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Dear Mr Holmes

Re: Variation to Impacts on Aboriginal Heritage at Sturt Highway to Tarcutta (N1), Kyeamba Hill (N2) and Little Billabong (N3).

I refer to your letters of 28 August 2007 and 10 September 2007 regarding the Hume Highway Duplication Project and proposed variations to impacts on Aboriginal Heritage along the Sturt Highway to Tarcutta, Kyeamba Hill and Little Billabong sections.

The Department of Environment & Climate Change (DECC) has reviewed the information provided on the changes in impact, the design development process and proposed mitigation measures and provides the following comments:

Sturt Highway to Tarcutta (N1)

- T6 (formally T-PAD-1) – This site will no longer be impacted by the construction works. As such, the Construction Environmental Management Plan should be updated to reflect the change in status to ensure the site is not inadvertently damaged as a result of construction activities.
- T-PAD-2 – As this site will now be impacted by construction activities, DECC endorse the proposed mitigation measure of salvage excavation. The methodology for the salvage excavation should, however, be undertaken in accordance with the methodology described in Appendix C of the document *Hume Highway Upgrade Duplication Project Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Report Test Excavation Results, Assessment and Management Measures* (RTA July 2007).

Kyeamba Hill (N2)

- K-PAD-5 - As a small area of this site will now be impacted by construction activities, DECC endorse the proposed mitigation measure of a surface collection of the recently located artefacts. The surface collection should be restricted to those areas of the site that exist within the construction corridor. The surface collection should be undertaken in accordance with the methodology described in Appendix C of the document *Hume Highway Upgrade*

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Little Billabong (N3)

- LB-PAD-2 – Depending on the nature of previous disturbance to this site consideration should be given to undertaking salvage excavations within those areas of the PAD that exist within the identified impact zone and construction corridor boundary, in accordance with the methodology described in Appendix C of the document Hume Highway Upgrade Duplication Project Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Report Test Excavation Results, Assessment and Management Measures (RTA July 2007). As this PAD is also located within a known cultural area (“Little Billabong Creek Pathway and Camps”) further consultation should be undertaken with the identified knowledge holders, as outlined in the impact mitigation and management measures in Appendix B of the document Hume Highway Upgrade Duplication Project Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Report Test Excavation Results, Assessment and Management Measures (RTA July 2007).

If you have any queries or wish to discuss DECC's response please contact Andrew Moriarty, Hume Highway Project Manager on (02) 60220606 or Jackie Taylor, Archaeologist on (02) 6298 9740.

Yours sincerely



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