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ATTENTION: Ian McNicol

Dear Ian,

RE: RPS Aboriginal Heritage Advice Letter regarding MP10_0205

RPS understands that ADW Johnson requires this letter for the Gwandalan Part 3A project (MP10_0205) to provide advice on whether the previous Aboriginal assessment of this area undertaken by ERM (2007) meets the Director Generals Requirements (DGRs).

The DGRs (issued 30/11/2010) for Aboriginal heritage are to:

- Assess the site's Aboriginal cultural heritage, and potential impacts of the proposed development.

ERM (2007) undertook an Aboriginal survey and assessment of the Gwandalan project area. This report provided comprehensive survey coverage of the 2007 project area and identified no previously unrecorded Aboriginal sites in the project area; however, additional information was collected for AHIMS#45-7-0183 (shell midden) which is located outside the project area. Consultation for the previous report was undertaken in accordance with the Interim Community Consultation Requirements (ICCRs) (DEC2005). This consultation process is still valid for Part 3A projects (Fact Sheet 5 Land Use Planning DECCW 2010). It is RPS' understanding the nature of the development remains the same as the 2007 proposal, and that the extent of the 2010 development area lies wholly within the previously assessed area, thus the ERM (2007) report meets the requirements of the DGRs in respect to assessing Aboriginal cultural heritage and has addressed the potential impacts of the proposed development. However, it is advised that in order to exercise due diligence that a letter report or brief report be prepared before works are commenced which includes an updated search of



the AHIMS register maintained by DECCW and if required, updated mapping and advice.

If you have any further enquiries regarding the above please do not hesitate to contact myself or Darrell Rigby, Principal/Archaeology Manager.

Yours faithfully

RPS

Tessa Boer-Mah
Senior Archaeologist

References:

ERM. (2007). Catherine Hill Bay/Gwandalan Aboriginal Heritage Assessment. Report to Asquith and De Witt.