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Re: Postfox Morisset Park development.

In response to the request from the Department of Planning for Aboriginal community consultation as per the DECC 2005 guidelines. In accordance with the guidelines we have carried out the following;

- Sent letters of notification to DECC, Council, Registrar of Aboriginal Owners, Native Title Services on the 22nd of July 2008.
- Placed an advertisement in the *Newcastle Herald* on the 23rd July 2008 with a closing date of the 7th August 2008.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

REGISTRATIONS of interest are invited from Aboriginal persons or groups who would like to be consulted regarding the archaeology assessment of a proposed residential subdivision on the Morisset Peninsula. The subdivision site has been under assessment since 2004 and the results of the work can be made available to interested parties. Registrations can be made in writing to Insite Heritage PO Box 98 Wangi Wangi NSW or by email to insite@idl.net.au. Registrations close on the 7th of August 2008.

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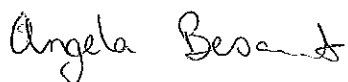
Results

- No responses were received to the advertisement.
- A response was received from Office of the Registrar of Aboriginal Owners suggesting that Koombahtoo LALC was the appropriate first contact. Koombahtoo have been involved in the project from its inception.
- A response from DECC was received in the form of the standard list of Aboriginal persons and groups for the entire Hunter Region. The list of 30 groups includes Worimi and Wonnarua people whereas the study area lies within Awabakal country. It is anticipated that two of the thirty groups are relevant to the study area. Insite Heritage have sent a letter (21st August 2008) to all the groups listed inviting them to contact Insite Heritage if they wish to receive a copy of the final excavation report (see appendix A). A report will be provided to all those who wish to receive one.

The Department of Planning also requested that the report refer to Part 3 (a) of the EPA Act 1979 under which the project is being assessed. Angela Besant, of Insite Heritage Pty Ltd has reviewed the reports "Archaeology Assessment of Part Lot 358 DP755242 Part Lot 359 DP244002 Morisset Park" Report to De Witt Consulting September 2004 and "Excavation Report for Part Lot 358 DP755242 Part Lot 359 DP244002 Morisset Park. Section 87 Test Probe Permit #2115" report to De Witt Consulting Pty Ltd, November 2005. The review found that the report are consistent with the requirements under Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Guidelines (Draft Guideline for assessment of impacts on Aboriginal Heritage under Part 3A (Planning 2005).

If you or the Department of Planning have any further queries please don't hesitate to contact the undersigned on 49755818.

Yours truly,



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Appendix A

Letter sent to the thirty Hunter Valley contacts provided by DECC

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21st August 2008

Re: proposed subdivision of Lot 9 DP 244002 and Lot 358 DP 755242 Morisset Park Road Morisset Park

The contact details of your group have been supplied to Insite Heritage Pty Ltd by DECC as part of the interim consultation guidelines. The project is being assessed under Part 3(a) of the EPA Act 1979.

The site is located on the corner of Morisset Park Road and Chifley Road Morisset Park in Lake Macquarie City Council area. The site has been under assessment since 2004 and test probes were carried out under permit # 2115 issued from the Coffs Harbour office of Department of Environment and Conservation in 2005.

The methodology used was 2m x 0.5m probes at four meter intervals along a transect of 26 metres long. The transect was placed at the base of slope, the area closest to Lake Petit. No artifacts were found. The archaeologist, Angela Besant, and Koompahtoo Local Aboriginal Land Council concur that there is no archaeological constraint to development.

If you would like to receive a copy of the excavation report please respond in writing to Insite Heritage PO Box 98 Wangi Wangi 2267 or for an electronic copy please email insite@idl.net.au by the 8th September 2008.

Regards,

Angela Besant



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Date: 23 October 2008

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**Re: ARCHAEOLOGY ASSESSMENT OF PART LOT 358 DP755242 PART LOT 9
DP244002 MORISSET PARK**

ALLA Angela,

I am writing to you in regard to the Aboriginal Archaeology Assessment of part **LOT 358 DP755242 PART LOT 9 DP244002 MORISSET PARK** that took place in 2005. I would like to notify you that the **Awabakal Descendants Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation** although not taking part in the original survey has considered the contents of the draft report and would like to make the following comments and recommendations based on the report furnished to us from Insite Heritage 22 August 2008 in regard to the proposed project.

The report seems to be reasonably comprehensive and covers most areas of concern.

We would like to see an inclusion of a statement in the report setting out that if there is any evidence of Aboriginal archaeological content exposed during the development and construction stage of the proposed development, due to ground disturbance and subsequent exposure of subsurface materials in relation to the area in question either now or in the future, then it would be a requirement of the developers and any associated contractors working in this area to stop work and notify all the Aboriginal stakeholder groups and DECC if they do expose, damage or impact on any known, or at this point in time, any unknown Aboriginal archaeological and Cultural Heritage sites or artefacts.

It must be remembered that if the area is devoid of any visible signs of Aboriginal occupation or Cultural Heritage being present on the surface of the area that the proposed development is to take place, it should not be a foregone conclusion that this is an indicator that no evidence or presence of Aboriginal occupation still remains at the proposed development site. We must also acknowledge that Awabakal people have been living in this area for thousands of years and the possibility of evidence of this occupation is likely to be present within the surrounding locality of the proposed development and the possibility if there is subsequent disturbance and impacts which expose subsurface soils due to excavations, may result in revealing this evidence.

As Awabakal people this area is special to us, not just for the Physical aspect but also the Spiritual and Oral aspect which all combine to give us our complete culture. Our people are concerned and desire to be involved in all the affairs that may affect that cultural heritage which is vital to our people in maintaining connectedness in respect of our Traditional Country.

I hope this addresses any queries you may have Angela, if not and further information is required please don't hesitate to contact me ASAP. My contact details are as follows.

NGI NOA (Farewell in Awabakal)

Shane Frost

Chairman: Awabakal Descendants Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation

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