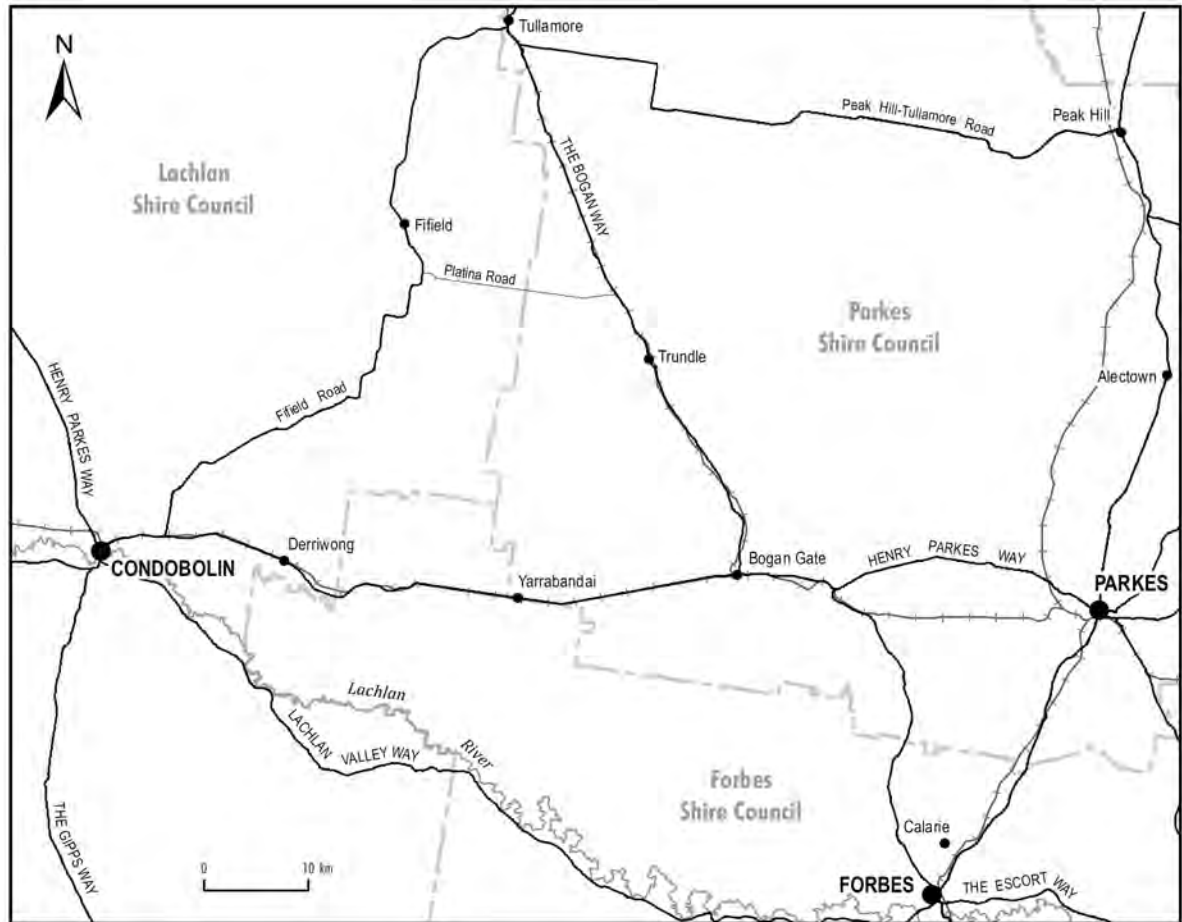
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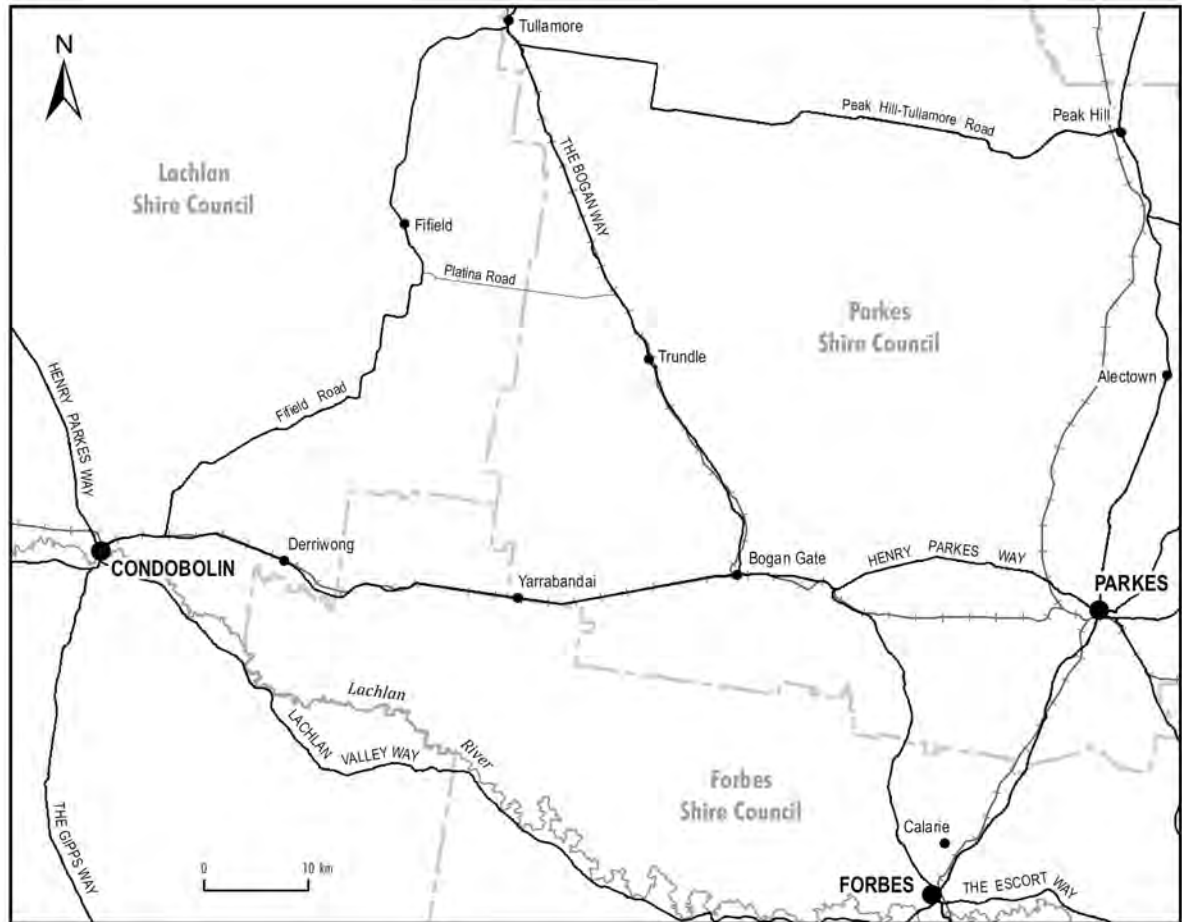
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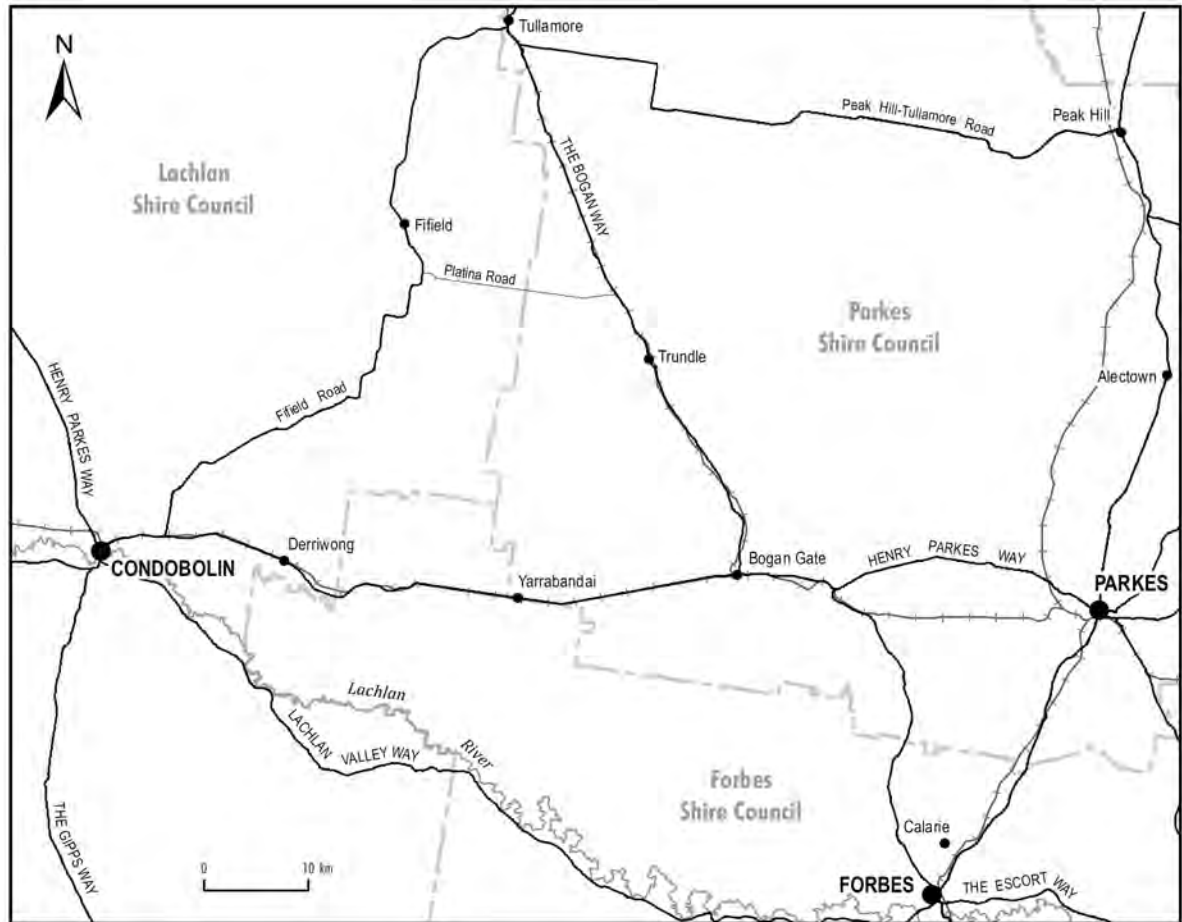
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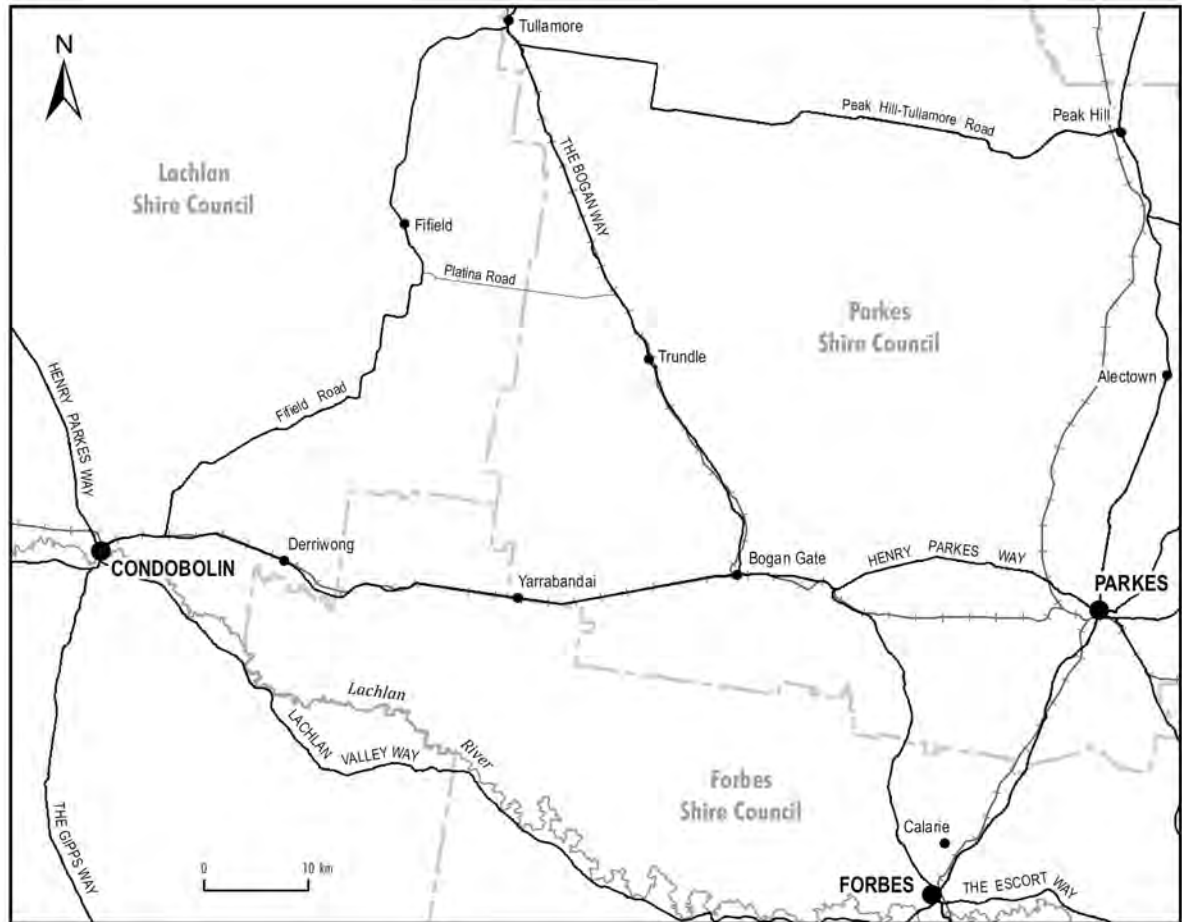
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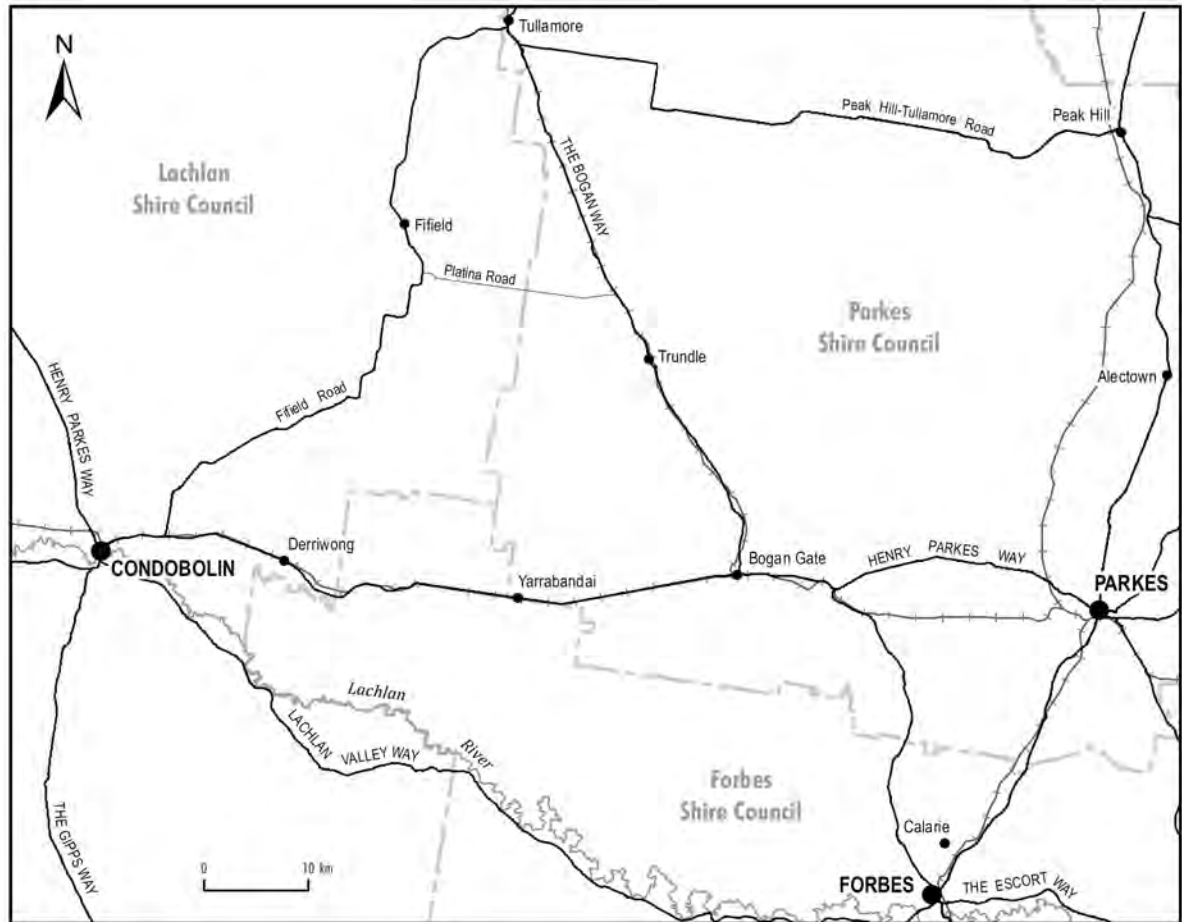
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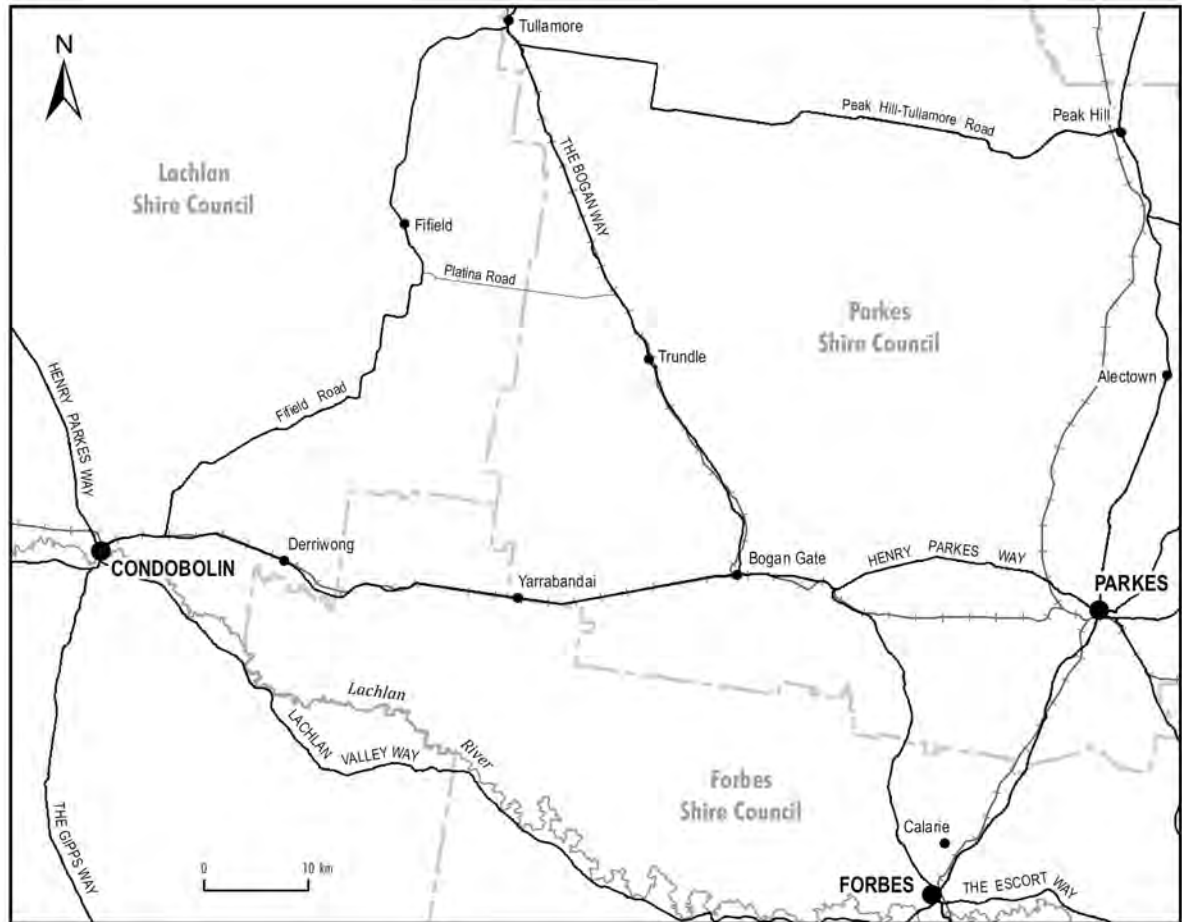
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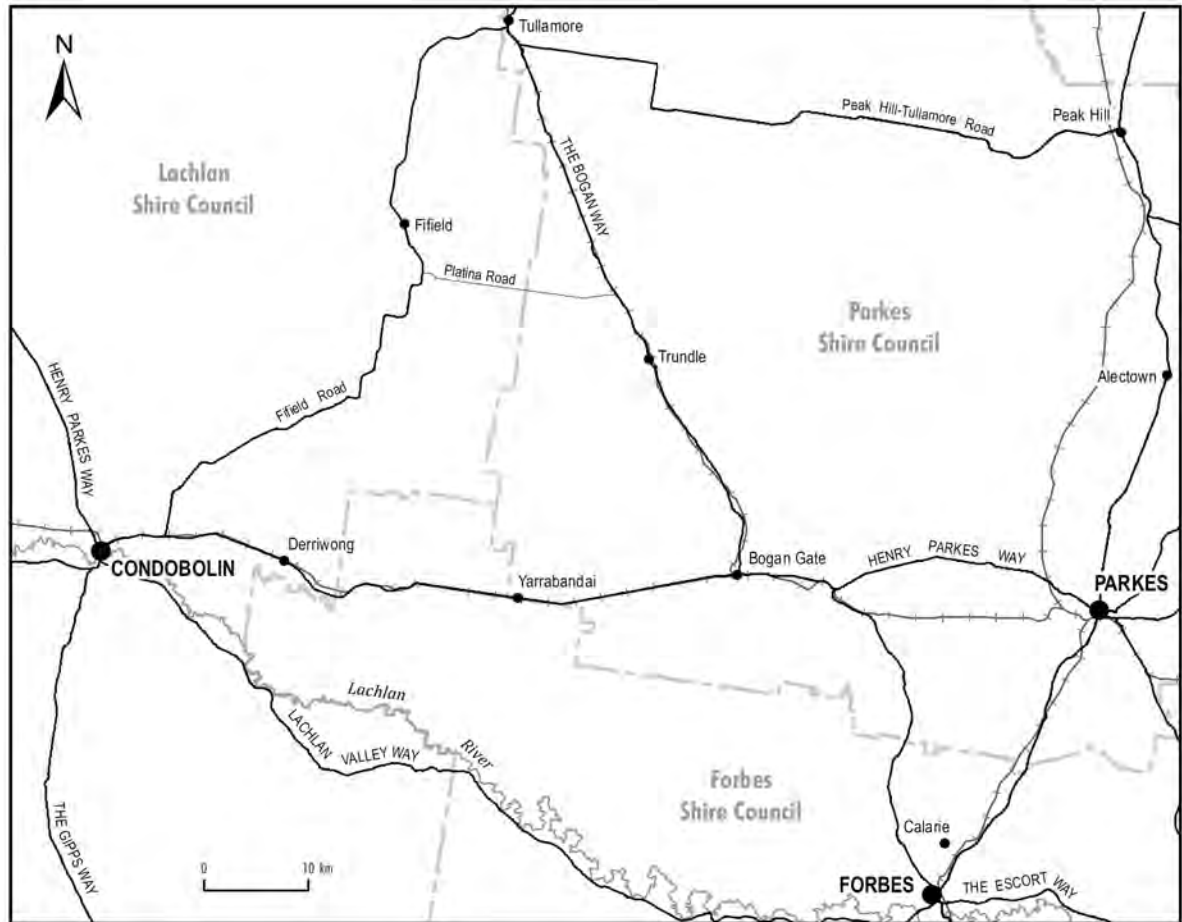
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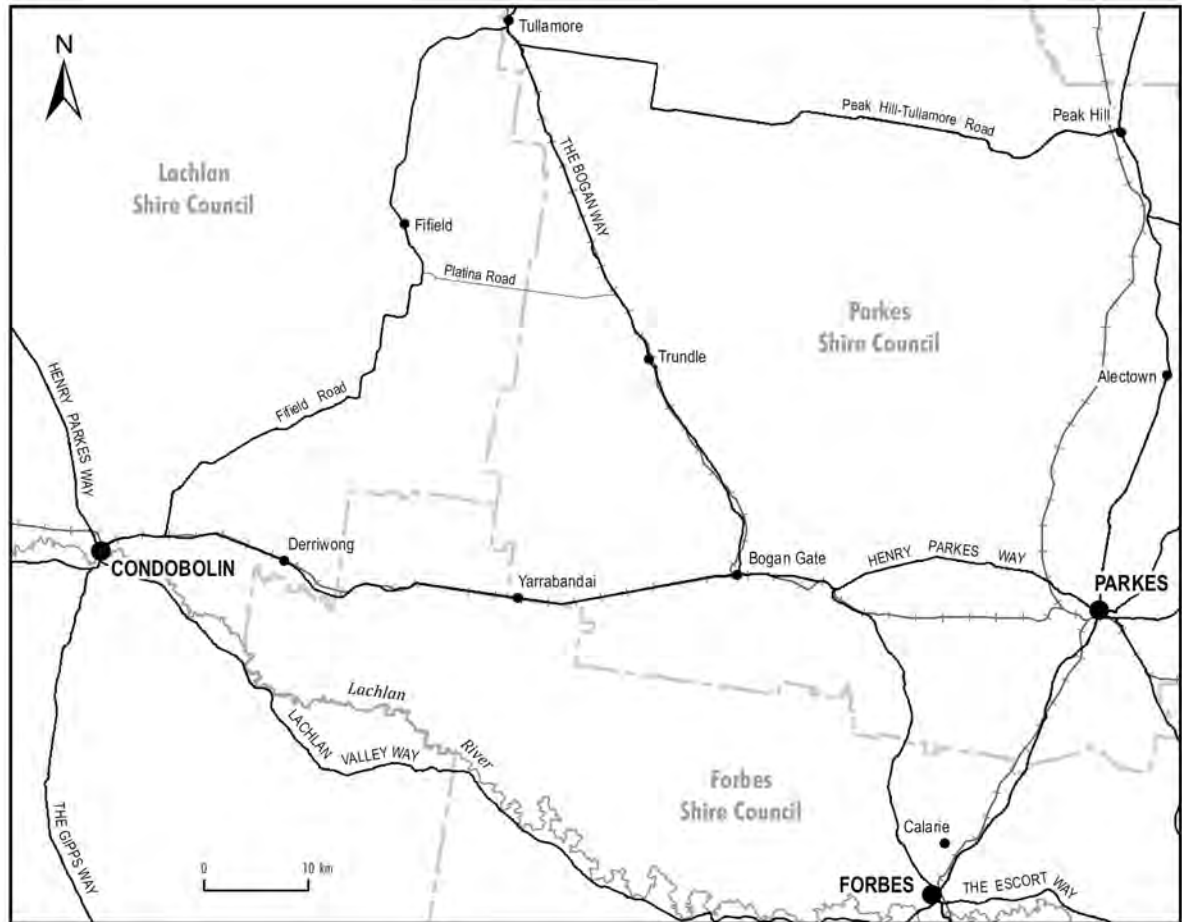
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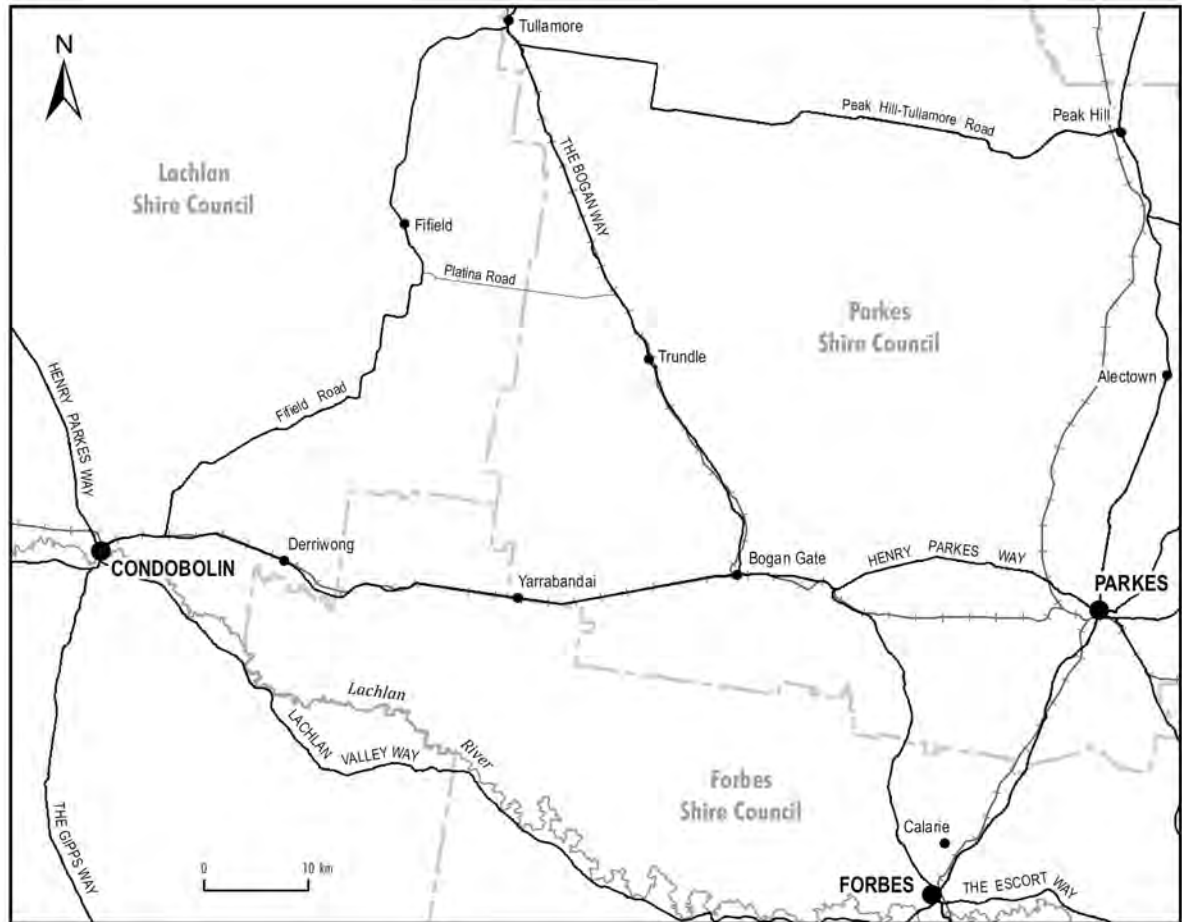
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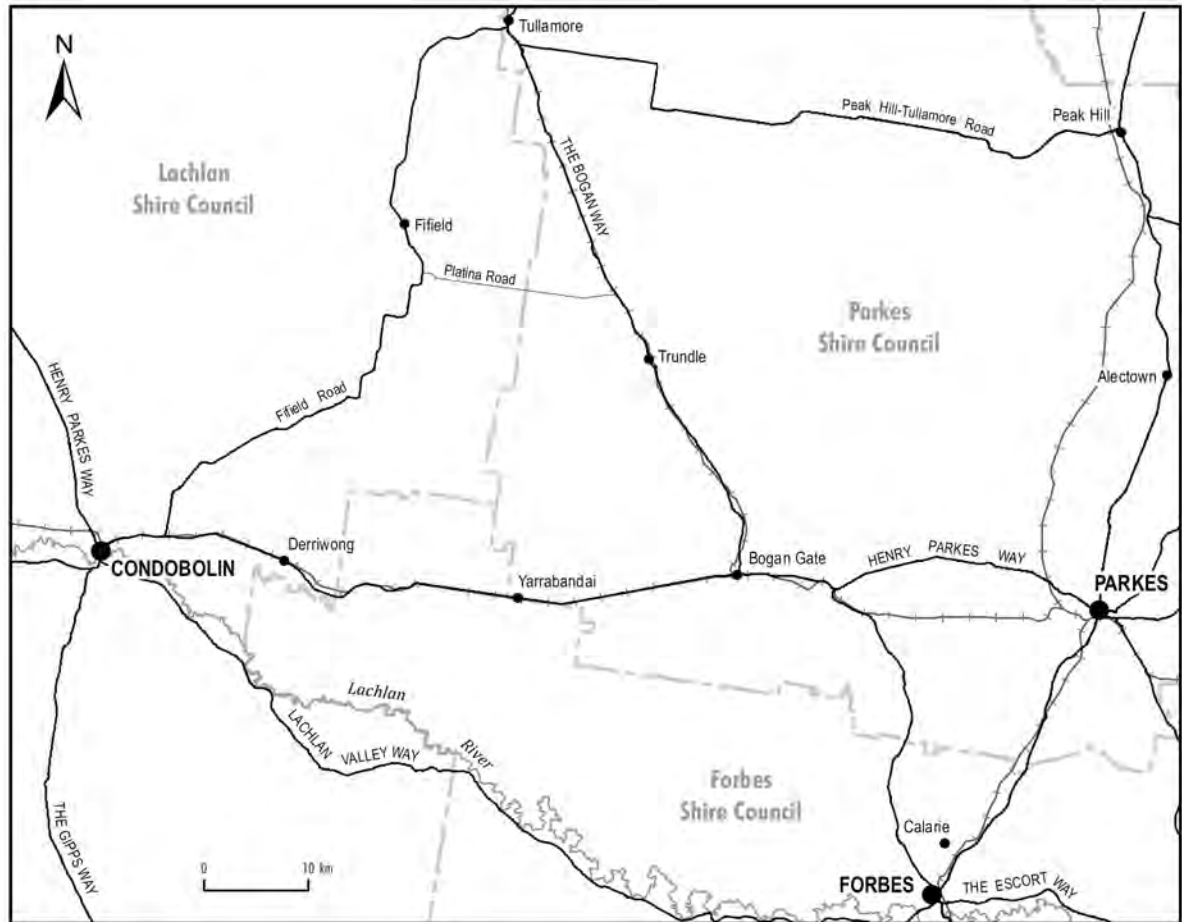
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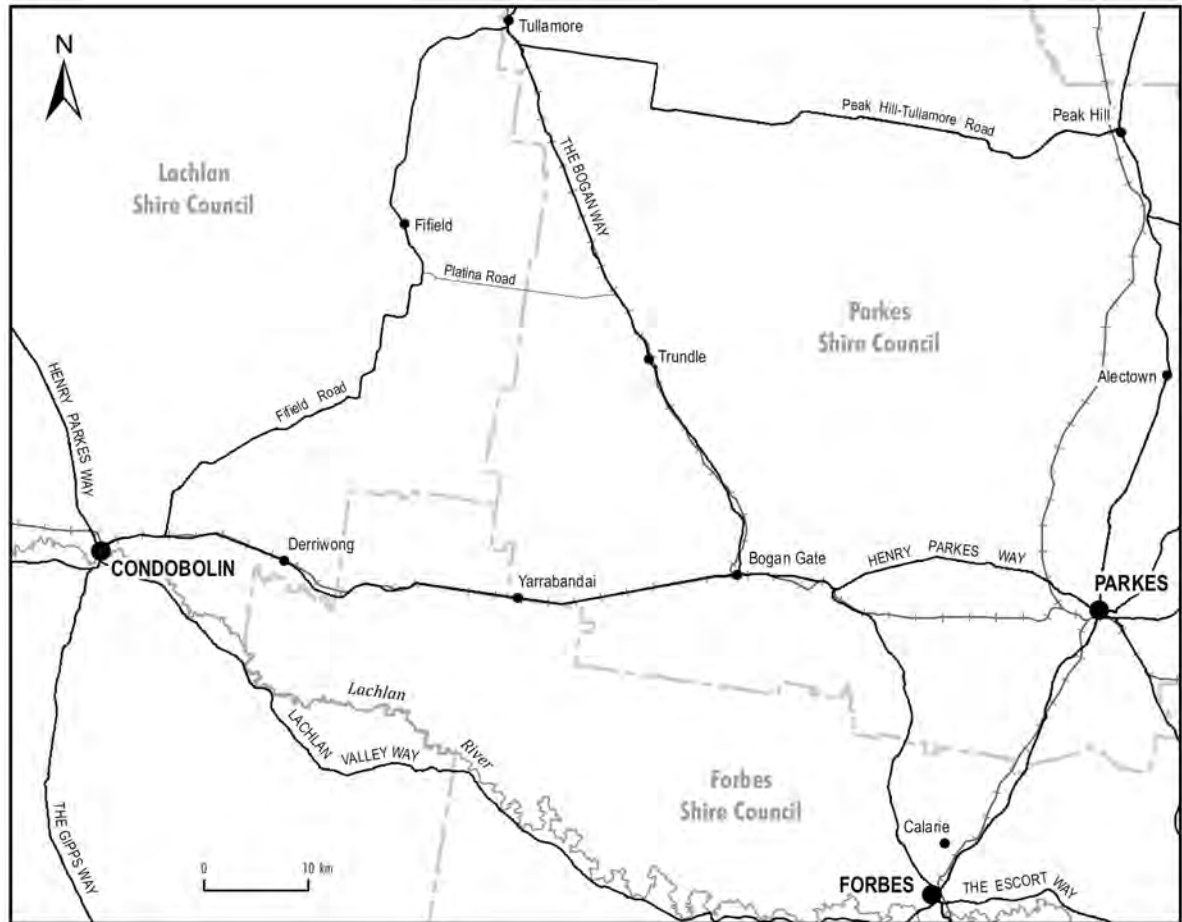
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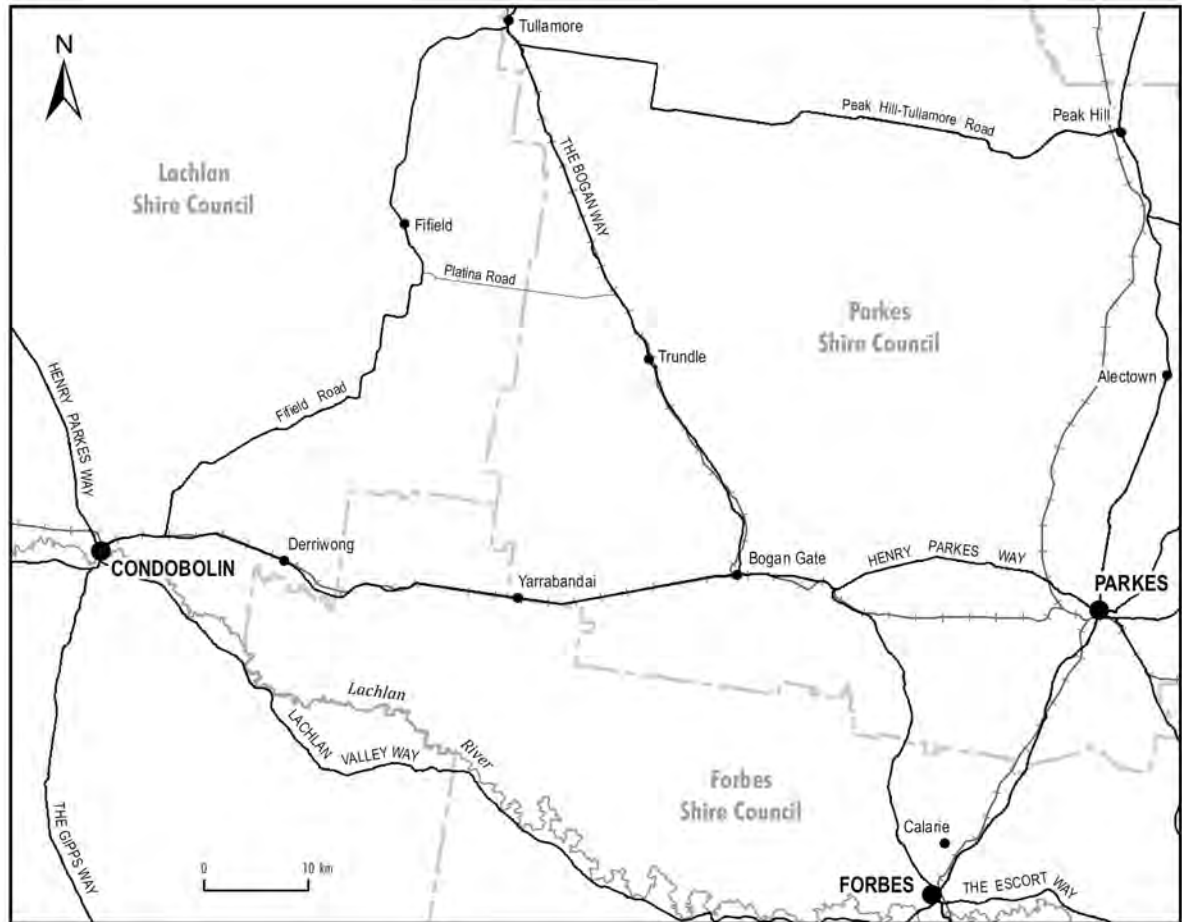
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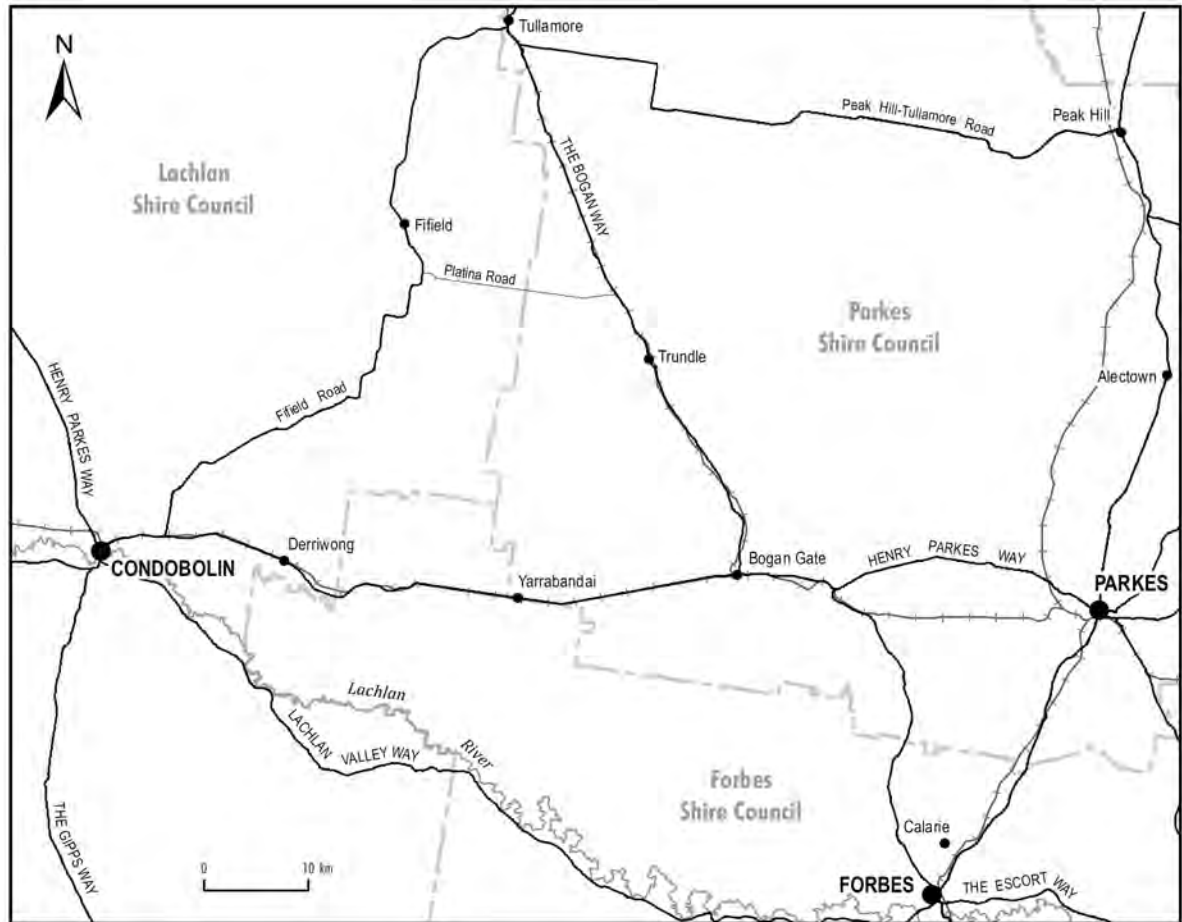
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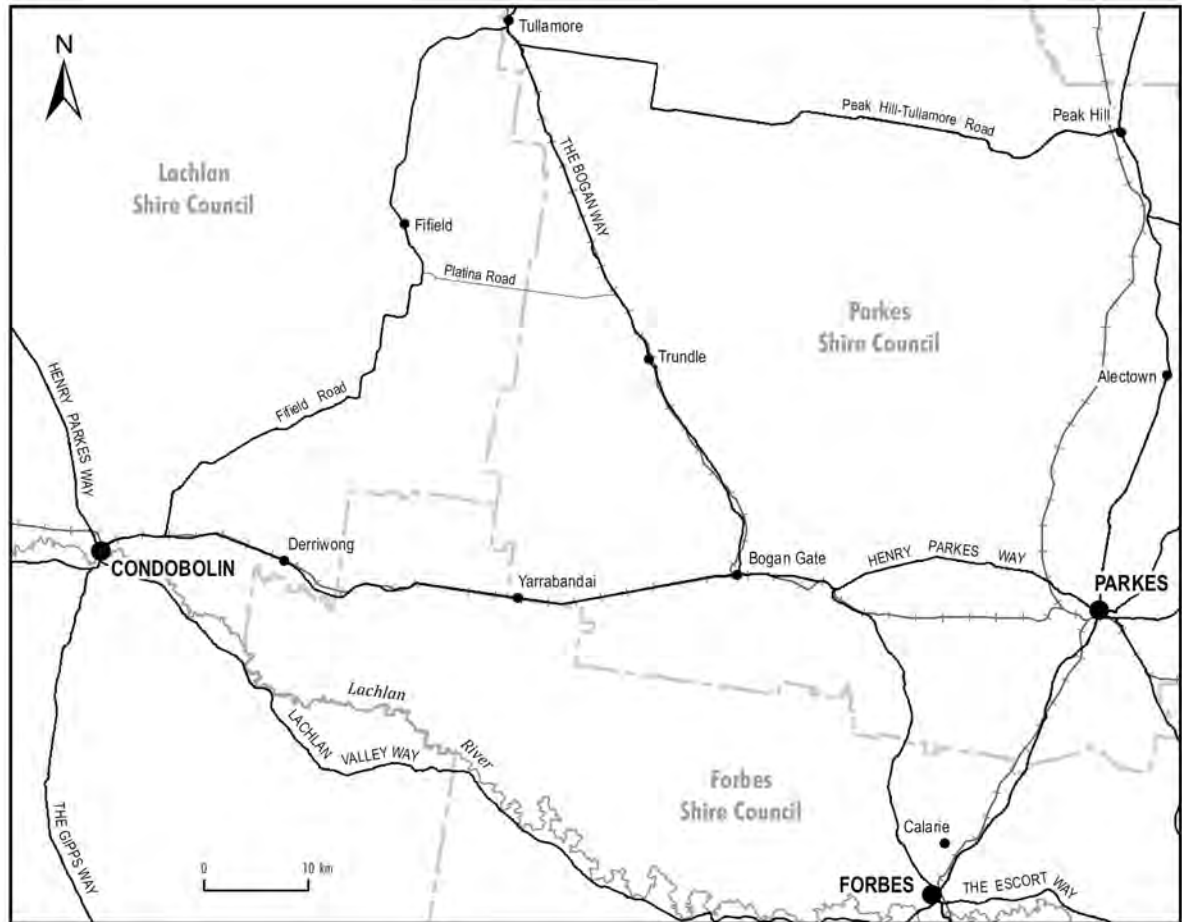
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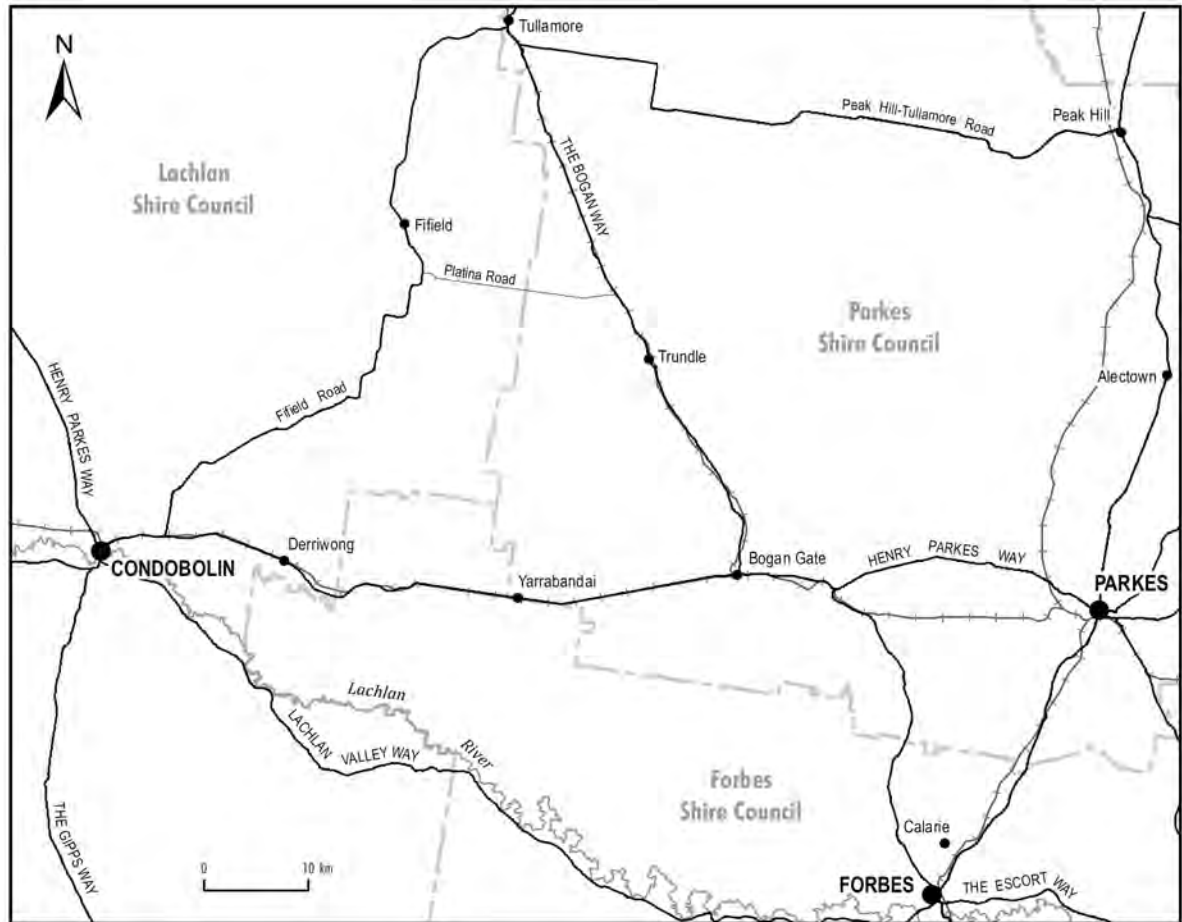
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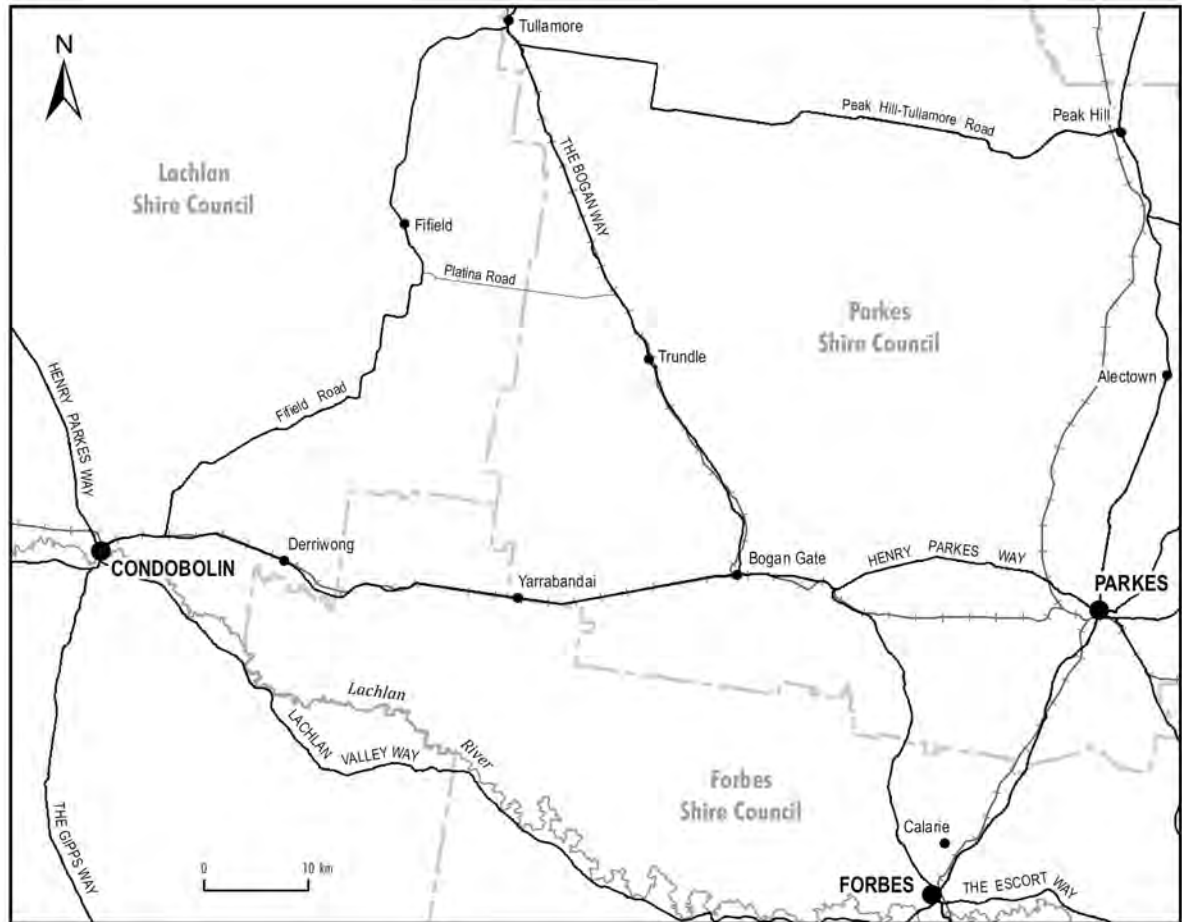
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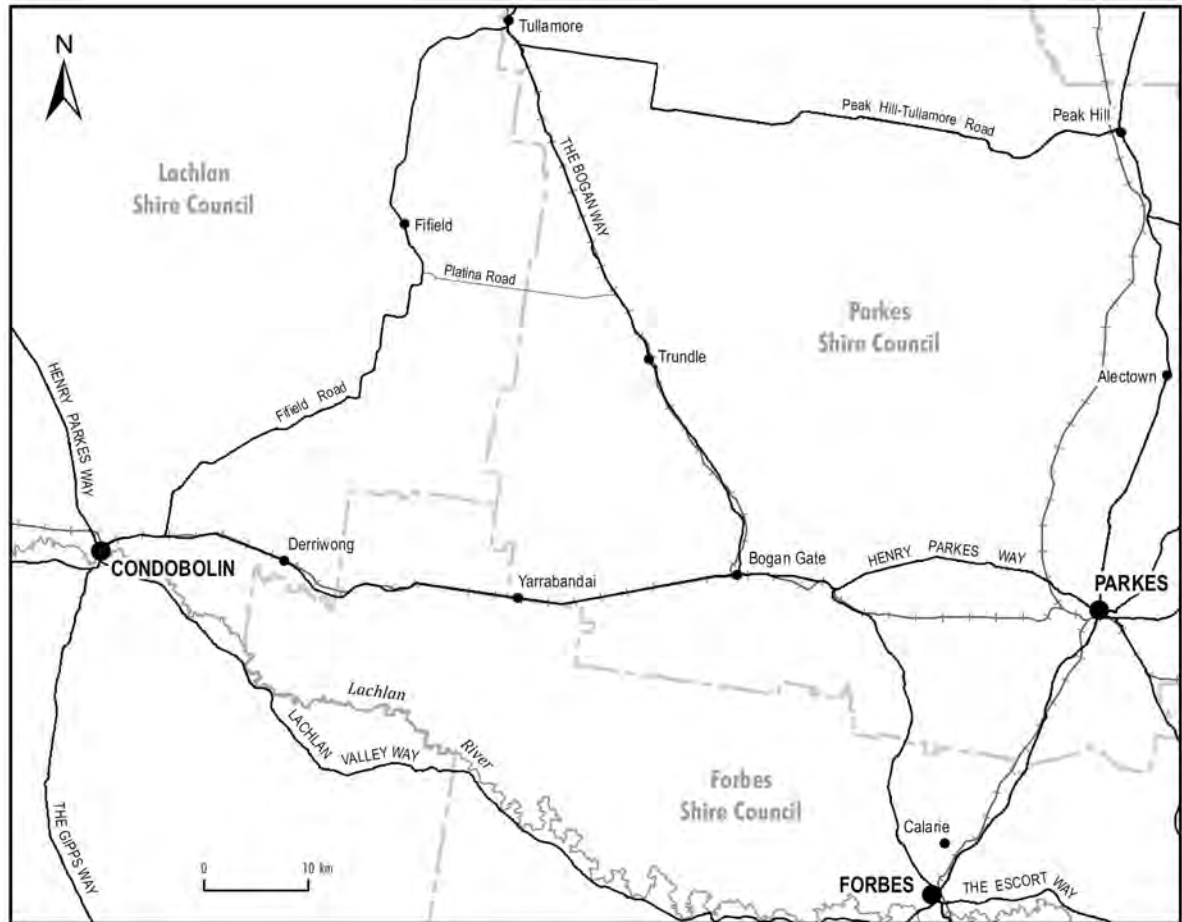
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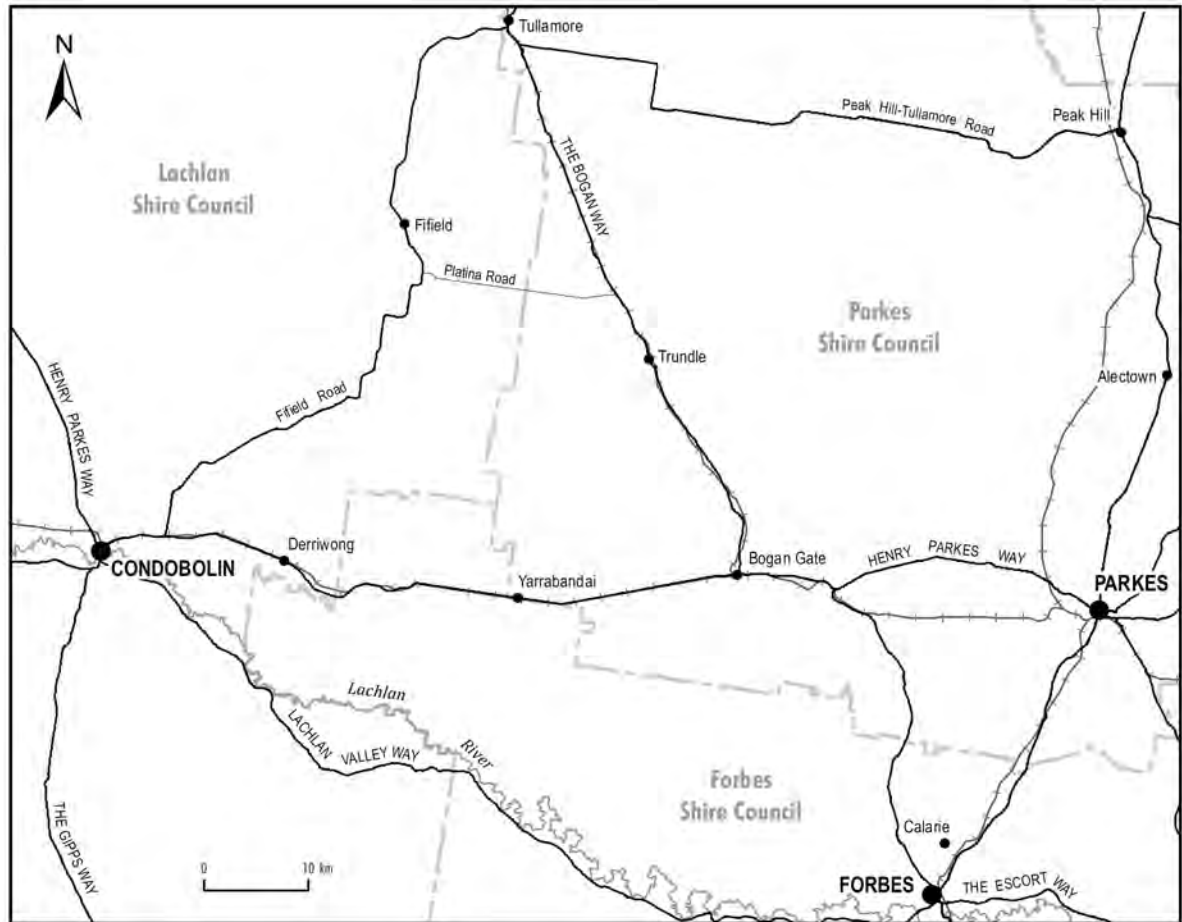
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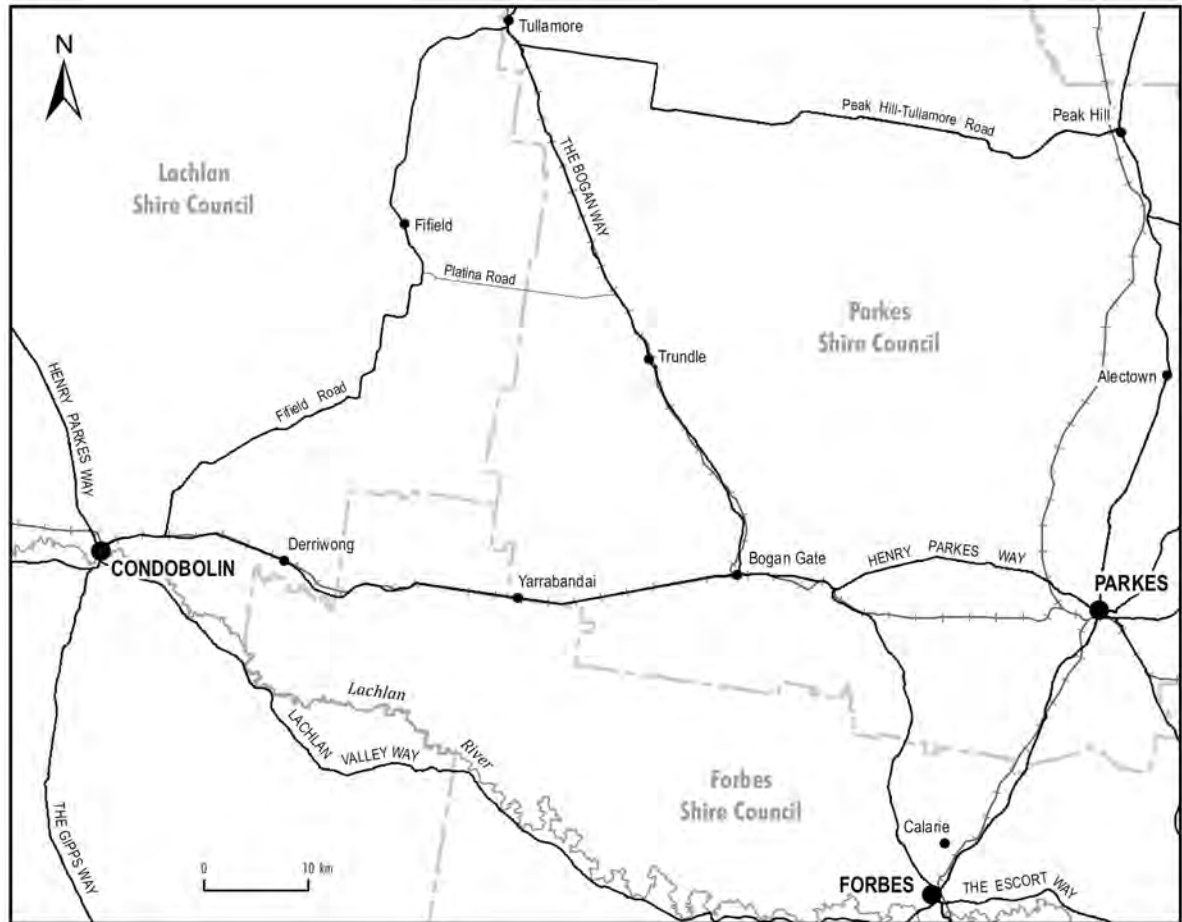
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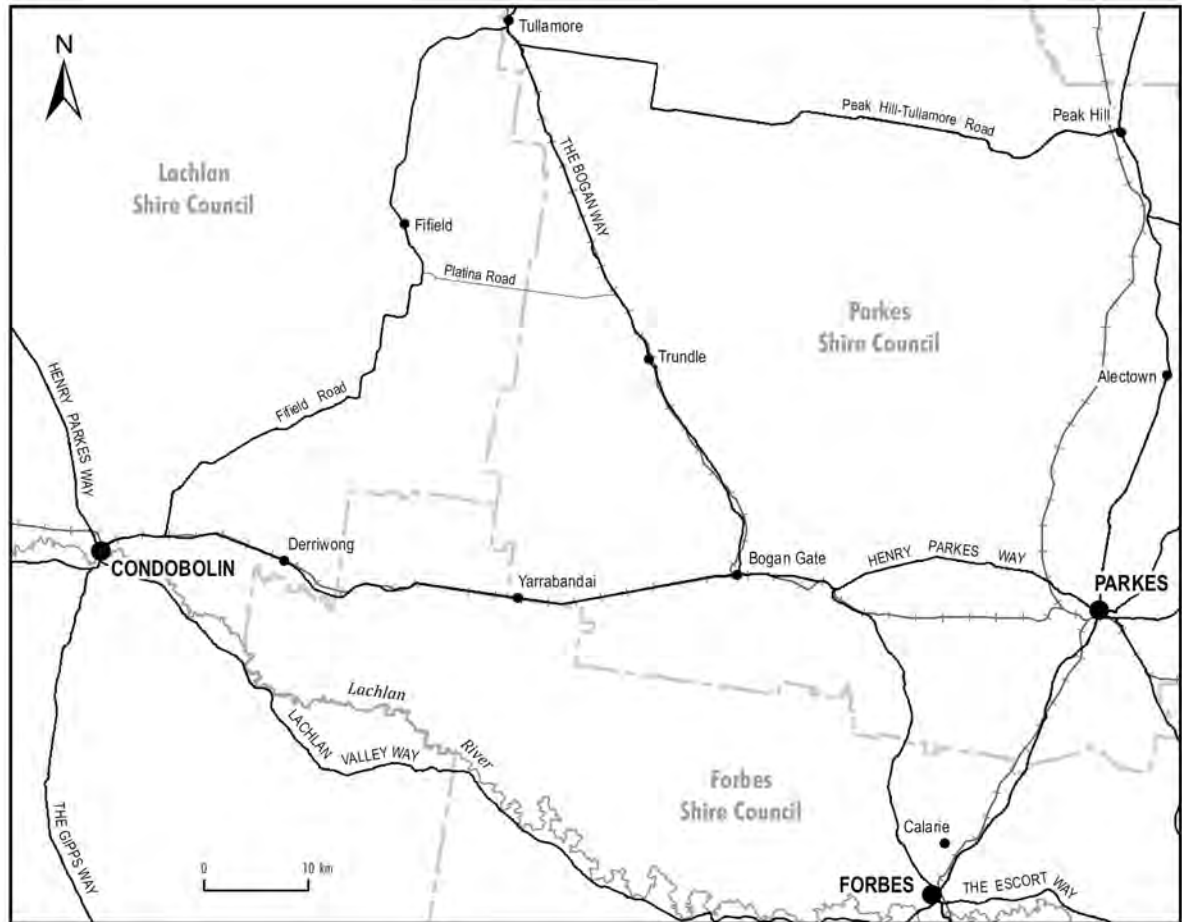
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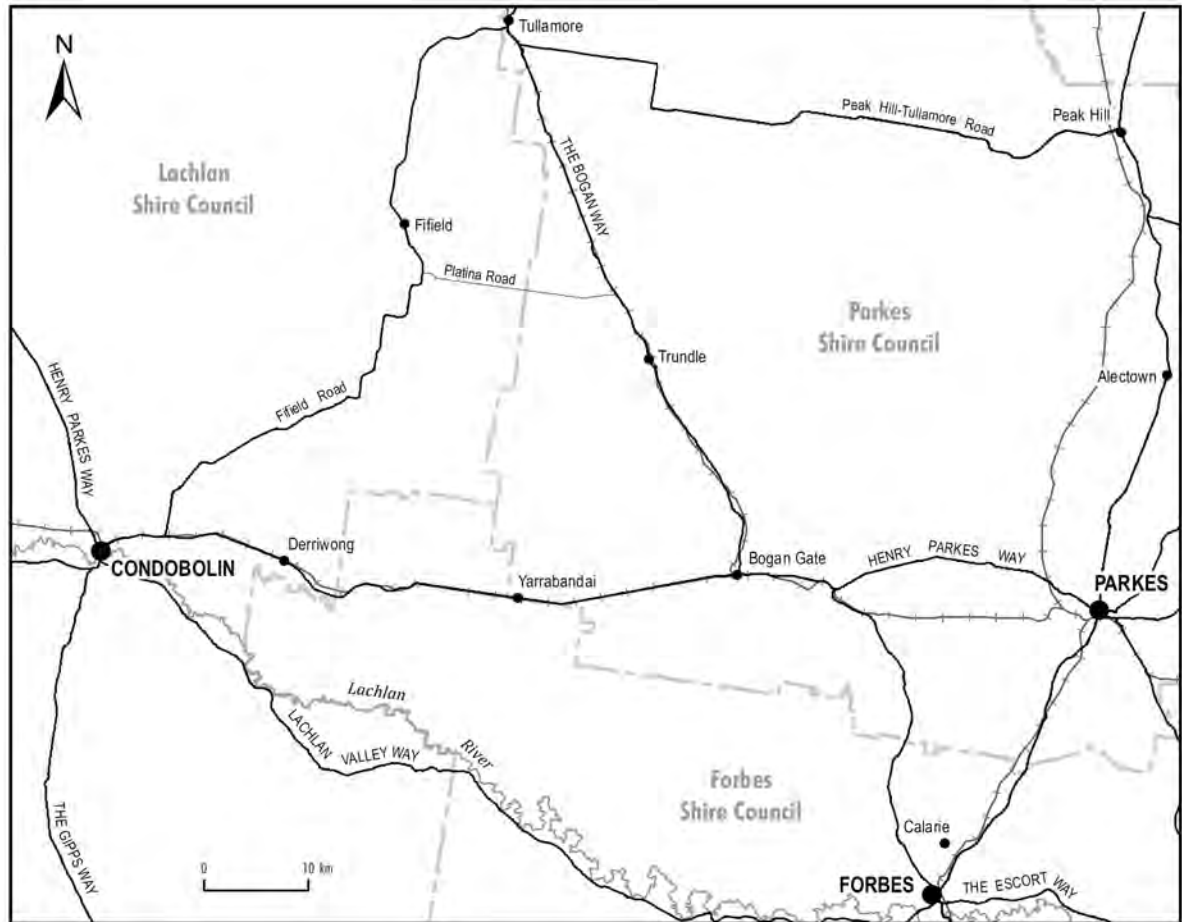
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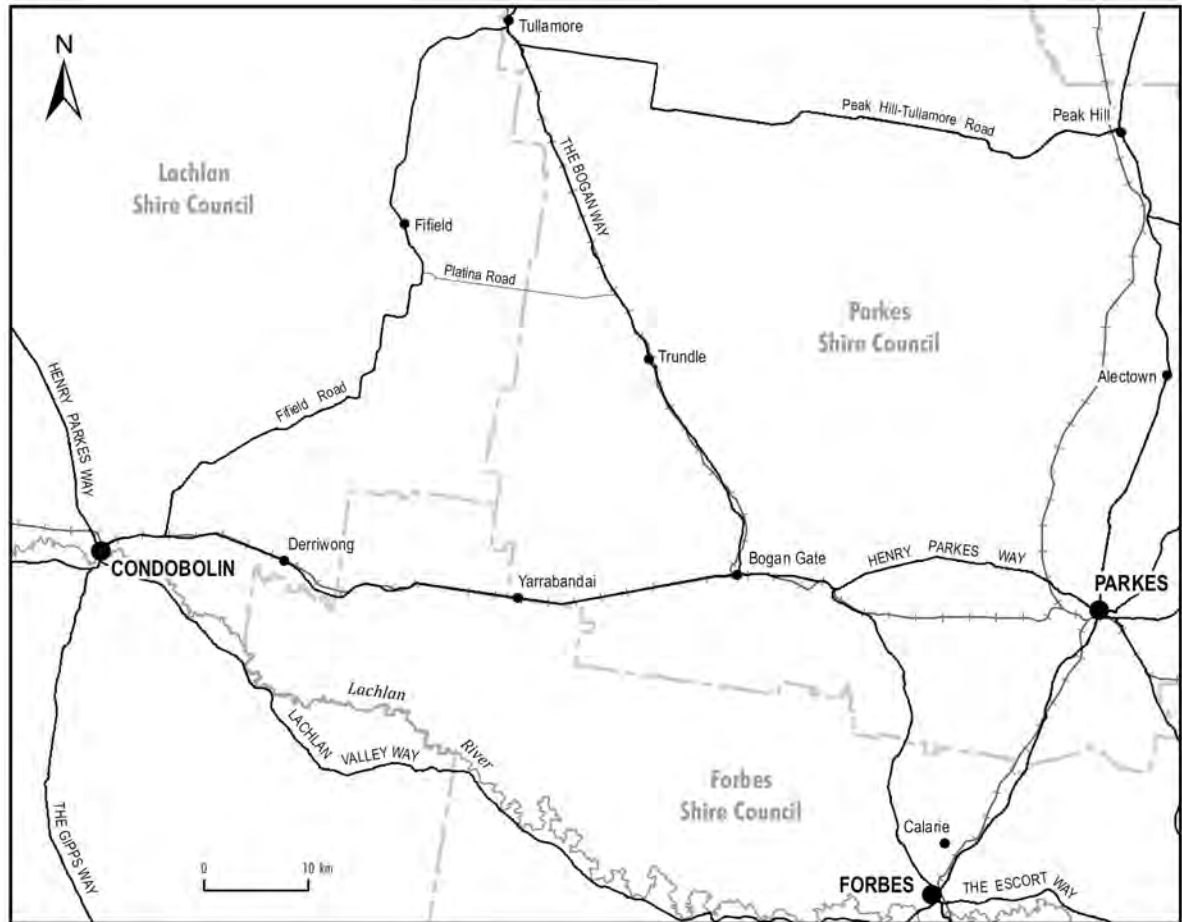
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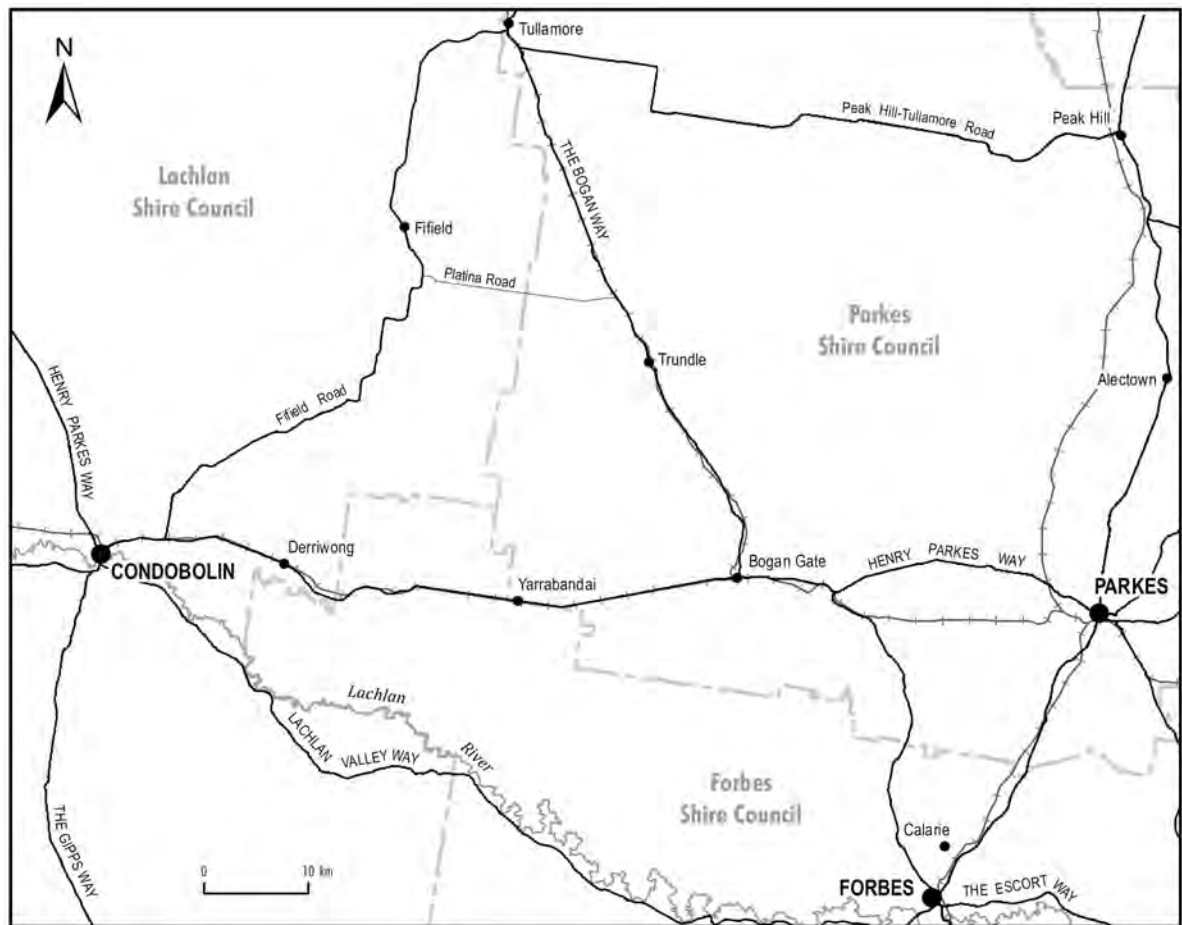
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From: Danielle Wallace
Sent: Friday, 6 January 2017 9:35 AM
Subject: Syerston Project - Proposed Modification
Attachments: ltr - Scandium21 Correspondence.pdf

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find attached correspondence from Scandium21 Pty Ltd regarding the Aboriginal community consultation process for a proposed modification to the Syerston Project.

Please don't hesitate to call should you wish to discuss.

Regards

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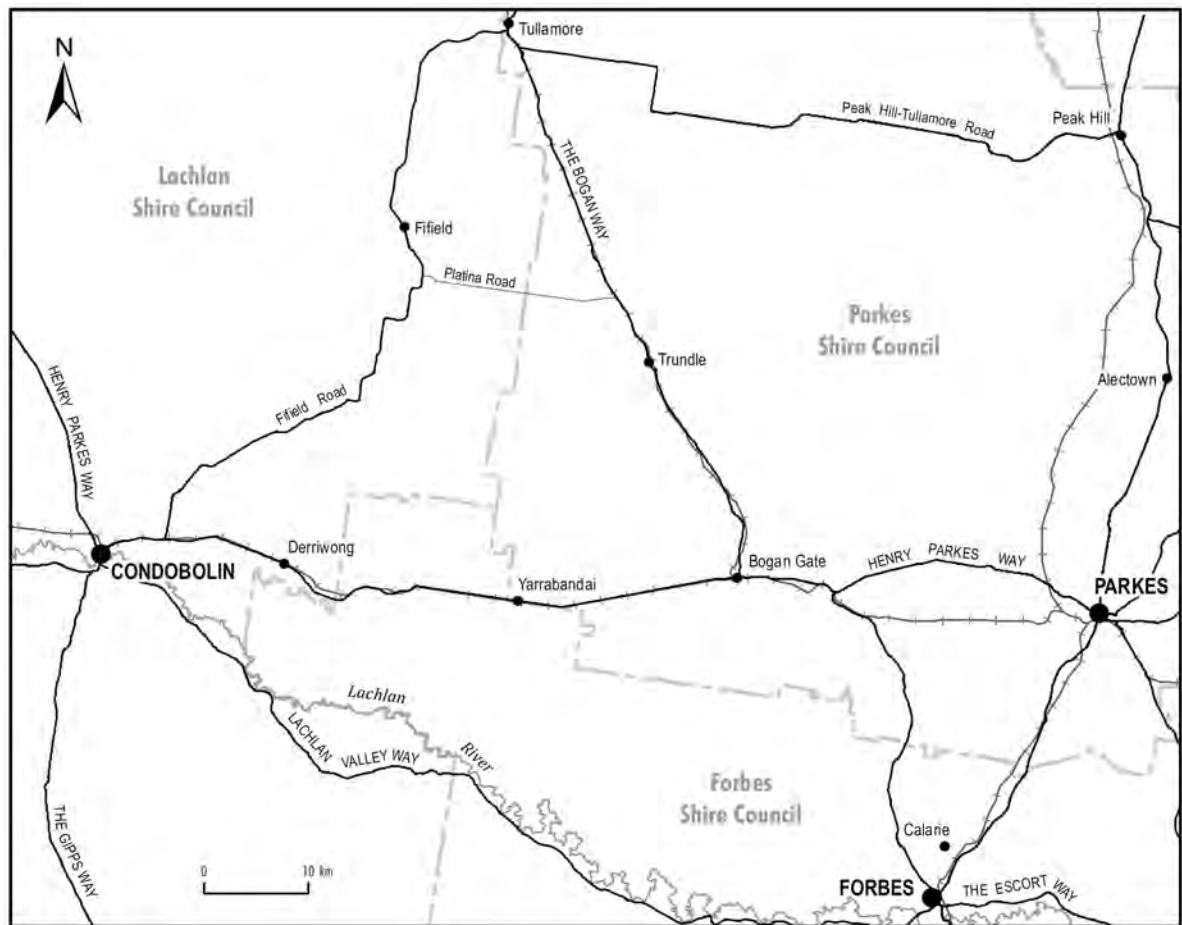
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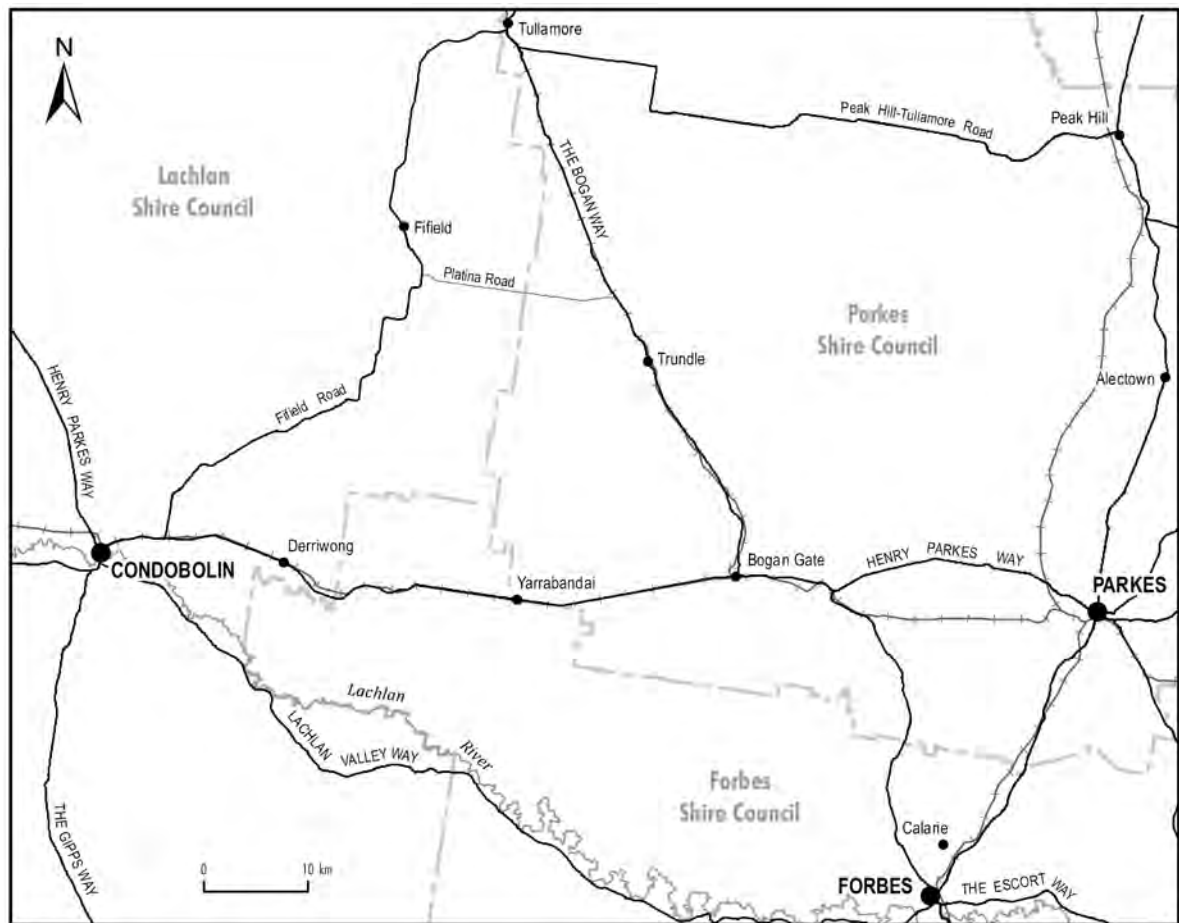
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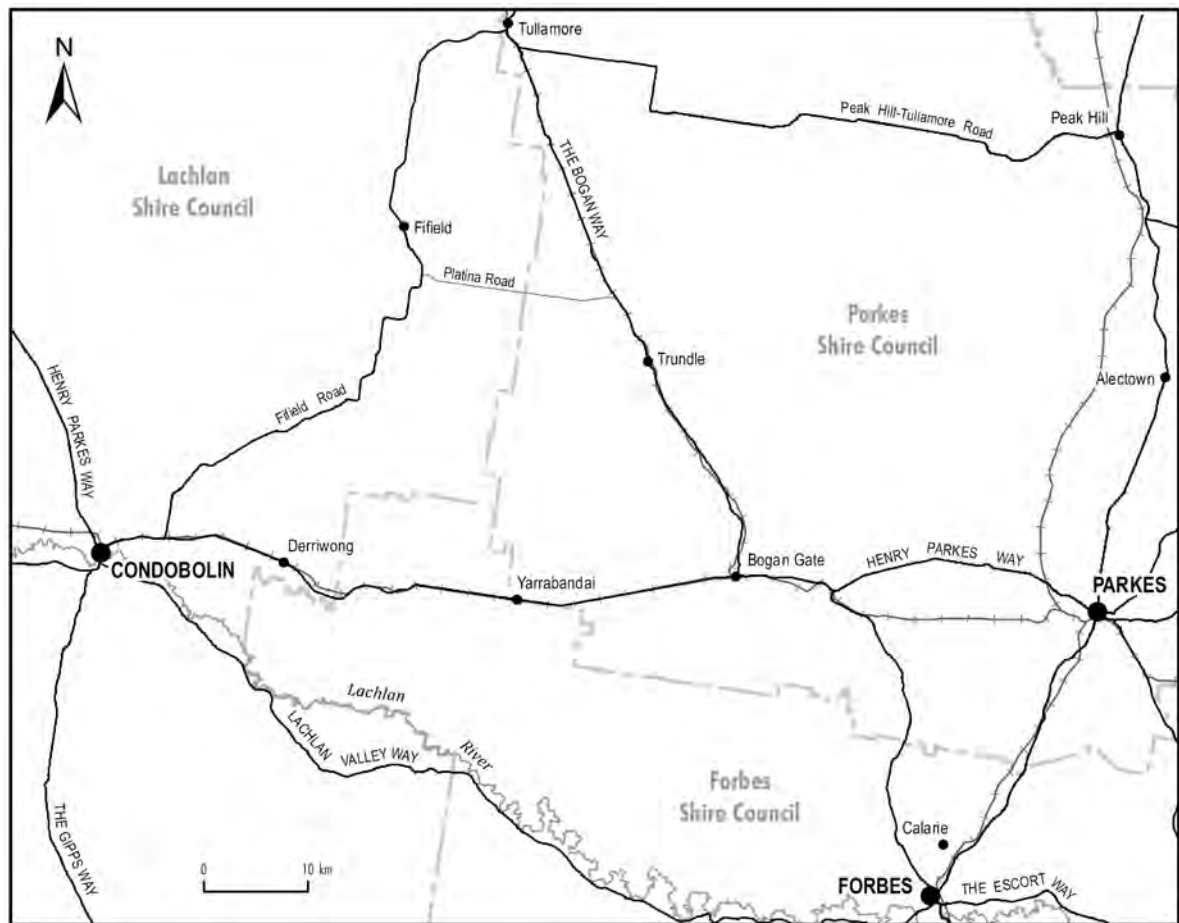
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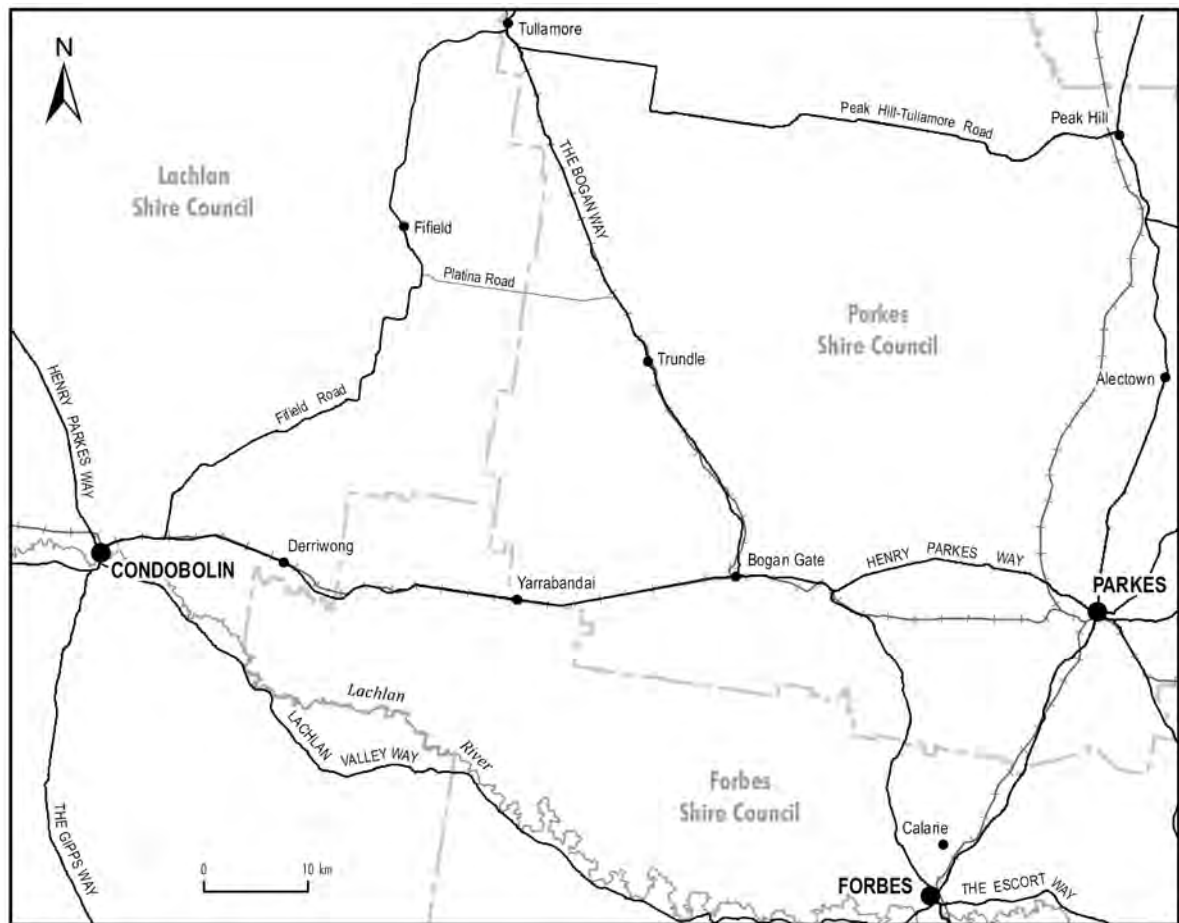
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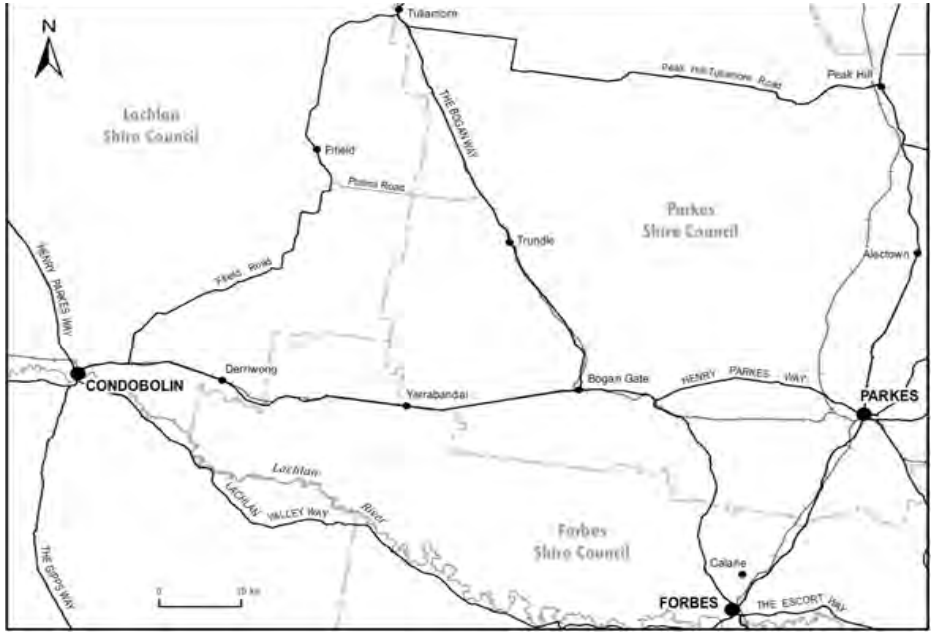
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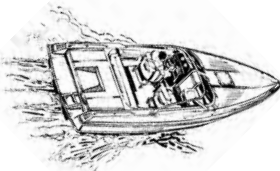
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Syerston Project Extension Modification Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment

Scandium21 Pty Ltd (Scandium21), a wholly owned subsidiary of Clean TeQ Limited, owns the rights to develop the approved, but not yet developed, Syerston Project. The Syerston Project is situated approximately 350 km west-northwest of Sydney, near the village of Fifield, New South Wales (NSW).

Development Consent (DA 374-11-00) for the Syerston Project was issued under Part 4 of NSW *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979* (EP&A Act) in 2001, and has since been modified on two occasions. The approval allows for processing of up to 2.5 million tonnes per annum of ROM ore to produce up to 53,000 tonnes per annum of nickel and cobalt sulphides at the mine processing facility.

Scandium21 lodged a separate application to modify Development Consent (DA 374-11-00) under section 75W of the EP&A Act in May 2016 to allow for the production of scandium oxide at the Project and this separate application is currently being assessed by the NSW Department of Planning and Environment.

Scandium21 proposes to seek NSW Government approval for changes to the approved Syerston Project, herein referred to as the Modification. The Modification would allow for the concurrent development of nickel-cobalt and scandium mining actions. The main activities associated with the development of the Modification would include an increase in the extent of the approved surface development area to allow for relocation of waste rock emplacements and infrastructure, changes to local road network and realignment and an extension to the currently approved water supply pipeline and supporting infrastructure.

Approval for the Modification would be sought from the NSW Minister for Planning under the section 75W of the EP&A Act and the NSW *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation, 2000*.

As part of the application process, Scandium21 will be preparing an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment, and therefore may seek an Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit under section 90 of the NSW *National Parks and Wildlife Act, 1974*.

The subject area of the Modification and any such application is depicted as the "Area of Interest" and includes the entire extent shown on the enclosed plan.

In accordance with the requirements as set out in the *Aboriginal cultural heritage consultation requirements for proponents 2010* (NSW Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water, 2010) (Consultation Guidelines) issued by the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH), Scandium21 is required to conduct a community consultation process with relevant Aboriginal people to assist in the preparation of the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment.

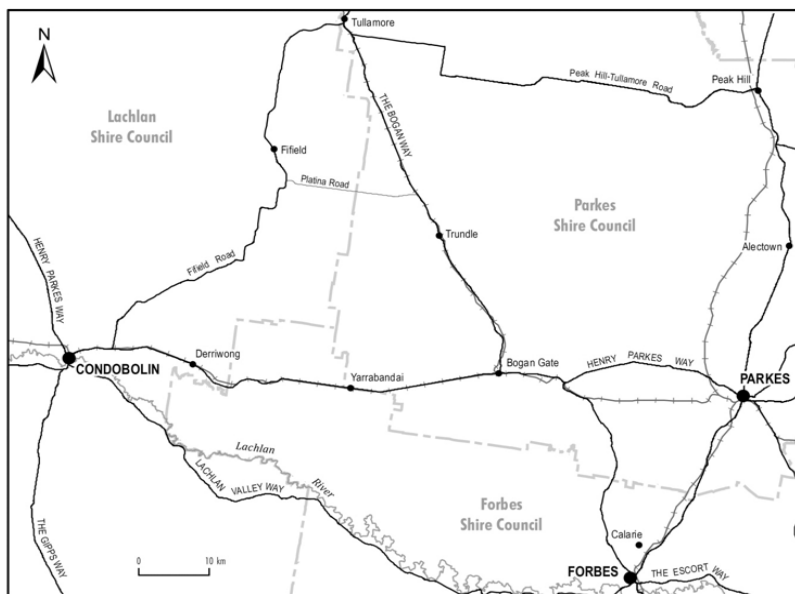
Also in accordance with the requirements of the Consultation Guidelines, Aboriginal persons or groups who may hold cultural knowledge relevant to, or who have a right or interest in, determining the cultural heritage significance of Aboriginal objects and/or places in the "Area of Interest" are invited to register an interest in a process of community consultation with Scandium21 regarding the Modification by 5.00 pm on Wednesday 1 February 2017.

Scandium21 advises that the details of any Aboriginal person or group who registers an interest in the Modification will be forwarded to the OEH and the Condobolin Local Aboriginal Land Council and Peak Hill Local Aboriginal Land Council in accordance with Section 4.1.5 of the Consultation Guidelines, unless they specify that they do not want their details released.

Please note that any opportunities for engagement during the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment process would be separate to the consultation process.

Contact details for registration are as follows:

Scandium21
C/- Danielle Wallace
PO Box 379, WEST RYDE, NSW 2114
Mobile: 0414 833 397
Email: dwallace@resourcestrategies.com.au



WATERNSW

MURRUMBIDGEE UNREGULATED & ALLUVIAL WATER SOURCE

An application for a new WATER SUPPLY WORK AND USE APPROVAL has been received from **ROBERT WILLIAM BEEGLING** for a 65 mm pump on Little Gilmore Creek, 300/1222752 for irrigation on 210/1183335, Parish of Selwyn, County of Wynard.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW, PO Box 156, Leeton NSW 2705 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of the objection. (A9186)

Any queries please call (02) 6951 2711 Sarah O'Brien, Water Regulation Officer.

A04560

WATERNSW

BARWON-DARLING UNREGULATED RIVER WATER SOURCE

An application for an amended COMBINED WATER SUPPLY WORK AND USE APPROVAL has been received from **SALTO (NSW) PTY LTD** for one 660mm axial flow pump (to replace an existing currently authorised 400mm axial flow pump at Lot 19 DP 752692, Parish of Euminbah, County of Finch.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW, PO Box 717, Dubbo NSW 2830 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of objection. (A009109)

Any queries please call (02) 6841 7414, Richard Wheatley, Senior Water Regulation Officer.

A04558

WATERNSW

UPPER MURRAY GROUNDWATER WATER SOURCE

An application to AMEND A COMBINED WORK APPROVAL has been received from **PACE LAND HOLDING PTY LTD** for an additional bore proposed to be on Lot 160 DP753754 for irrigation purposes.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW, PO Box 829, Albury NSW 2640, within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of objection. (A009145).

Any queries please call (02) 6024 8852, David Finnimore, Water Regulation Officer.

A04564

WATERNSW

BILLABONG FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT PLAN AREA

An application for a Flood Work Approval has been received from **GREGORY ALLAN, ROBERT ORMOND AND SELWYN LESLIE FERGUSON** for three levees within the Billabong Floodplain on Lot 5 DP 706153 and Lot 100 DP 800050, Parish of North Gunambill, County of Urana.

Objections to the granting of this Approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW, PO Box 829, ALBURY NSW 2640, within 28 days of this notice. Any objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of objection.

Any queries please call (02) 6024 8859, Clare Purtle, Senior Water Regulation Officer.

A04561

WATERNSW

LACHLAN FOLD BELT MDB GROUNDWATER SOURCE

An application for a new WATER SUPPLY WORKS APPROVAL has been received from **ANNIE LEE** for a new bore proposed to be on Lot 2 DP1131729 for commercial purposes.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW, PO Box 829, Albury NSW 2640, within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of objection. (A009185).

Any queries please call (02) 6024 8852, David Finnimore, Water Regulation Officer.

A04562

WATERNSW

LACHLAN REGULATED RIVER WATER SHARING PLAN

THAT PART OF THE WATER SOURCE DOWNSTREAM OF LAKE CARGELLIGO WEIR

An application for an amended WATER SUPPLY WORKS and/or WATER USE APPROVAL has been received from **ROSELLA SUB TC PTY LTD** for 4 x 450mm pumps, total capacity 121 ML/day, on Lot 1 DP 1180971, Parish Huntawong, County Nicholson, for Irrigation purposes.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW, PO Box 291, Forbes NSW 2871 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of objection (A009100)

Any queries please call (02) 6850 2808, Andrew Glasson, Senior Water Regulation Officer.

A04559

WATERNSW

WOOLGOOLGA CREEK WATER SOURCE

An application to amend a WATER SUPPLY WORKS AND USE APPROVAL section has been received from **SWARAN SINGH DHALIWAL AND MANJIT KAUR DHALIWAL** for a dam and a pump on an Unnamed Watercourse, on Lot 8, DP 787536 Parish Woolgoolga, County Fitzroy, for conservation of water and irrigation purposes.

Objections to the granting of this approval must be registered in writing to WaterNSW, Locked Bag 10, Grafton NSW 2460 within 28 days of this notice. The objection must include your name and address to specify the grounds of objection. (A009132)

Any queries please phone (02) 6641 6500, Mark Bonner, Water Regulation Officer.

A04563

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED RENEWAL OF A MINING LEASE

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The Queensland Minister for Natural Resources and Mines, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) of the proposed renewal of the Mining Lease shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).

Mining Lease 20234 sought by Wandoo Tenements Pty Ltd, over an area of 50 ha, centred approximately 13 km South West of Mungana, in the locality of Mareeba Shire Council.



Nature of Act(s): The renewal of the Mining Lease under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld), authorises the holder to mine and carry out associated activities subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld), for a term not exceeding six (6) years, with the possibility of renewal for a term not exceeding six (6) years.

Name and address of person doing acts: It is proposed that the Mining Lease be renewed by the Queensland Minister for Natural Resources and Mines, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002.

Further Information: Further information about the proposed renewal of the Mining Lease, including extract of plans showing the boundaries of the Mining Lease may be obtained from the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Principal Mining Registrar, Mineral Hub, Level 9, Verde Tower, 445 Flinders Street, Townsville, Queensland 4810, Telephone: (07) 4447 9230, or email MineralHub@dnrm.qld.gov.au

Native Title Parties: Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) any person who is a "native title party" is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed renewal of the Mining Lease. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth), persons have until three (3) months after Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000. Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 5, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3307 5000 or 1800 640 501.

Notification Day: 1 February 2017

From: Danielle Wallace
Sent: Monday, 6 March 2017 4:43 PM
To: 'facp2014@gmail.com'
Subject: Syerston Project and Syerston Project Modification 4 - Registration

Hi David,

As discussed and as requested, Clean TeQ will remove the Forbes Aboriginal & Community Working Party from the list of Registered Aboriginal Parties for the Syerston Project and will not provide any further correspondence in relation to this project.

Please don't hesitate to call should you wish to discuss.

Regards

Danielle Wallace

Environmental Project Manager

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PROPOSED METHODOLOGY AND CORRESPONDENCE

SYERSTON PROJECT
AND
SYERSTON PROJECT MODIFICATION 4

PROPOSED METHODOLOGY
FOR THE
ABORIGINAL CULTURAL HERITAGE ASSESSMENTS

February 2017
Project No. CTL-16-02
Document No. 00822893

1 INTRODUCTION

Clean TeQ Holdings Limited (Clean TeQ) owns the rights to develop the approved, but yet to be developed, Syerston Project. The Syerston Project is situated approximately 350 kilometers west-northwest of Sydney, near the village of Fifield, New South Wales (NSW) (Figure 1).

Development Consent (DA 374-11-00) for the Syerston Project was issued under Part 4 of NSW *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979* (EP&A Act) in 2001. The Development Consent (DA 374-11-00) has been modified on two occasions since it was issued:

- 2005 – to allow for the increase of run-of-mine (ROM) ore processing rate, limestone quarry extraction rate and adjustments to ore procession operations.
- 2006 – to allow for the reconfiguration of the water supply borefield.

The Syerston Project Scandium Oxide Modification was submitted in late 2016 and is currently being assessed by the NSW Department of Planning and Environment.

1.1 Approved Syerston Project

The approved Syerston Project includes the establishment and operation of the following:

- nickel cobalt mine and processing facility;
- limestone quarry and processing facility;
- rail loading and unloading facility;
- natural gas pipeline;
- two water supply borefields and pipelines; and
- associated transport and infrastructure.

The approved Syerston Project is presented on Figure 1.

Clean TeQ are seeking to engage with the Aboriginal community as part of the preparation of an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment (ACHA), which will be used to support an application for an Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit (AHIP) under section 90 of the NSW *National Parks and Wildlife Act, 1974* (NP&W Act) for all components of the approved Syerston Project. Consultation with Aboriginal people and communities will be guided by the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage's (OEH) *Aboriginal cultural heritage consultation requirements for proponents 2010* (NSW Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water [DECCW], 2010).

1.2 Syerston Project Modification 4

Separate to the application for an AHIP for the approved Syerston Project described in Section 1.1, Clean TeQ also proposes to separately modify Development Consent (DA 374-11-00) to allow for the extraction of surface water from the Lachlan River and potential changes to the approved mine surface development area (herein referred to as the 'Syerston Project Modification 4').

It is proposed that the Syerston Project Modification 4 will be sought under section 75W of the NSW EP&A Act.

The indicative locations of the Syerston Project Modification 4 areas are presented on Figure 2.

Detailed design and mine planning is ongoing, however it is anticipated that the Syerston Project Modification 4 may include the following:

- an extension to the currently approved water supply pipeline and supporting infrastructure to provide for the extraction of surface water from the Lachlan River;
- changes to the approved mine surface development area (within Mining Lease Application Area [MLA] 141, MLA 113, MLA 139, MLA 132 and MLA 140); and/or
- possible road closures and/or road upgrades.

Similar to the AHIP application for the approved Syerston Project, Clean TeQ are seeking to engage with the Aboriginal community as part of the preparation of an ACHA, which will be used to support an application for an AHIP under section 90 of the NSW NP&W Act for all components of the proposed Syerston Project Modification 4. Consultation with Aboriginal people and communities will be guided by the OEH *Aboriginal cultural heritage consultation requirements for proponents 2010* (DECCW, 2010).

1.3 Structure of this Document

Section 2 of this document describes the previous archaeological investigations undertaken for the approved Syerston Project, while Section 3 outlines the Proposed Methodology for the cultural and archaeological assessment of Aboriginal objects, places and/or Aboriginal cultural heritage values within the approved Syerston Project area and the Syerston Project Modification 4 area.

Section 4 outlines the sensitive cultural information management protocol and Section 5 provides further information on the preparation of the ACHA report(s). Relevant personnel and critical timeframes for the assessment(s) are outlined in Sections 6 and 7, respectively.

2 PREVIOUS ARCHAEOLOGICAL INVESTIGATIONS

A previous archaeological survey and assessment was conducted in 2000 by Archaeological Surveys and Reports on behalf of Black Range Minerals Ltd, for the (now) approved Syerston Project.

The surveys undertaken by Archaeological Surveys and Reports in 2000 resulted in the recording of 14 Aboriginal heritage sites, comprising of six isolated artefacts, six scarred trees, an open artefact scatter and an extensive camp site. Three carved tree sites previously listed on the Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System (AHIMS) register were also inspected during the survey and assessment.

In addition to several site specific management measures, the assessment prepared for the approved Syerston Project recommended that an AHIP be sought over the now approved Syerston Project area (Archaeological Surveys and Reports, 2000).

3 PROPOSED ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY

The Proposed Methodology for the cultural and archaeological assessment for the ACHA(s) is as follows, and will apply to both the approved Syerston Project and the Syerston Project Modification 4:

- Conduct a desktop assessment to delineate areas of known and predicted Aboriginal objects, places and/or Aboriginal cultural heritage values, including a detailed review of the previous assessment prepared by Archaeological Surveys and Reports (2000).
- Identify the Aboriginal cultural heritage values associated with the relevant area through consulting with Aboriginal people with cultural knowledge or responsibilities for Country in which the approved Syerston Project and/or the Syerston Project Modification 4 occurs, utilising written, oral research and field investigations.
- The conduct of a cultural and archaeological assessment with representatives of local Aboriginal community, to identify Aboriginal objects, places and/or Aboriginal cultural heritage values. The field investigation(s) would be carried out by the project archaeologist with the assistance of Aboriginal representatives.
- Record/document any Aboriginal objects, places and/or Aboriginal cultural heritage values within the relevant area and assessment of their significance with representatives of the Registered Aboriginal Parties (RAPs).
- In consultation with the RAPs, develop recommended management and mitigation measures for Aboriginal objects, places and/or Aboriginal cultural heritage values, including documentation (where relevant) of previous management and mitigation measures described for the approved Syerston Project (Archaeological Surveys and Reports, 2000).
- Provide a consideration of the approved impact of the Syerston Project on Aboriginal objects, places and/or Aboriginal cultural heritage values within the approved Syerston Project area.
- Provide a consideration of the potential impacts of the Syerston Project Modification 4 on Aboriginal objects, places and/or Aboriginal cultural heritage values within the Syerston Project Modification 4 area.
- Describe and justify the outcomes and alternatives.
- Document the Aboriginal cultural heritage impact assessment and the recommendations to minimise potential impacts on Aboriginal cultural heritage.
- Provide a copy of the draft ACHA(s) to the RAPs for their review and feedback.
- Documentation of feedback received as part of the cultural assessment from RAPs for presentation in the final ACHA report(s) (subject to the sensitivity of the information provided).
- As part of the process, Clean TeQ will seek an AHIP (or a variation to an existing AHIP) under section 90 of the NSW NP&W Act.

In accordance with the *Aboriginal cultural heritage consultation requirements for proponents 2010* (DECCW, 2010) Clean TeQ requests that RAPs provide, where relevant during the conduct of the ACHA(s), cultural information regarding:

- whether there are any Aboriginal sites/objects of cultural value to Aboriginal people in the relevant area or surrounds; and
- whether there are any places of cultural value to Aboriginal people in the relevant area or surrounds.

This may include places of social, spiritual and cultural value, historic places with cultural significance, and potential places/areas of historic, social, spiritual and/or cultural significance.

4 SENSITIVE CULTURAL INFORMATION – MANAGEMENT PROTOCOL

In the event that a RAP has sensitive or restricted public access information, it is proposed that Clean TeQ would manage this information (if provided by the Aboriginal community) in accordance with a sensitive cultural information management protocol.

It is anticipated that the protocol would include making note of and managing the material in accordance with the following key limitations/requirements as advised by the relevant RAP at the time of the information being provided:

- any restrictions on access to the material;
- any restrictions on communication of the material;
- any restrictions on the location/storage of the material;
- any cultural recommendations on handling the material;
- any contextual information;
- any names and contact details of persons authorised by the relevant Aboriginal party to make decisions concerning the Aboriginal material and the degree of authorisation;
- any details of any consent given in accordance with customary law;
- the level of confidentiality to be accorded to the material; and
- any access and use by the RAP, of the cultural information in the material.

All RAPs should be aware of the mandatory OEH requirement that all feedback provided must be documented in the final ACHA(s), including copies of any submissions received and the proponents response to the issues raised.

5 ABORIGINAL CULTURAL HERITAGE ASSESSMENT

Following consultation on the Proposed Methodology of the cultural and archaeological assessment, and undertaking any required field components, a draft ACHA report(s) will be prepared. The draft ACHA(s) will be provided to all RAPs for their review and comment, and will include:

- details of the Aboriginal objects, places and/or Aboriginal cultural heritage values within the approved Syerston Project area and how they will be impacted by the approved Syerston Project;
- details of the Aboriginal objects, places and/or Aboriginal cultural heritage values within the Syerston Project Modification 4 area and how they will be impacted by the Syerston Project Modification 4;
- details of the consultation undertaken and how comments received at various times were considered; and
- management and mitigation recommendations drawing on information provided by RAPs and the results of the cultural and archaeological assessments.

6 PERSONNEL

Project Archaeologist: Dr Matt Cupper would be the project archaeologist. Matt has a wide range of experience in cultural and natural heritage management and an academic background in archaeology, geology and botany, including a PhD in the palaeoecology and early Aboriginal occupation of the Darling River. His particular area of expertise is the interaction of Aboriginal people and arid ecosystems in the interior of Australia. As a consultant archaeologist he has been engaged in many management and research-oriented studies of the Murray Darling Basin for industry and government. These have included investigation of the cultural heritage of the dunefields of western NSW for petroleum and mineral sands developments, and archaeological surveys of water supply and irrigation infrastructure along the Lachlan, Murray and Darling Rivers.

Aboriginal Field Representatives: It is anticipated that a minimum of three Aboriginal field representatives would be engaged by Clean TeQ for the duration of the cultural heritage field survey (although this number may be subject to change based on the extent of the area requiring survey or due to workplace health and safety constraints). Aboriginal field representatives (including community leaders and Elders attending community consultation meetings) would invoice and, where appropriate, negotiate with Clean TeQ directly in relation to engagement for the field surveys. Aboriginal field personnel may be engaged on a rotational basis (e.g. a different team of representatives each day) as required.

7 CRITICAL TIMEFRAMES

Critical timeframes for the ACHA(s) are outlined below:

1. Collation of cultural significant information – ongoing throughout process until the end of the draft ACHA review period(s).
2. Provision of comments on the Proposed Methodology to Clean TeQ – March 2017.
3. Field survey(s) – anticipated to occur March-June 2017 (noting that survey dates will be confirmed with relevant representatives of the RAPs as required).
4. Provision of a draft ACHA(s) (including proposed management and mitigation measures) to RAPs for review and comment – anticipated to occur May-July 2017 (following field survey)¹.
5. Provision of comments from RAPs on draft ACHA(s) to Clean TeQ – anticipated to occur May-July 2017.
6. Finalise ACHA(s) in consideration of comments received – July/August 2017.
7. As part of the process, Clean TeQ will seek an AHIP (or a variation to an existing AHIP) under section 90 of the NSW NP&W Act. This would occur following finalisation of the ACHA(s).

¹ The ACHA for the approved Syerston Project AHIP application may be prepared separated to the Syerston Project Modification 4 ACHA. Where this occurs, revised timing will be provided to the RAPs as required.

8 REFERENCES

Archaeological Surveys and Reports (2000) *The report of the archaeological investigation of the Mine site and sites of Associated Ancillary Infrastructure for the Syerston Nickel-Cobalt Project*. Report prepared for Black Range Minerals Ltd.

Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water (2010) *Aboriginal cultural heritage consultation requirements for proponents 2010*.

FIGURES

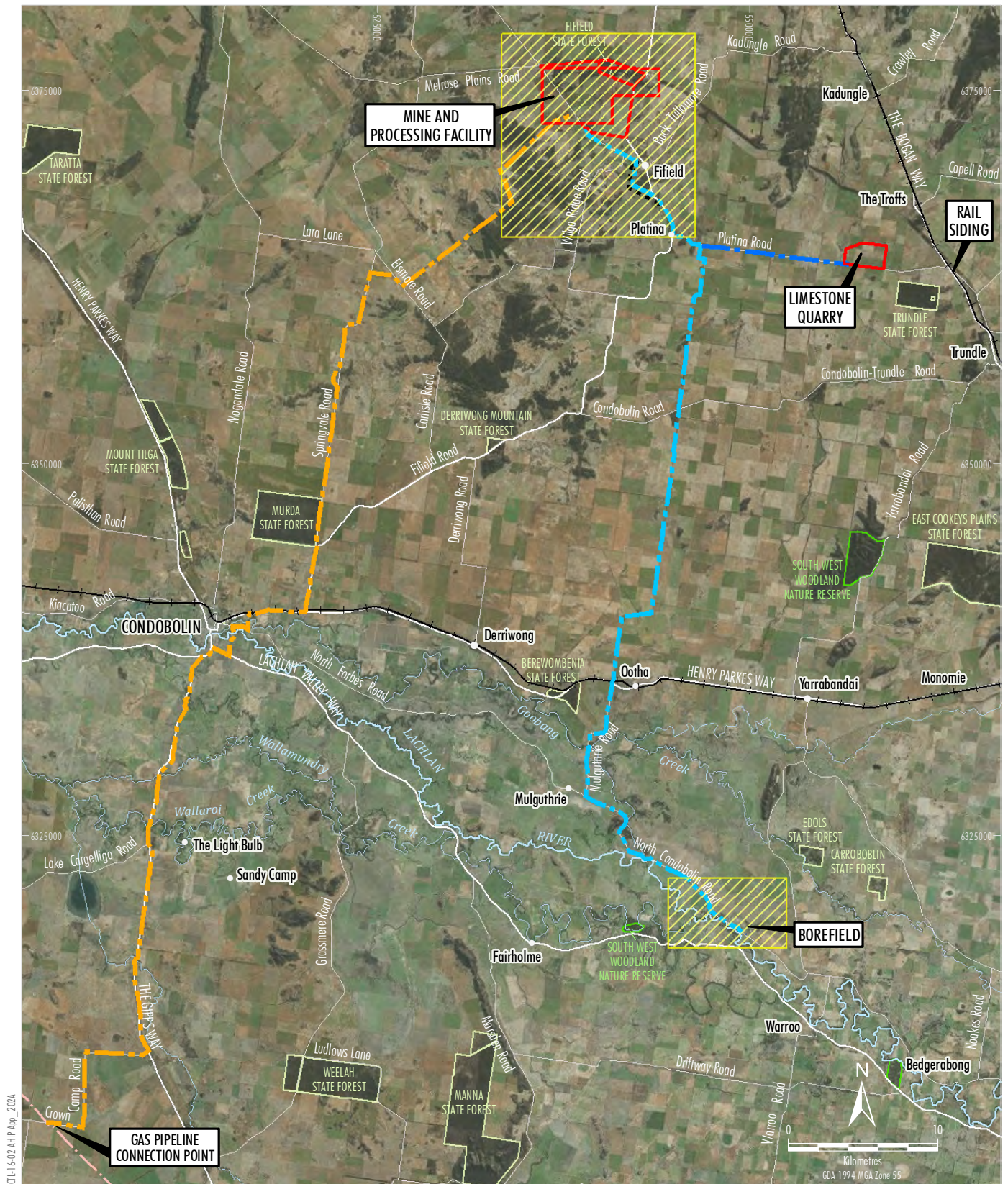


Figure 2

14 February 2017

West Wyalong Local Aboriginal Land Council
PO Box 332
WEST WYALONG NSW 2671

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Yours sincerely,

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JOHN HANRAHAN

APPROVALS LEAD – THE SYERSTON PROJECT

14 February 2017

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14 February 2017

Forbes Aboriginal & Community Working Party
Attention: David Acheson
Via email: fcp2014@gmail.com

Dear David,

RE: ABORIGINAL CULTURAL HERITAGE ASSESSMENT PROPOSED METHODOLOGY FOR THE SYERSTON PROJECT AND SYERSTON PROJECT MODIFICATION 4

Thank you for registering an interest in the Aboriginal consultation process for the Syerston Project.

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APPROVALS LEAD – THE SYERSTON PROJECT

14 February 2017

Wiradjuri Condobolin Corporation
Attention: Laurie Hutchison
Via email: laurie@wiradjuricondocorp.com

Dear Laurie,

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161 Bathurst Street
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Via email: jamigray66@gmail.com

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Louise Davis

Via email: louise.davis28@hotmail.com

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From: Danielle Wallace
Sent: Wednesday, 15 March 2017 11:35 AM
To: 'peterpeckham53@gmail.com'
Subject: Syerston Project - Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment
Attachments: ltr - Peter Peckham - 6 January 2017.pdf; Syerston - Proposed Methodology.pdf; ltr - RAPs - Field Survey Invitations - Peter Peckham (RES00840006).pdf

Hi Peter,

As discussed yesterday, please find attached the following correspondence from Clean TeQ Holdings Limited, in relation to the Syerston Project:

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Please advise if you require hard copies of the attached correspondence.

Please don't hesitate to call should you wish to discuss further – 0414 833 397.

Thanks,
Danielle

**CORRESPONDENCE TO NSW OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE
AND RELEVANT LOCAL ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCILS**

22 February 2017

Condobolin Local Aboriginal Land Council
PO Box 114
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Enclosure A: Correspondence sent to Aboriginal Stakeholders

Enclosure B: Public Notice

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9 June 2017

Wiradjuri Condobolin Corporation
Attention: Laurie Hutchison and Ally Coe
PO Box 194
CONDOBOLIN NSW 2877

Dear Laurie and Ally,

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Yours sincerely,

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JOHN HANRAHAN

APPROVALS LEAD – SYERSTON PROJECT

9 June 2017

Attention: Peter Peckham

Via email: peterpeckham53@gmail.com

Dear Peter,

RE: SYERSTON PROJECT MODIFICATION 4 - DRAFT ABORIGINAL CULTURAL HERITAGE ASSESSMENT

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Modification 4

As you are aware, Clean TeQ recently provided a draft Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment (ACHA) for your review and comment in relation to the approved Syerston Project. In addition to this, Clean TeQ is seeking to modify the existing Development Consent (DA 374-11-00) to reconfigure the approved borefield arrangement and to supplement the water supply for the approved Syerston Project by extracting surface water from the Lachlan River. As part of this development proposal, Clean TeQ is also seeking approval for a modified pipeline arrangement through the town of Fifield.

Draft Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment

Please find enclosed for your review, a copy of the draft ACHA for Modification 4. In accordance with the *Aboriginal cultural heritage consultation requirements for proponents 2010* (NSW Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water, 2010), we have provided the draft ACHA for your review and feedback. Your feedback may include the identification of issues or areas of cultural significance that may be used to affect, inform or refine the draft ACHA.

If you wish to provide input on the following, please make a submission to Clean TeQ by **5.00 pm Wednesday 12 July 2017** (via the contact details provided below):

- Identification of issues.
- Any Aboriginal objects or places of cultural value within the investigation area, or issues of cultural significance, that you are aware of.
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APPROVALS LEAD – SYERSTON PROJECT



13 June 2017

Wiradjuri Condobolin Corporation
Attention: Laurie Hutchison and Ally Coe
PO Box 194
CONDOBOLIN NSW 2877

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APPROVALS LEAD – SYERSTON PROJECT



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Murie Elders Group
Attention: Lois Goolagong
C/- Rebecca Shepherd
18 William Street
CONDOBOLIN NSW 2877

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West Wyalong Local Aboriginal Land Council
Attention: Leeanne Hampton
PO Box 332
WEST WYALONG NSW 2671

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Via email: louise.davis28@hotmail.com

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JOHN HANRAHAN

APPROVALS LEAD – SYERSTON PROJECT



4 July 2017

Louise Davis

Via email: louise.davis28@hotmail.com

Dear Louise,

RE: DRAFT ABORIGINAL CULTURAL HERITAGE ASSESSMENTS FOR THE SYERSTON PROJECT AND SYERSTON PROJECT MODIFICATION 4 – EXTENSION OF REVIEW PERIOD

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Clean TeQ
C/- Danielle Wallace
PO Box 379, WEST RYDE, NSW 2114
Mobile: 0414 833 397
Email: dwallace@resourcestrategies.com.au

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4 July 2017

Murie Elders Group
Attention: Rebecca Shepherd
18 William Street
CONDOBOLIN NSW 2877

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Peter Peckham

Via email: peterpeckham53@gmail.com

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4 July 2017

West Wyalong Local Aboriginal Land Council
Attention: Leeanne Hampton
PO Box 332
WEST WYALONG NSW 2671

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Wiradjuri Condobolin Corporation
Attention: Laurie Hutchinson and Ally Coe
PO Box 194
CONDOBOLIN NSW 2877

Dear Laurie and Ally,

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APPENDIX 4. CORRESPONDENCE FROM ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS

STEP 1 CORRESPONDENCE

7 December 2016

Danielle Wallace
Scandium21
PO Box 379
WEST RYDE NSW 2114

Dear Danielle

Re: Request - Search for Registered Aboriginal Owners

I refer to your letter dated 2 December 2016 regarding Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment within Fifield NSW.

I have searched the Register of Aboriginal Owners and the project area described *does not appear* to have Registered Aboriginal Owners pursuant to Division 3 of the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983* (NSW).

I suggest that you contact the Condobolin Local Aboriginal Land Council on 02 6895 2377. They will be able to assist you in identifying other Aboriginal stakeholders for this project.

Yours sincerely



Tabatha Dantoine
Directorate Support Officer
Office of the Registrar, *Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983*



Office of
Environment
& Heritage

Our Ref: DOC16/623324

Ms Danielle Wallace
Scandium21
PO Box 379
WEST RYDE NSW 2114
dwallace@resourcestrategies.com.au

Dear Danielle,

**Written Notification as Required under the Office of Environment and Heritage
Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Requirements for Proponents 2010: Syerston Project
Extension Modification**

I refer to your letter dated 2 December 2016 to the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) regarding the above matter.

A list of known Aboriginal parties that OEH considers is likely to have an interest in this development is listed in **Attachment 1**. Please note this list is not necessarily an exhaustive list of all interested Aboriginal parties and receipt of this list does not remove the requirement for a proponent/consultant to advertise in local print media and contact other bodies seeking interested Aboriginal parties, in accordance with the requirements.

Should you require further information regarding issues that are the responsibility of OEH, please contact Phil Purcell, Archaeologist, on 6883 5341.

Yours faithfully,

STEVEN COX
Senior Team Leader - Planning
North West Region

Contact officer: PHIL PURCELL
(02) 6883 5341

09 December 2016

ATTACHMENT 1

Table 1: List of aboriginal stakeholder groups within the Forbes, Lachlan and Parkes local government areas that may have an interest in the project, provided as per OEH aboriginal cultural heritage requirements for proponents (2010).

Forbes LGA		
Organisation/Association	Name/Title	Address
Condobolin LALC	Chairperson	PO Box 114, Condobolin NSW
	Danny Molloy	<i>No known contact details available</i>
	David Acheson	dgajp@hotmail.com
	Delma Butler	delmabutler@bigpond.com
Hunter Central Rivers Catchment Management Authority	Aboriginal Reference Group	Private Bag 2010, Paterson NSW 2421
	Jacqueline Flannery	jacqueline.hodges@det.nsw.edu.au
	Jodie Markwort	jodie.markwort1@det.nsw.edu.au
	Joy Russell	Joy.Russell@det.nsw.edu.au
	Karen Howell	<i>No known contact details available</i>
	Kelly Bowden	kelly@binaalbilla.com.au
Lachlan Catchment Management Authority	Kerry Stirling	<i>No known contact details available</i>
	Aboriginal Reference Group	2 Sheriff Street, Forbes NSW 2871
	Larry Towney	larry.towney@lls.nsw.gov.au
	Mary Hodge	marytommy27@hotmail.com
Mooka	Neville Williams	PO Box 70, Cowra NSW 2794
	Nichole Back	<i>No known contact details available</i>
Peak Hill Bogan River Traditional Owner	C/- Sylvana Keating, A/Area Manager	NPWS Lachlan Area PO Box 774, Forbes NSW 2871
	Trevor Robinson	PO Box 73, Peak Hill NSW 2869
	Wayne Markwort	<i>No known contact details available</i>
Lachlan LGA		
Organisation/Association	Name/Title	Address
Condobolin LALC	Chairperson	PO Box 114, Condobolin NSW
Kullila Site Consultants	Paul Charles	14 Werrang Road, Primbee NSW 2502
Mooka	Neville Williams	PO Box 70, Cowra NSW 2794
Mulli Mulli LALC	Chairperson	PO Box 68, Woodenbong NSW 2476
Murie Elders Group	Chairperson	161 Bathurst Street, Condobolin NSW 2877
Murrin bridge LALC	Chairperson	PO Box 157, Lake Cargelligo NSW 2672
	Peter Peckham	27 Jennings Street, Geurie, NSW 2831
	Trevor Robinson	PO Box 73, Peak Hill NSW 2869
Wiradjuri Condobolin Corporation		PO Box 194, Condobolin NSW 2877
Wiradjuri Council of Elders	Robert Clegg	7 Keast Street, Parkes NSW 2870

Parkes LGA		
Organisation/Association	Name/Title	Address
Binjang Wellington Wiradjuri Heritage Survey	Dorothy Stewart	260 Myall St, Dubbo NSW 2830
Bogan River Peak Hill Wiradjuri Aboriginal Corporation	Chairperson	PO Box 42, Peak Hill NSW 2869
Bulgandramine Youth Development Aboriginal Corporation	Chairperson	PO Box 119, Peak Hill NSW 28369
Condobolin LALC	Chairperson	PO Box 114, Condobolin NSW
Cowra LALC	Chairperson	PO Box 769, Cowra NSW 2794
	Eva Coe	3 Yarnbildine Place, Cowra NSW 2794
Little Burning Mountain Aboriginal Corporation	Chairperson	PO Box 152, Peak Hill NSW 2869
Mooka	Neville Williams	PO Box 70, Cowra NSW 2794
Peak Hill LALC	Chairperson	PO Box 63, Peak Hill NSW 2869
	Peter Peckham	27 Jennings Street, Geurie, NSW 2831
	Trevor Robinson	PO Box 73, Peak Hill NSW 2869
Warramunga Community Advancement Co-operative Society Ltd	Chairperson	79 Caswell Street, Peak Hill NSW 2869
Wiradjuri Council of Elders	Robert Clegg	7 Keast Street, Parkes NSW 2870

From: Irene Assumpter [Irene.Assumpter@nntt.gov.au]
Sent: Wednesday, 14 December 2016 1:50 PM
To: info@cleanteq.com; Danielle Wallace
Cc: Enquiries
Subject: RE: NSW Native Title Search over Fifield - Lachlan Shire Council LGA
Attachments: 20161214_sr2004_LachlanLGA_Overlap_Reports.xls; 20161214_sr2004_ParkesLGA_Overlap_Reports.xls; 20161214_sr2004_ForbesLGA_Overlap_Reports.xls

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Native title search –NSW: *Fifield, NSW, within Lachlan Shire Council LGA*

Your ref: N/A - **Our ref:** SR2004

Att: Mick Ryan
Project Manager - Syerston
c/-Scandium21 Pty Ltd

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for your search request received on 12 December 2016 in relation to the above area, please find your results attached. The proposed project location identified in your correspondence dated 2 December 2016 appears to be located within the Lachlan Shire Council Local Government Area ('Lachlan LGA'), and by extension, Parkes Shire Council and Forbes Shire Council Local Government Areas ('Parkes and Forbes LGAs'). On this basis the National Native Title Tribunal has provided native title overlap results for Lachlan LGA as well as Parkes and Forbes LGAs. All overlaps shown within Lachlan LGA have been verified as real.

Based on the records held by the National Native Title Tribunal as at 14 December 2016, it would appear that there are no Indigenous Land Use Agreements, Scheduled or Registered Native Title Claims or Determined Claims over Parkes and Forbes LGAs.

If you would like more specific information regarding the proposed project location, please provide identifiers such as lot numbers and Deposit Plan IDs. Please note that the relevant parcel/parcels may or may not be freehold. For confirmation of freehold data, please contact NSW's Land and Property Information office.

Search Results

The results provided are based on the information you supplied and are derived from a search of the following Tribunal databases:

- Schedule of Applications
- Register of Native Title Claims
- National Native Title Register
- Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements
- Notified Indigenous Land Use Agreements

Copies of the relevant register extracts are now available on our website [here](#).

Please note: There may be a delay between a native title determination application being lodged in the Federal Court and its transfer to the Tribunal. As a result, some native title determination applications recently filed with the Federal Court may not appear on the Tribunal's databases.

The search results are based on analysis against external boundaries of applications only. Native title applications commonly contain exclusions clauses which remove areas from within the external boundary. To determine

whether the areas described are in fact subject to claim, you need to refer to the “Area covered by claim” section of the relevant Register Extract or Schedule Extract and any maps attached.

Search results and the existence of native title

Please note that the enclosed information from the Register of Native Title Claims and/or the Schedule of Applications is **not** confirmation of the existence of native title in this area. This cannot be confirmed until the Federal Court makes a determination that native title does or does not exist in relation to the area. Such determinations are registered on the National Native Title Register.

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If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me on the number below or on the free call number 1800 640 501.

Regards,

Enquiries

National Native Title Tribunal

Freecall 1800 640 501

Email enquiries@nntt.gov.au

Website www.nntt.gov.au

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Overlap Analysis Report

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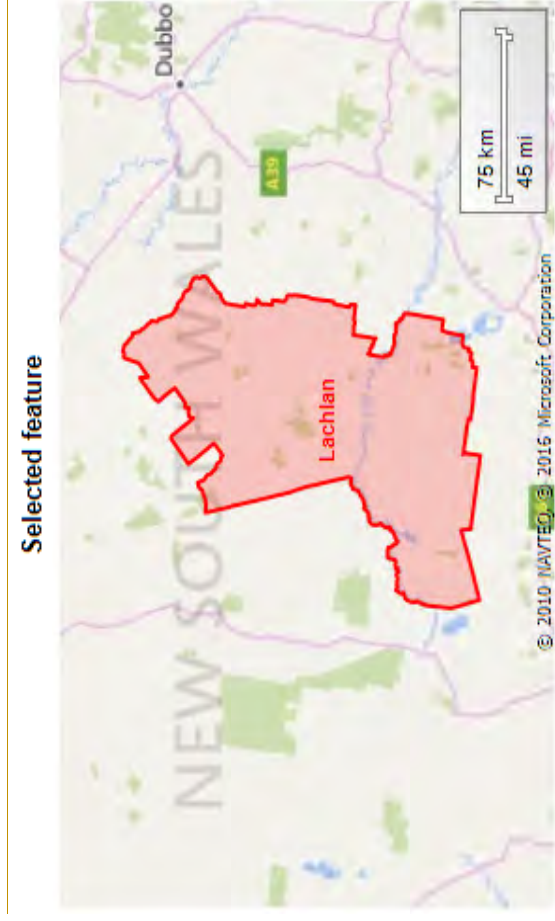
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Selected feature

Name	Lachlan
Full name	Lachlan Shire Council
As at	1/08/2016
Calculated area SqKm	14,966.7120



Overlap details

Schedule of Native Title Determination Applications

Overlap Tribunal ID	Name	FC No	Date Lodged	RT Status	Area sq km(calculated)	Overlap Area sq km (calculated)
NC2012/001	Ngemba, Ngiyampaa, Wangaaypuwan and	NSD415/2012	14/03/2012	Accepted for registration	95,059.4626	2,455.4380

Register of Native Title Claims

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NC2012/001	Ngemba, Ngiyampaa, Wangaaypuwan and Wayilwan native title determination	NSD415/2012	14/03/2012	Accepted for registration	N	95,059.4626	2,455.4380

Native Title Determinations

No overlap found

Native Title Determination Outcomes

No overlap found

Indigenous Land Use Agreements

No overlap found

RATSIB areas

Name	Organisation	RATSIB Status	Area sq km(calculated)	Overlap Area sq km (calculated)
New South Wales	NTSCORP Limited	NTSP	1,723,577.6084	14,966.7118

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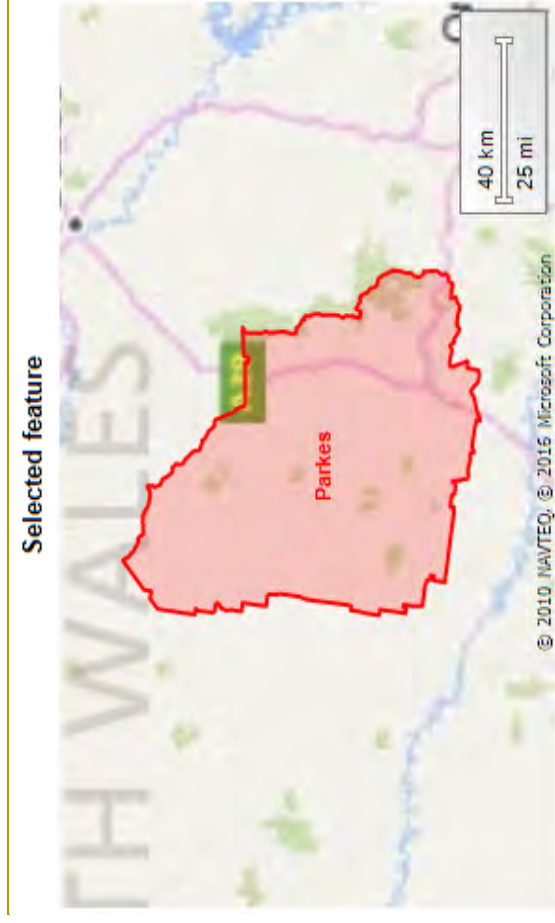
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Selected feature

Name	Parkes
Full name	Parkes Shire Council
As at	1/08/2016
Calculated area SqKm	5,956.7546



Overlap details

Schedule of Native Title Determination Applications

No overlap found

Register of Native Title Claims

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Native Title Determination Outcomes

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Indigenous Land Use Agreements

No overlap found

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New South Wales	NTSCORP Limited	NTSP	1,723,577.6084	5,956.7547

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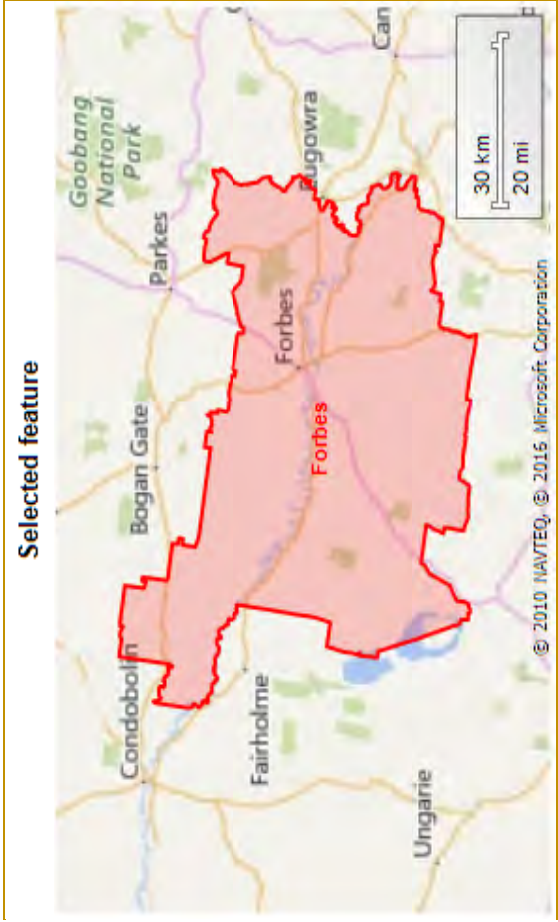
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Name	Forbes
Full name	Forbes Shire Council
As at	1/08/2016
Calculated area SqKm	4,710.5405



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7 December 2016

Scandium 21
C/- Danielle Wallace
PO Box 379
WEST WYDE NSW 2221

Dear Ms Wallace

Syerston Project Extension Modification – Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment

Reference is made to your letter of 2nd December 2016 requesting advice from Council as to any Aboriginal groups that should be consulted as part of the modification of this project.

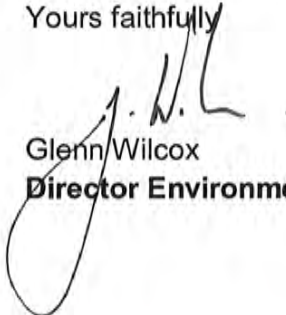
Council would like to advise that the following organisations should be contacted for advice;

- Condobolin Aboriginal Health Service
99 Bathurst Street PO Box 321 Condobolin NSW 2877
Phone: (02) 6895 4311 Fax: (02) 6895 4322
- Wiradjuri Condobolin Corporation Ltd
Cnr Cunningham & McDonnell Street Condobolin NSW 2877
t (02) 6895 4664 f (02) 6895 3663
PO Box 194 Condobolin NSW 2877
- Aboriginal Lands Council
18 William St, Condobolin, NSW, 2877
Phone: 02 6895 3639
- Yawarra Aboriginal Corporation
15 Molong St, Condobolin NSW 2877
- Trangie Local Aboriginal Lands Council
48 Dandaloo St, Trangie NSW 2823

Council would like to advise you that this may not be all groups that represent Aboriginal people in the locality of the project proposal and you should seek your own advice as to people, families and groups that may have an interest within the project area and the regional impact of this development.

Should you require further advice on this matter please contact me.

Yours faithfully


Glenn Wilcox

Director Environment and Planning

From: Paul Bennett [Paul.Bennett@forbes.nsw.gov.au]
Sent: Monday, 19 December 2016 3:49 PM
To: Danielle Wallace
Subject: Syerston Project - Aboriginal Cultural Assessment

Danielle

Could you please include the Forbes Aboriginal & Community Working Party in your consultation. David Acheson is the convener and can be contacted on 0429 007 129 or facwp2014@gmail.com

Paul Bennett | Director | Environmental Services & Planning

Forbes Shire Council | Court Street | PO Box 333 Forbes NSW 2871
P: 02 6850 2344 | F: 02 6850 2399 | E: PaulBe@forbes.nsw.gov.au
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STEP 2 CORRESPONDENCE

From: Laurie Hutchison [laurie@wiradjuricondocorp.com]
Sent: Monday, 23 January 2017 10:19 AM
To: Danielle Wallace
Subject: Registration of Interest - Syerston Project Extension Modification - Fifield NSW

Dear Danielle,

Wiradjuri Condobolin Corporation is an Aboriginal organisation who holds significant cultural knowledge and a right in determining the cultural significance of Aboriginal objects and/or places in the "Area of Interest" and therefore formally wishes to register our interest in the process of community consultation with Scandium21.

Assuring you that we are at the forefront of participating with those seeking to develop our country for the benefit of all communities in the Lachlan Shire Council region.

Warm regards,

Laurie Hutchison
Chief Executive Officer
Wiradjuri Condobolin Corporation
Tel: (02) 6895 4664

From: Ally Coe [ally.coe@wiradjuricondocorp.com]
Sent: Wednesday, 1 February 2017 3:08 PM
To: Danielle Wallace
Subject: Register of Interest in Community Consultation Process

Please register our organisation in the community consultation process please

Name : Murie Elders Group

Contact: Lois Goolagong

Address: 161 Bathurst St Condobolin NSW 2877

Thank You

Lois Goolagong

From: Jamie Gray [jamiegray66@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, 1 February 2017 5:52 PM
To: Danielle Wallace
Subject: Syerston Project Extension Modification-Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment

Dear Mick Ryan

Binjang Wellington Wiradjuri Aboriginal Heritage Surveys,(B.W.W.A.H.S) would like to register our interest as stakeholders to above project.

As per the required information in your email dated 6th January 2017

Thanks you
Jamie Gray

Sent from my iPhone

PROPOSED METHODOLOGY AND CORRESPONDENCE

From: Laurie Hutchison [laurie@wiradjuricondocorp.com]
Sent: Friday, 17 February 2017 12:01 PM
To: Danielle Wallace
Subject: RE: Syerston Project and Syerston Project Modification 4 - Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Proposed Methodology

Danielle

Many thanks for the information.

I can assure you that we are keen to work with you and not against your organisation. Hopefully we can work collaboratively for the benefit of all and not just the disingenuous few who seek financial rewards rather than meaningful opportunities.

Sincerest regards,

Laurie Hutchison
Chief Executive Officer
The Wiradjuri Centre
Tel: (02) 6895 4664



SYERSTON PROJECT: Proposed Methodology

Submission from Murie Elders Aboriginal Corporation

16/3/1017

This report has been prepared at the request of the Syerston Mine Project regarding Aboriginal cultural heritage within the proposed impact area.

Information regarding the proposed methodology was received in a document entitled "Syerston Project & Syerston Project Modification 4: Proposed Methodology for the Aboriginal Cultural heritage Assessments".

In addition, a Community Consultation meeting was conducted for the RAPS (Registered Aboriginal Parties) at Condobolin on Wednesday 8th March 2017, which was attended by Lois Goolagong, Evelyn Coe & Rebecca Shepherd, on behalf of the Murie Elders Group.

At this meeting information was provided regarding 5 discrete areas which had been the subject of an Archaeological Field Assessment in 1998 which formed part of the approved EIS (Environmental Impact Statement), which was approved by the NSW State Government in 2000, and that the Syerston Project now plans to conduct further field assessments of these 5 areas in March 2017 in order to obtain an AHIP.

The 5 areas which are the subject of this field survey are:

- Mine & processing plant northwest of Fifield,
- Limestone Quarry site on Platina Rd, southeast of Fifield,
- Rail siding at trundle & associated access road upgrades
- Water borefield on the Lachlan River
- Gas pipeline connecting to the Moomba to Sydney gaspipeline.

Background:

Following an archaeological survey by John Appleton, between 1998 and 2000, which was not made available either prior to or at the meeting, 14 archaeological sites were observed and recorded, including "six isolated artefacts, six scarred trees, an open scatter and an extensive campsite" (page 3 of methodology document). A satellite map of the proposed "sites of disturbance" was also provided at the consultation meeting. Unfortunately, neither John Appleton nor Dr Cupper was present at this meeting to answer any questions about the methodology, the proposed field surveys or the past field survey. We find it inappropriate that an archaeologist was not present at a meeting about the proposed methodology to answer our questions about the methodology. The focus group meeting and proposed methodology document did not provide satisfactory information about how the archaeological survey would be conducted.

NOTE: a copy of Appleton's assessment report, along with a recent detailed listing of all AHIMS sites along with a map showing these sites locations was requested at the 8th March meeting.

The 1998/2000 Archaeological Report was provided on 15th March & the recent AHIMS search (which comprised 5 site recordings only) & a map of the AHIMS sites within the proposed impact area was provided on 16th March, one day before the submissions for comment on the proposed methodology closed. It is noted that the "recent AHIMS recordings" for the areas concerned, now appears to have been reduced from 14 sites to 5 sites. Archaeological work around the area has recorded significantly more sites in the area over the past 20 years which area not shown on the map provided on 16 March.

Regarding the methodology at the consultation Meeting, RAPS were informed that the purpose of the field survey with Dr Cupper was to re-record "the sites previously visited", with additional recordings to be made as they were identified during the proposed surveys however no methodology was put forward regarding a broader survey of the proposed impact area which was not sufficiently surveyed by Appleton in the 1998/2000 survey. There was some discussion regarding the 14 sites recorded, in that there were so few identified and documented, and the RAPs were informed that the "Consultation back then doesn't meet the standards now, and the survey is to document any new sites'. As a method has not being put forward to tell us how the new sites will be documented and recorded we cannot provide specific comment, we hope that the survey covers enough of the proposed impact area to locate all evidence of Aboriginal occupation in the area.

Lois Goolagong stated, "That's good, there has to be something there, it's impossible to go over this land and not see anything". This was clarified somewhat with the response that "99% of the pipeline route is along already disturbed road reserve, and that there is only one scar tree within the proposed mine site, which can ideally be avoided". Evelyn Coe asked what would happen to the trees if they were cut down as "White people take our trees and put them in museums, some of those trees marked their old territories or boundaries". The group was advised that this would be discussed later should the need arise. Lois Goolagong stated that "Burial trees should be left where they are, they should never be destroyed or moved and that years ago we travelled from here to the Bogan River and Peak Hill, it's all a pretty important place, like Lake Cowal was, and even today we have an important relationship with the Peak Hill and Bogan mob." It is important to retain these few remaining items which represent our connection to neighbouring mobs. It should also be noted that an archaeological assessment near Lake Cargelligo found a site with over a million surface artefacts (and 7000 artefacts recovered from excavation) in a disturbed road reserve. This assessment also identified 12 scar trees in the disturbed road reserve.

There was some discussion regarding the fact that not all sites or artefacts are found on the ground surface, and visibility can also effect the process. It was also noted that there are special places for men or women, and places of high cultural significance to the community, such as the Murie reserve (Aboriginal Place) and the associated bunyip hole located close by on the Lachlan River near the town of Condobolin, and all were cautioned by the Elders

representatives about “going into wrong areas or touching the wrong things’. It is important that our cultural wishes are adhered to for our own health.

The Syerston representatives were informed that recent excavations at the nearby Mineral Hill mine site, produced 3,000 plus subsurface artefacts from 6 small sample excavation sites, some of high cultural & scientific significance. Also that recent dates from two sites along the mid to lower Lachlan, were producing findings up to 50,000 years bp, which were highly significant both culturally and scientifically, and that should the opportunity eventuate, both onsite excavations & dating should be conducted prior to any disturbance of the sites.

The group was advised that “If there is potential for subsurface deposits, or dating, that this would be discussed at a later date, but only as part of the AHIP process”. The Murie elders group understand that excavation and dating can be undertaken as part of an AHIP but also under the Code of Practice prior to an AHIP being issued. Depending on the findings of the survey, we believe that excavation and dating should be discussed as soon as possible if required.

It was also noted by RAPS that not all Aboriginal “sites” or “places” are recorded on the Government AHIMS register, and the group was assured that should there be any “sensitive or restricted information provided, it must be identified by the RAPs as such, or it will be included in the ACHA report.”

Comments regarding the planned methodology:

Despite repeated requests from 8 March to 15 March, the Appleton report and AHIMS results were sent the day before the submission period closed. Due to the delay in obtaining John Appleton’s report & the surprising recent AHIMS search results, with far less than the anticipated information, a comprehensive response from the Murie Elders Group will have to await the outcomes of the field surveys and the findings which eventuate from these. It is noted however that the original survey has some surprising and clearly incorrect flaws.

In particular, it is noted that not all of the areas to be directly impacted by this project were surveyed on foot and many areas were surveyed by vehicle.

A further concern is the incorrect assumptions made, apparently based upon a predictive model which did not rely on any cultural local knowledge or historical research, that certain sites/places or objects such as stone arrangements, middens, carved trees, “mythological” sites, or materials suitable for stone tool manufacture, would not be present or found in the survey areas. This model appears to be founded on the identification of discrete archaeological surface remains, rather than viewing the country as a culturally connected and significant landscape. The reference list does not provide any evidence that this predictive model was researched or substantiated in any way.

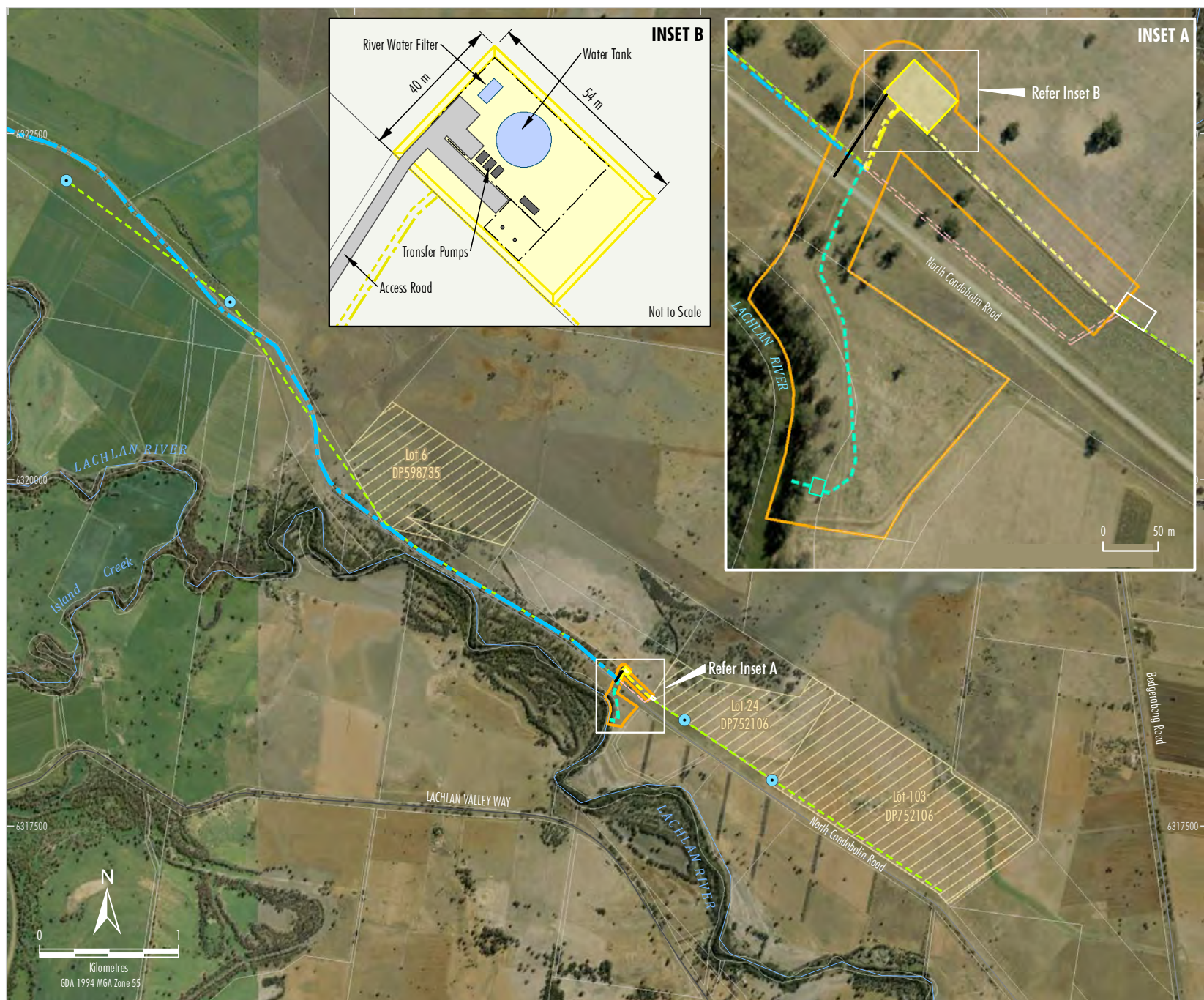
Finally, as this survey was conducted prior to 2010, when significant legislative changes were made, along with the probability that there have been many changes to landforms over the past 20 year period (as the result of both man made changes and environmental factors including drought, floods), as well as recent site identification (both on AHIMS &

from local knowledge), it is respectfully suggested that the previous survey cannot be relied upon to any degree, and that the field survey needs to be conducted in line with current legislative requirements to ensure that no significant sites or places are mistakenly impacted, thus ensuring that the AHIP (Aboriginal heritage Impact Permit) now being sought by the Syerston Project, can be properly considered and supported by all stakeholders in this process, in a proper and timely manner.

APPENDIX 5. AHIMS REGISTER SEARCH

Note: This appendix contains culturally sensitive material and is available upon request and subject to approval by the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage.

APPENDIX 6. CADASTRE INFORMATION AND SURVEY UNIT MAPPING



- LEGEND**
- Property Boundary
 - Approved Project
 - Transfer Station
 - Water Pipeline
 - Borefield Infrastructure Corridor *
 - Potential Borefield Location
 - Approximate Location of Production Bore (not constructed)
 - Modified Project
 - Transfer Station
 - Pump Station
 - Access Road
 - Water Pipeline
 - Borefield Infrastructure Corridor *
 - Surface Water Infrastructure Corridor *
 - Approved Water Pipeline Section no longer required
 - Approved Borefield Infrastructure Corridor section no longer required
 - Indicative Survey Area

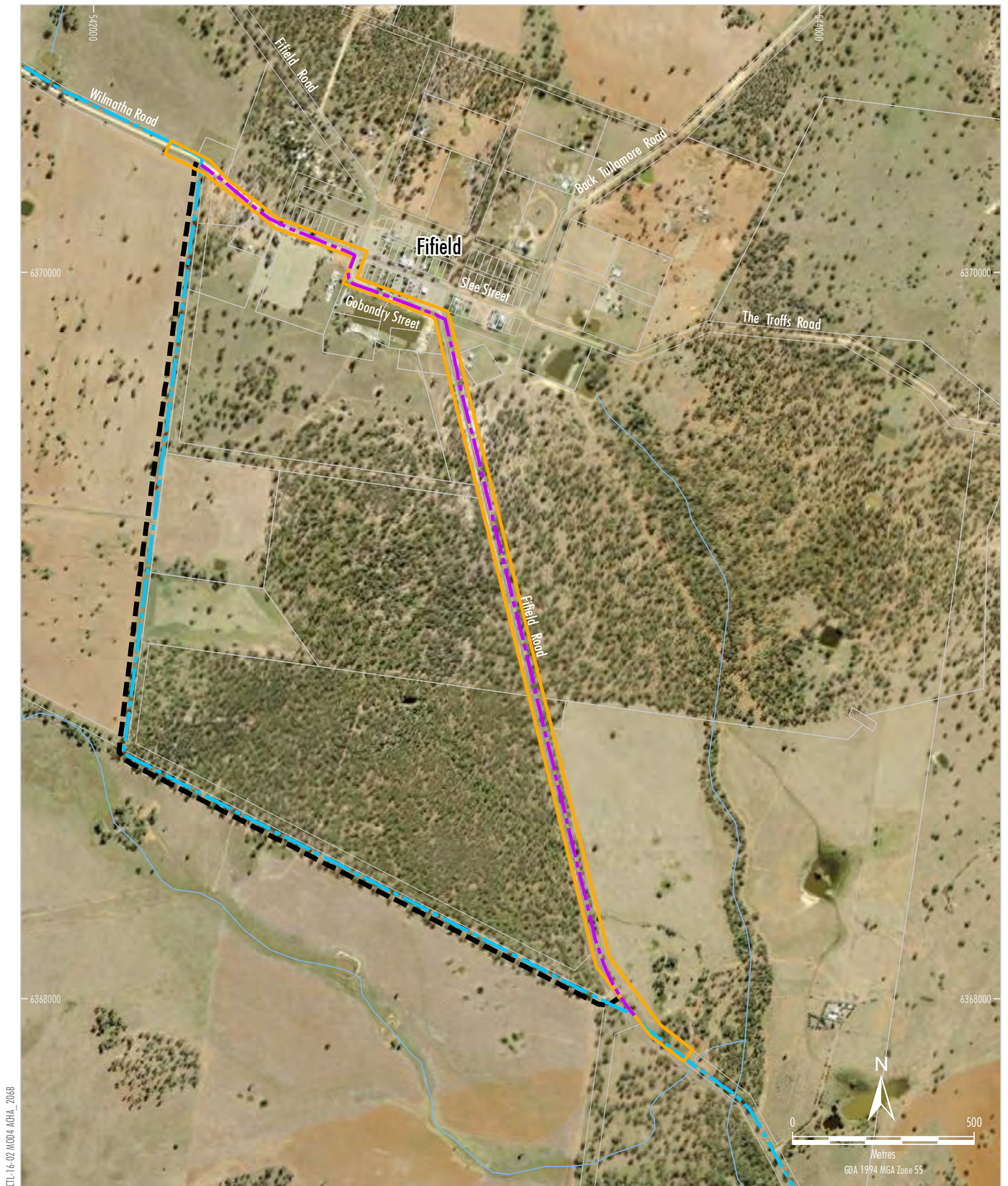
* Infrastructure Corridor includes linking pipeline, access road and electricity transmission line.

Source: NSW Land & Property Information (2017);
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SYERSTON PROJECT MODIFICATION 4
Modified Borefields
General Arrangement
Survey Unit Mapping

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- LEGEND**
- Property Boundary
 - Approved Fife field Bypass
 - Approved Water Pipeline
 - Modified Water Pipeline
 - Indicative Survey Area

Source: Black Range Minerals (2000);
 NSW Land & Property Information (2015)
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SYERSTON PROJECT
Modified Water Pipeline Alignment
Survey Unit Mapping

Figure A-6b