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Cc: Perucich, Chontelle
Subject: Northern Hume Alliance (NHA) Changes in impact at Garryowen

Attachments: YY2H1.bmp

Dear Siobhan,

This email is to confirm our phone discussion regarding additional impacts at H009 (the gazetted village of Garryowen) and H103 (track/ scatter). As you will be aware the site specific heritage investigation of H009 has been completed. The research into H009 included item H103 as it concluded that the two are inter-related. Further to our phone call I have been informed that the research design and excavation methodology for YY2H is currently with your office for review (*The Hume Highway Duplication Yarra Yarra to Holbrook Part 3a Approval 060248_N4 Non-Aboriginal Heritage Items H003 Garry's Coach and Horse Inn, H103 and H009 Garryowen settlement research design and excavation methodology* dated September 2007). Please note the Heritage Office has provided comment on the overall NHA project impacts (outlined in the report *Changes in Impact on European Heritage* dated 11 September 2007).

Since the current research design was developed and sent to your office for comment the detailed design for YY2H has been finalised. This design has seen increases in the batter widths to the west of the current highway and includes a haul road to construct the new western bridge . This design now has partial impacts in the location of H009 and H103 (see attached image). These impacts are unavoidable as no movement is possible to the east (the current Hume Highway) and any movements west would create a greater impact upon the possible site. This area, while in fill, will require topsoil stripping prior to construction.

Given the inconclusive nature of the historical research the NHA proposes to strip back the top soil (in the area of the batter and the haul road) under the supervision of the non-Aboriginal heritage consultant. Should heritage items be uncovered then the NHA will investigate options for conservation where possible (such as a bridging structure that would allow the archaeological remains to be conserved below it). Where this is not feasible then the NHA would look to undertake archaeological excavation of the areas to be impacted (using the research questions outlined below).

- What is the extent and integrity of relics at the site?
- What is the indicative significance of relics at the site?
- What type of activity is reflected by the relics? Does this activity reflect the site's known history. If not, what do the remains tell us about past occupation of the site and the development of Garryowen as a settlement? Do such remains have potential to contribute to a better understanding of this particular site and/or contemporary occupation of the settlements at Garryowen?
- When was settlement of Garryowen initiated and finally abandoned? Can relics at the site refine the timeframe for the settlement initiative at Garryowen?
- What is the archaeological potential of the site if the relics were to be the subject of further detailed investigation?
- Is there any evidence of contact with local Aboriginal people at the site? If so, what does the evidence tell us about the nature of that contact?
- Will the relics be impacted by the Project and if not, can they be retained in situ, undisturbed?

If you have any further queries regarding this proposal for the site please contact either myself or Chontelle Perucich of the NHA (on 94688179).

Regards
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