

APPENDIX 4

Bega Traditional Aboriginal Elders Council Inc.



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Michael & Kathy Gowing
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NSW 2550

**Re: Proposed Sub-division of part Portions 24, 25 & 88, Parish of Bega and Portion 158
Parish of Wallagoot.**

Dear Michael and Kathy,

Thank you for your consultation regarding Aboriginal heritage preservation and protection issues that may be impacted during development on land you propose for sub-division at Wallagoot Lane, Jellat.

As you are aware we have conducted surveys into the possibility that Aboriginal heritage sites may exist and be impacted by development activity within land at Jellat that you have proposed for residential sub-division.

An initial desktop survey under predictive modelling has not turned up any Aboriginal sites recorded on the NSW Aboriginal Heritage Management System (AHMS) within the bounds of your proposal.

As a result of an onsite search by Mr John Dixon on the 9th January 2007 in the presence of Mr Michael Gowing, no Aboriginal objects or relics were found, however two areas were identified to have potential to contain Aboriginal artefacts or relics. The areas identified are in the start of block 'B' along the proposed access road to be constructed from the Wallagoot Lane entrance point and at the finish of the access road at block 'E' of the proposal.

An Elders meeting was been held in Bega on the 10th January 2007 with Traditional Aboriginal Elders in attendance who have reviewed the results of the surveys conducted on your proposal. The Elders have discussed the possibility of objects or relics being impacted during construction works and have agreed that as no sites were found in the initial surveys that the proponent should be given the approval to proceed on the condition that the Bega Traditional Aboriginal Elders Council Inc. (BTAEC Inc) be invited to place Aboriginal Monitors onsite during access road construction at the areas identified as potential archaeological deposit areas (PADS), Block 'B' and Block 'E'.

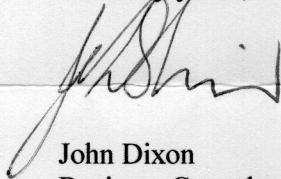
We recommend:

1. That there are no constraints to the proposed sub-division proceeding as planned.

2. That Aboriginal Monitors be invited from the BTAEC Inc to monitor disturbances for Aboriginal objects and relics along the access road within Block 'B' and at the entrance to Block 'E'.
3. That the BTAEC Inc be remunerated at a rate nominated to support Monitors during disturbances within the identified PADS.
4. That should significant sites surface during construction that works stop and machines moved on to other points to continue working pending further management advice from the Traditional Elders.
5. That Traditional Aboriginal Elders be remunerated at a nominated rate should the need arise e.g. a significant site is unearthed.

Should any further inquires regarding the recommendations be necessary please contact this office on the listed numbers.

Sincerely yours,



John Dixon
Business Consultant