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Glossary

ACHA	Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment
AHIMS	Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System
AR	Archaeological report
Consultation requirements	<i>Aboriginal cultural heritage consultation requirements for proponents 2010</i>
DECCW	Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water (now OEH)
DP	Deposited Plan
DPIE	Department of Planning, Industry and Environment
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement
EP&A Act	<i>Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979</i>
ICOMOS	International Council on Monuments and Sites
LALC	Local Aboriginal Land Council
LEP	Local Environmental Plan
LGA	Local Government Area
NNTT	National Native Title Tribunal
NPW Act	<i>National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974</i>
NPWS	National Parks and Wildlife Service
NSW	New South Wales
NTSCORP	Native Title Services Corporation
OEH	NSW Office of Environment and Heritage
RAPs	Registered Aboriginal Parties
SEARs	Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements
SSD	Stage significant development
the code	<i>Code of practice for archaeological investigation of Aboriginal objects in NSW</i>

Note: Under recent legislation changes the functions and responsibilities of the Office of Environment and Heritage are now being performed by the Biodiversity and Conservation Division of the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment. Any references to 'Office of Environment and Heritage' are now 'Biodiversity and Conservation Division'.

Summary

Biosis Pty Ltd (Biosis) was commissioned by Hansen Yuncken on behalf of School Infrastructure NSW to undertake an Aboriginal cultural heritage assessment (ACHA) of a for the proposed development of a new public school (PS) on Estella Road, Estella New South Wales (NSW) (the study area). The study area consists of part of Lot 4 DP 1218378, immediately west of Peter Hastie Oval.

The proposed works are being assessed as a State Significant Development (SSD), with the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) acting as the determining authority. This ACHA has been formulated in support of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the project.

Consultation

The Aboriginal community was consulted regarding the heritage management of the project throughout its lifespan. Consultation has been undertaken as per the process outlined in the *Aboriginal cultural heritage consultation requirements for proponents 2010* (DECCW 2010) (consultation requirements). The appropriate government bodies were notified and advertisements placed in The Daily Advertiser on the 8 September 2018, which resulted in the following Aboriginal organisations registering their interest (Table 1):

Table 1 List of registered Aboriginal parties and group contact

	Organisation	Contact person
1	Bundyi Aboriginal Cultural Knowledge	Mark Saddler
2	Wagga Wagga Local Aboriginal Land Council	Lorrain Lyons
3	Warrabinya Cultural Heritage and Assessment Group	Dorothy Whyman
4	Yalmabirra	N/A
5	James Ingram	James Ingram

A search conducted by the Office of the Registrar, *Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983* listed no Aboriginal Owners with land within the study area. A search conducted by the National Native Title Tribunal (NNTT) listed no Registered Native Title Claims, Unregistered Claimant Applications or Registered Indigenous Land Use Agreements within the study area.

Upon registration, the Aboriginal parties were invited to provide their knowledge on the study area and on the proposal provided in New Public School, Estella Road, Wagga Wagga – Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment – Stage 3 consultation project methodology. No responses were received during this stage of consultation.

Site officers from selected Registered Aboriginal Parties (RAPs) were invited to participate in the archaeological survey but were unable to attend.

The outcome of the consultation process was that the RAPs considered the study area to have a high level of cultural significance. James Ingram commented that the *“Estella Rd Public School proposed site is located on the high ground immediately nth west of nth Wagga flats and immediately below one of Wagga Wagga most significant sites known as Yindyamarra Hill Reconciliation Place. The proposed site sits in the west of the Aboriginal Place known as Gobba Beach and Gobbagambalin lagoon and was a well known occupation site during times of flood and Murrumbidgee River high flows.”*

The recommendations that resulted from the consultation process are provided below.

Results

The ACHA assessment undertook background research for the proposed study area. Key considerations arising from the background research include:

- Large sites tend to be located on alluvial flats or creek valleys, while smaller sites occur on ridge tops or mountainous settings.
- Several studies note that site distribution is dominated by the presence of extensive and/or permanent water resources. Hence, areas surrounding the Murrumbidgee are considered likely locations for archaeological site occurrence.
- Several studies have found that existing activities, specifically agriculture and land clearance, can have a large negative effect in site identification of preservation.

Biosis undertook an archaeological survey of the study area on the 5 October 2018 which did not identify any Aboriginal heritage sites. The shallow soils combined with disturbances from land clearing likely resulted in disturbances of potential sites while the gently sloped landform and distance from water indicated a less suitable area of occupation. Combined, these factors indicated that the study area contained low archaeological potential.

Management recommendations

Prior to any development impacts occurring within the study area, the following is recommended:

Recommendation 1: No further archaeological investigations required

No Aboriginal sites, objects, or areas of archaeological potential were identified within the study area. The entire study area has been assessed as having low archaeological potential. Therefore, no further investigations are required. This recommendation is conditional upon Recommendations 2 to 4.

Recommendation 2: Discovery of unanticipated Aboriginal objects

All Aboriginal objects and Places are protected under the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974* (NPW Act). It is an offence to knowingly disturb an Aboriginal site without a consent permit issued by the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment.

If any Aboriginal object is discovered and/or harmed in, or under the land, while undertaking the proposed development activities, the proponent must:

1. Not further harm the object.
2. Immediately cease all work at the particular location.
3. Secure the area to avoid further harm to the Aboriginal object.
4. Notify the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment as soon as practical on 131555, providing any details of the Aboriginal object and its location.
5. Not recommence any work at the particular location unless authorised in writing by the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment.

If skeletal remains are unexpectedly encountered during the activity, work must stop immediately, the area secured to prevent unauthorised access and contact made with NSW Police and the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment.

Recommendation 3: Continued consultation with the registered Aboriginal stakeholders

It is recommended that the proponent provides a copy of this final report to the Aboriginal stakeholders for their records. The proponent should continue to inform these groups about the management of Aboriginal cultural heritage sites within the study area throughout the life of the project.

1 Introduction

1.1 Project background

Biosis Pty Ltd was commissioned by Hansen Yuncken to undertake an Aboriginal archaeological investigation for the proposed new PS at Estella Road, Estella, NSW. The purpose of this investigation is to support an EIS being prepared to address the Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) for the project, which is being assessed as an SSD.

This investigation has been undertaken in accordance with the *Code of practice for archaeological investigation of Aboriginal objects in NSW (the code)*. The code has been developed to support the process of investigating and assessing Aboriginal cultural heritage by specifying the minimum standards for archaeological investigation undertaken in NSW under the NPW Act. The archaeological investigation must be undertaken in accordance with the requirements of the code.

1.2 Study area

The study area is located on Estella Road, Estella NSW, and forms part of Lot 4 DP 1218378, immediately west of Peter Hastie Oval. The study area is within the:

- City of Wagga Wagga Local Government Area (LGA).
- Parish of North Wagga Wagga.
- County of Clarendon.

The study area is bordered to the north by a car park, to the east by Peter Hastie Oval, to the South by Estella Road, and to the West by an open paddock (Figure 1 and Figure 2).

1.3 Proposed development

The project involves the design and construction of a new public school, and includes the following elements:

- Construction of a new public school, comprising core facilities (Core-21) and 16 future focus learning designed learning spaces.
- Construction of school landscaping works, comprising gardens, outdoor learning and play spaces.

The proposal is in the schematic design phase. A large part of the study area will be subject to impact through the proposed works. Activities expected to be required as part of the proposed development include the following:

- Bulk earth works.
- The installation of all services required to run a functioning school such as water, sewer, electricity, gas, telecommunications, etc.
- Construction of buildings, car park, drop off and pick up bays.
- Landscaping activities.

1.4 Planning approvals

The proposed development will be assessed as an SSD in accordance with the SEARs for the project (SSD 9494). The SEARs relating to Aboriginal heritage are as follows:

- *Address Aboriginal Cultural Heritage (ACH) in accordance with the Guide to investigating, assessing and reporting on Aboriginal Cultural Heritage in NSW (DECCW, 2011) and Aboriginal cultural heritage consultation requirements for proponents 2010 (DECCW).*
- *The EIS must demonstrate attempts to avoid any impact upon cultural heritage values and identify any conservation outcomes. Where impacts are unavoidable, the EIS must outline measures proposed to mitigate impacts. Any objects recorded as part of the assessment must be documented and notified to OEH.*

Accordingly, the project is being undertaken in accordance with the following guidelines:

- Consultation requirements.
- The code.
- *Guide to investigating, assessing and reporting on Aboriginal cultural heritage in NSW (OEH 2011).*

1.5 Restricted and confidential information

No information in this report is restricted due to cultural sensitivities.

1.6 Aboriginal cultural heritage

1.6.1 General description

According to Allen and O'Connell (2003), Aboriginal people have inhabited the Australian continent for the last 50,000 years. In NSW, according to Bowler et al. (2003), Aboriginal people have occupied the land for over 42,000 years. However, preliminary evidence presented by Biosis (2016) from a subsurface testing program in south-western NSW suggests Aboriginal people may have occupied the semi-arid zone of the region for 50,000 years.

Without being part of the Aboriginal culture and the productions of this culture, it is not possible for non-Aboriginal people to fully understand the meaning of site, objects and places to Aboriginal people – only to move closer towards understanding this meaning with the help of the Aboriginal community. Similarly, definitions of Aboriginal culture and cultural heritage without this involvement constitute outsider interpretations.

With this preface Aboriginal cultural heritage broadly refers to things that relate to Aboriginal culture and hold cultural meaning and significance to Aboriginal people (DECCW 2010, p.3). There is an understanding in Aboriginal culture that everything is interconnected. In essence Aboriginal cultural heritage can be viewed as potentially encompassing any part of the physical and/or mental landscape, that is, 'Country' (DECCW 2010, p.iii).

Aboriginal people's interpretation of cultural value is based on their 'traditions, observance, lore, customs, beliefs and history' (DECCW 2010, p.3). The things associated with Aboriginal cultural heritage are continually and actively being defined by Aboriginal people (DECCW 2010, p.3). These things can be associated with traditional, historical or contemporary Aboriginal culture (DECCW 2010, p.3).

1.6.2 Tangible Aboriginal cultural heritage

Three categories of tangible Aboriginal cultural heritage may be defined as:

- Things that have been observably modified by Aboriginal people.
- Things that may have been modified by Aboriginal people but no discernible traces of that activity remain.
- Things never physically modified by Aboriginal people (but associated with Dreamtime Ancestors who shaped those things).

1.6.3 Intangible Aboriginal cultural heritage

Examples of intangible Aboriginal cultural heritage would include memories of stories and 'ways of doing', which would include language and ceremonies (DECCW 2010, p.3).

1.6.4 Statutory

Currently Aboriginal cultural heritage, as statutorily defined by the NPW Act, consists of objects and places which are protected under Part 6 of the Act.

Aboriginal objects are defined as:

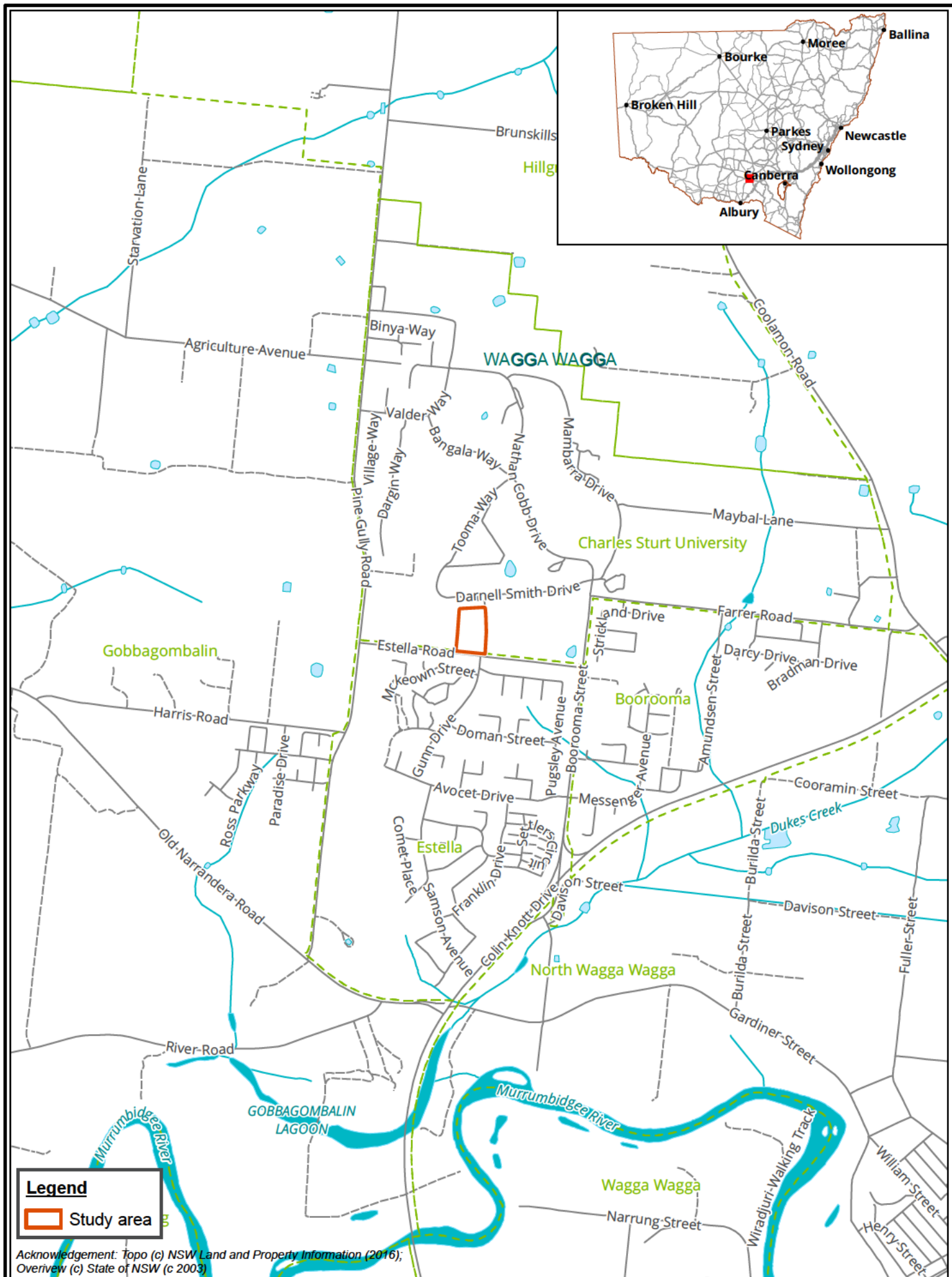
any deposit, object or material evidence...relating to the Aboriginal habitation of the area that comprises NSW, being habitation before or concurrent with (or both) the occupation of that area by persons of non-Aboriginal extraction, and includes Aboriginal remains

Aboriginal places are defined as a place that is or was of special Aboriginal cultural significance. Places are declared under section 84 of the NPW Act.

1.6.5 Values

Aboriginal cultural heritage is valued by Aboriginal people as it is used to define their identity as both individuals and as part of a group (DECCW 2010, p.iii). More specifically it is used:

- To provide a:
 - 'connection and sense of belonging to Country' (DECCW 2010, p.iii).
 - link between the present and the past (DECCW 2010, p.iii).
- As a learning tool to teach Aboriginal culture to younger Aboriginal generations and the general public (DECCW 2010, p.3).
- As further evidence of Aboriginal occupation prior to European settlement for people who do not understand the magnitude to which Aboriginal people occupied the continent (DECCW 2010, p.3).





Legend

Study area

Figure 2: Study area detail

0 10 20 30 40 50
Metres

Scale: 1:1,500 @ A3
Coordinate System: GDA 1994 MGA Zone 55



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2 Study area context

This section discusses the study area in regards to its landscape, environmental and Aboriginal cultural heritage context. This section should be read in conjunction with the archaeological report (AR) attached in Appendix 6. The background research has been undertaken in accordance with requirements 1 to 4 of the code.

2.1 Topography and hydrology

Based on available contours, the study area is located across a gentle slope averaging around 6.15%, with elevation decreasing to the south-west. More broadly the study area is located within a system of undulating hills, with typical landforms present including crests, slopes, and drainage depressions (Speight 2009, p.66).

The study area is not located in close proximity to any permanent sources of water. The nearest source of water to the study area is an unnamed first order drainage channel, located approximately 350 metres to the south-west. This drainage channel feeds into Dukes Creek, a third order non-perennial watercourse located around 1.3 kilometres south-west of the study area. Dukes Creek in turn flows into the Gobbagombalin Lagoon 2 kilometres south of the study area, which is located adjacent to the Murrumbidgee River around 2.2 kilometres south of the study area. The nearest perennial sources of water to the study area are Gobbagombalin Lagoon and the Murrumbidgee River.

Geologically, the study area overlies Silurian granites (gw) aged between 419 and 443 million years old, and described as:

Granite. Includes S-type granite with quartz feldspar muscovite biotite and cordierite. Some granite may be porphyritic - where larger crystals (typically feldspar) are surrounded by smaller ones.

Includes granites of the extensive Koetong Supersuite that extends from West Wyalong into Victoria, the Young Granodiorite that underlies cherry and stone fruit orchards in that area, and the Wyangla Granite (Geological Survey of New South Wales n.d.).

2.2 Soil landscapes

Soil landscapes have distinct morphological and topological characteristics which can assist in determining archaeological potential. They are defined by a combination of soils, topography, vegetation and weathering conditions. Soil landscapes are essentially terrain units that provide a useful way to summarise archaeological potential and exposure.

The study area is located in the East Bomen soil landscape. It is characterised as fine sandy and sandy clay loams over brown, reddish brown or yellowish clays (Table 2). Soil profiles are shallow to moderately deep, ranging from 40 to 150 centimetres on crests and ridges, 80 to 200 centimetres deep on slopes, and 80 to 15 centimetres deep in drainage lines. Topsoils in this soil landscape tend to be between 10 and 20 centimetres deep.

The landscape is present across the undulating rises and lower slopes north of the Murrumbidgee River, with a local relief of 15 to 40 metres. Common landform elements within this soil landscape include broad crests and ridges, long waning slopes, and shallow drainage lines (Chen & McKane 1997).

Table 2 East Bomen soil landscape characteristics (Chen & McKane 1997)

Soil Material	Description
eb1— Dull loam (topsoil— A ₁ horizon)	Dark to dull, sandy loam to clay loam, massive; field pH 5.0 - 5.5. Moderately acid, low wet bearing strength (localised), salinity (localised), low fertility, sodicity (localised), hardsetting (localised).
eb2— Reddish light clay (B ₁ horizon)	Reddish brown, light clay, massive; field pH 6.0 - 6.5. Salinity (localised), sodicity (localised), low fertility, low wet bearing strength (localised).
eb3— Reddish brown light clay (subsoil— B horizon)	Bright reddish brown to reddish brown, light clay to light medium clay, massive to strongly pedal; field pH 6.0 - 7.5. Low fertility, sodicity.
eb4— Yellowish light medium clay (subsoil— B ₂₂ horizon)	Dull yellow orange to yellowish brown, light medium clay, moderate to strongly pedal; field pH 6.0 - 7.0. Low fertility, low wet bearing strength.
eb5— Bright sandy light clay (subsoil— BC horizon)	Orange to bright yellowish brown, coarse sandy light clay to light clay, moderately pedal; field pH 6.0 - 8.0. Low fertility, low wet bearing strength.

2.3 Climate and rainfall

Wagga Wagga experiences a mean maximum temperature of 31.8 °C in summer, with a mean minimum of 16.3 °C. In winter Wagga Wagga has a mean temperature of 12.8 °C, and a mean minimum of 2.8 °C (BOM 2018). The region receives a mean annual rainfall of 575.3 millimetres (BOM 2018).

2.4 Landscape resources

The vast majority of the study area has been cleared, with some isolated trees present along its western and southern boundaries. The East Bomen soil landscape supports tree species including white box, grey box, yellow box and white cypress pine. Understorey species supported by the landscape include kangaroo grass, tussock grass, plains grass, spear grass, and wallaby grass. Potential uses of these resources by Aboriginal people are presented in Table 3

Table 3 Aboriginal uses of plants located in the vicinity of the study area (Murrumbidgee Catchment Authority 2008, pp.25–37)

Common name	Uses
White cypress pine (Garraa)	A medium to large tree, reaching more than 20 metres, Garraa is widespread across the Murrumbidgee catchment. Growing in sandy soils Garraa is an ideal food source for Aboriginal people. Branches often start low to the ground and with a rough bark, are easy to climb. Budyaan nests in hollows, such as Gilaa and Widyagala can be raided, where the Gabuga and young can be collected. Larger Budyaan, such as Maliyan also use Garraa to make large stick nests from which they can launch themselves to hunt for prey in the surrounding woodlands and grasslands. The resin produced by the tree is used as glue for binding tools and other implements. To treat broken bones a piece of bark, from the larger roots, can be removed from the tree and while wet, be bound around the broken limb. As the bark dries it moulds to the shape of the limb, acting as a splint and holding the broken bones in place. The bark is also useful for making torches to carry fire or provide light.

Common name	Uses
Grey box (Birribee)	Birribee is often found in woodlands mixed with Baagang (Yellow Box) and Garraa (White Cypress Pine) and on sandhills or red soils above the floodplain. The bark of Birribee is one of the easiest to remove to make coolamons, shields, canoes and bark slabs for shelters and today many Birribee trees still bear the scars of use by Aboriginal people over many generations. The wood is also considered long lasting and useful in tool making. Hollows in Birribee make excellent hives for native Dharrungarrung and is known by Aboriginal people as a good Warrul yielder.
White box (Birri)	Birri is a common woodland tree. Birri forms a similar role to Birribee (Grey Box) and the rough bark was used to make a range of tools and implements, from small bowls to large canoes. The hollows of older trees are widely used by many Budyaaan and Aboriginal people find that Birri is good source of Budyaaan and Budyaaan Gabuga for food. The resin from Birri could also be used for many purposes including sealing bowls and cups so that they were watertight. Aboriginal people use Birri for medicine as well, some parts of the tree that are used are fresh, young leaves.
Yellow box (Baagang)	Baagang reaches around 25 metres when fully grown and is a tall, graceful tree. The bark is brown, rough and fibrous on the lower trunk but becomes creamy and smooth on the higher branches. The wood is used by Aboriginal people to make a range of tools and implements. Baagang is also known to be used as a medicine tree.

2.5 European land use history

Our knowledge of Aboriginal occupation prior to European settlement in the region is scanty. The study area lies within the boundaries of the territory of the Wiradjuri tribal and linguistic group (Tindale, 1974). The Wiradjuri tribal area is situated within the Murray Darling Basin and extends across three general physiographic regions: the highlands or central tablelands in the east, the riverine plains in the west, and the transitional western slopes zone in-between (Read, 1983). The current study area is located within the

Early explorers in the Wagga Wagga district were Hume and Hovell in 1824, Charles Sturt in 1829 and Thomas Mitchell (1836) who sent back positive reports of the farming potential of the region to Sydney (NGH Environmental 2013, p.6). Following initial exploration, the first European settlers in the district began moving in the region in the 1830, with many having taken up grazing runs along rivers and creeklines by 1832 (NGH Environmental 2013, p.6). From 1836 onwards, settlers were able to obtain licenses to depasture stock and early settlements began forming along the Murrumbidgee where water was used for stock water. Violent clashes between new European settlers and Aboriginal people are recorded around the Murrumbidgee, particularly between 1839 and 1941. These clashes were called the "Wiradjuri wars" and included the removal of cattle and spearing of stockmen in response to the killing of Wiradjuri people and the loss of significant sites and fishing grounds (Heritage Office and Department of Affairs and Planning, 1996).

The village of Wagga Wagga was surveyed in 1847 and proclaimed a township in 1849 with the first lots sold (ASSA, n.d.). Wagga Wagga Township was located on the southern side of the Murrumbidgee River with a smaller settlement called North Wagga located on the more flood prone northern side of the Murrumbidgee River (NGH Environmental 2013, p.6). The location on the Murrumbidgee River meant that Wagga Wagga quickly became an important centre for stock sales. The study area was located within a land grant under Edwin Robert Hedditch designated as Farm 4 on the 1913 parish map.

3 Aboriginal cultural heritage context

3.1 Ethnohistory

Our knowledge of Aboriginal occupation prior to European settlement in the region is scanty. The study area lies within the boundaries of the territory of the Wiradjuri tribal and linguistic group (Tindale, 1974). The Wiradjuri tribal area is situated within the Murray Darling Basin and extends across three general physiographic regions: the highlands or central tablelands in the east, the riverine plains in the west, and the transitional western slopes zone in-between (Read, 1983).

The Wiradjuri lands are described by Howitt as:

“A large extent of country along the course of the Murrumbidgee River, as far, at least, as Hay. It lies to the northward of the Wolgal, and of certain tribes of North-Eastern Victoria..... To the east of the Wiradjuri are the Kamilaroi; to the north, among other tribes, the Wonghibon; and to the north-west and west, the great tribe of the Barkinghi, which occupied almost the whole of the extreme west of New South Wales. To the south-west there are a number of small tribes about the junction of the Murray and Murrumbidgee Rivers.” (Howitt 1884, p.433).

According to Howitt, ceremonies were attended by various tribal groups. The Wiradjuri were noted to attend the ceremonies of all Aboriginal groups which surrounded their lands including the Gamilaraay, Barkindji, and Wonghibon (also Ngiyampaa, Wangaaybuwan, Wongaibon) (Howitt 1884, p.436).

Howitt concludes that the purpose of the initiation ceremonies is to confer the privileges, duties, and obligations of manhood on to the initiates. The initiation is also designed to instill the rules of conduct and tribal laws in the young men (Howitt 1884, p.437).

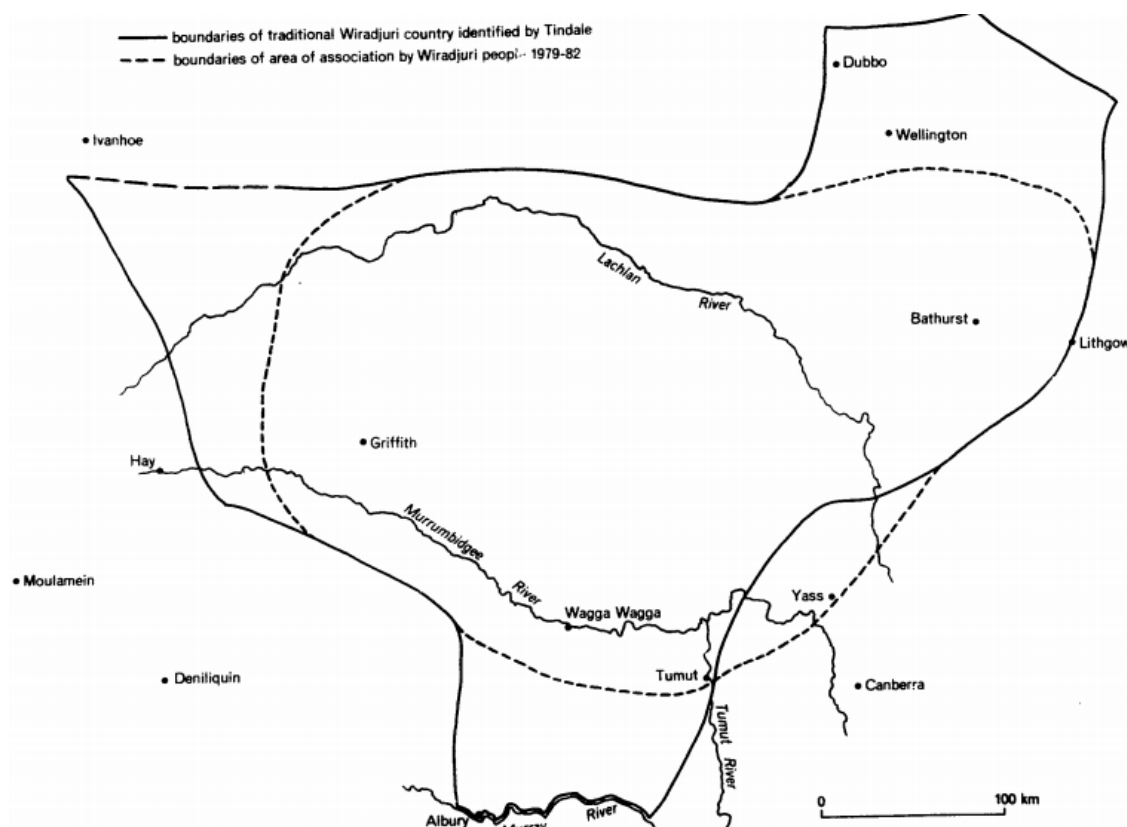


Plate 1 Boundaries of Wiradjuri country (Read, 1983, p. xi)

Wiradjuri people generally moved across their territory in small groups, seasonally utilising the river flats, open land and waterways (Heritage Office and Department of Affairs and Planning, 1996).

Shenston and Greenwood (2015) give an account of the seasonal movements of the Wiradjuri people based on resource availability and weather conditions. They also state that these movements were applicable to other Aboriginal groups in NSW. During spring people and wildlife move away from flood plains due to rising water levels, Food resources are most abundant during this period. Plant based foods are found in large quantities throughout the region, as are fish and animals. During summer and autumn Aboriginal people would stay close to rivers, swamps and billabongs. Plant based resources were scarce during this period. During winter Aboriginal people moved away from rivers and other water sources due to cold temperatures and fog. Food resources during this time were limited, and were often only animal based.

Violent clashes between new European settlers and Aboriginal people are recorded around the Murrumbidgee, particularly between 1839 and 1941. These clashes were called the “Wiradjuri wars” and included the removal of cattle and spearing of stockmen in response to the killing of Wiradjuri people and the loss of significant sites and fishing grounds (Heritage Office and Department of Affairs and Planning, 1996).

3.2 Aboriginal heritage located in the study area

The archaeological assessment of the study area did not identify any Aboriginal sites within the study area.

3.3 Interpretation of past Aboriginal land use

Previous archaeological surveys indicate that proximity to a permanent water supply is a primary factor in the determination of the location for past Aboriginal occupation (*ENSR Australia Pty Ltd 2008, p. 16*). There appears

to be a high correlation between the permanence of a water source and the complexity of sites. Lithic assemblages identified near permanent water sources suggest a greater range of activity (for example tool use, manufacture and maintenance, food processing and quarrying) while sites located near more ephemeral water sources indicate only transitory occupation (isolated knapping and discarded tools) (Kelleher Nightingale Consulting Pty Ltd 2008, p.7).

The study area is not located in close proximity to any watercourses and is situated on a gentle slope with shallow East Bomen soils present. It is unlikely that the study area was used as an area of occupation as sites are most frequently identified within elevated areas in close proximity to water sources. The study area has also been cleared of vegetation and shallow soils are likely to have been disturbed suggesting that sites such as scarred trees and artefact scatters are unlikely to be present.

4 Aboriginal community consultation

Consultation with the Aboriginal community has been undertaken in compliance with the consultation requirements as detailed below. A consultation log of all communications with RAPs is provided in Appendix 1.

4.1 Stage 1: Notification of project proposal and registration of interest

4.1.1 Identification of relevant Aboriginal stakeholders

In accordance with the consultation guidelines, Biosis notified the following bodies regarding the proposal:

- Wagga Wagga City Council (Council).
- OEH.
- NSW Native Title Services Corporation Limited (NTSCORP Limited).
- Office of the Registrar, Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983 of Aboriginal Owners (ORALRA).
- National Native Title Tribunal (NNTT).
- Riverina Local Land Services.
- Wagga Wagga Local Aboriginal Land Council (LALC).

A list of known Aboriginal stakeholders in the Wagga Wagga area was provided by OEH, NNTT, Council, and the ORALRA. A copy of these responses are provided in Appendix 2 and includes:

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| • Aunty Betty Cragg | • Bundyi Aboriginal Cultural Knowledge |
| • Aunty Evelyn Jolley | • Cheryl Penrith |
| • Aunty Flo Grant | • Dot Whyman |
| • Aunty Gail Manderson | • Faye Moseley and Bill Wallace |
| • Aunty Isabel Reid | • Greg Packer |
| • Aunty Joyce Hampton | • James Ingram |
| • Aunty Joycelan Williams | • Pat Simpson |
| • Aunty Kath Withers | • Waagan Waagan Project Group |
| • Aunty Lee Simpson | • Wagga Wagga Aboriginal Elders Group Inc |
| • Aunty Lorraine Tye | • Wagga Wagga LALC |
| • Aunty Mary Atkinson | • Yalmambirra. |
| • Aunty Pam Honeysett | |

A search conducted by the ORALRA listed no Aboriginal Owners with land within the study area. A search conducted by the NNTT listed no Registered Native Title Claims, Unregistered Claimant Applications or Registered Indigenous Land Use Agreements within the study area.

4.1.2 Public notice

In accordance with the consultation guidelines, a public notification was placed in the following newspapers:

- The Daily Advertiser on the 8 September 2018.

The advertisement invited Aboriginal people who hold cultural knowledge to register their interest in a process of community consultation to provide assistance in determining the significance of Aboriginal object(s) and/or places in the vicinity of the study area. A copy of the public notice is provided in Appendix 2.

4.1.3 Registration of Aboriginal parties

Aboriginal groups identified in Section 4.1.1 were sent a letter inviting them to register their interest in a process of community consultation to provide assistance in determining the significance of Aboriginal object(s) and/or places in the vicinity of the study area. In response to the letters and public notice, a total of five groups registered their interest in the project. Responses to registration from Aboriginal parties are provided in Appendix 3. A full list of Aboriginal parties who registered for consultation is provided in Table 4.

Table 4 List of registered Aboriginal parties and group contact

	Organisation	Contact person
1	Bundyi Aboriginal Cultural Knowledge	Mark Saddler
2	Wagga Wagga Local Aboriginal Land Council	Lorrain Lyons
3	Warrabinya Cultural Heritage and Assessment Group	Dorothy Whyman
4	Yalmabirra	N/A
5	James Ingram	James Ingram

4.2 Stage 2: Presentation of information about the proposed project

On 26 September 2018 Biosis provided RAPs with details about the proposed development works (project information pack). A copy of the project information pack is provided in Appendix 3.

4.3 Stage 3: Gathering information about cultural significance

4.3.1 Archaeological assessment methodology information pack

On 26 September 2018, Biosis provided each RAP with a copy of the project methodology pack outlining the proposed Aboriginal cultural heritage assessment process and methodology for this project. RAPs were given 28 days to review and prepare feedback on the proposed methodology. A copy of the project methodology pack is provided in Appendix 4.

James Ingram provided the following information regarding the cultural significance of the study area on 24 October 2018:

"Estella Rd Public School proposed site is located on the high ground immediately north west of north Wagga flats and immediately below one of Wagga Wagga most significant sites known as Yindyamarra Hill Reconciliation Place. The proposed site sits in the west of the Aboriginal Place known as Gobba Beach and Gobbagambalin lagoon and was a

well known occupation site during times of flood and Murrumbidgee River high flows. This area was traditionally known as the Ganmurra Ganmurra clan area as opposed to Waagan Waagan and Gumly Gumly clans of the great Nation of Wiradjuri. The area is now covered in long grass and detection of any artefacts or camp ovens will be impossible if a cultural burn is not carried out asap. Given the latest in carrying out a ACH survey and the onset of fire permit requirements a alternative may be required"

James Cole of Biosis responded to James Ingram on 9 November 2018 with the following:

Hi James,

Thanks very much for your email, my apologies for the delayed response, I am currently in the field. I have discussed the proposal to complete a cultural burn with my team leader who has experience in matters similar to this, however from our discussion we believe that undertaking any burning within the study area is unlikely to be a practical measure at this point for both logistical and safety reasons. The organisation of such a task is not within our scope of works, and as I understand from previous discussions with the client, they have yet to take formal possession of the site and as such the co-ordination and consent of a number of groups would be required. In addition, this would be considered to be a high risk activity, and particularly coming into summer we do not believe that from a safety perspective that this would be a permissible activity.

An archaeological survey of the study area has been completed to inform our assessment, and as you have noted the lack of visibility has severely limited the effectiveness of the survey to identify any surface sites that may be present, including artefact sites and/or ovens. As it stands this will be a constraint that our assessment will need to work within, and in my experience dense grass cover is the most common constraint on surveys across the state.

Would it be possible for you to send through a bit more information regarding Yindyamarra Hill Reconciliation Place please? From the literature review we have completed, I know the locations of both Gobba Beach and Gobbagombalin Lagoon, however I have not been able to identify a Yindyamarra Hill in Wagga Wagga.

I hope this assists, and if you would like to discuss further, please don't hesitate to send me through an email."

Biosis did not receive any further correspondence on this item from James Ingram.

A response was also received from Yalmambirra, querying the storage of cultural material identified during the assessment, stating:

Thanks for the opportunity to comment. I ok with it but there is one area of concern: Under the Heading Survey Methodology it states that material located during the survey will not be removed. However, under the Heading Storage of cultural material it states otherwise.

It is possible that material located during the survey would be impacted by the development activity. Should this be so, would this material be removed.

It is my opinion that any/all material located during the survey/test pit excavations be documented and returned to an area of the project site that would not be impacted on in the future.

Biosis response to this is that while any cultural material identified during a survey would not be removed from site during the survey itself, it would be a recommendation of the assessment that surface artefacts be subject to community collection should they be identified. Any long term care and control measures for Aboriginal sites would be the subject for further consultation, however the recommendation for the return of any artefacts to site is noted.

4.3.2 Information gathered during fieldwork

A field investigation of the study area was carried out on 5 October 2018. The Wagga Wagga LALC were invited to attend and confirmed attendance, however they did not attend the survey. As such, the survey was carried out by one Biosis archaeologist only and no information was gathered.

4.4 Stage 4: Review of draft Aboriginal cultural heritage assessment report

On 19 November 2018, Biosis provided each RAP with a copy of the draft ACHA and AR for this project. RAPs were given 28 days to review and prepare feedback on the draft reports. A copy of the correspondence sent to the RAPs, including all responses, is provided in Appendix 5.

Mark Saddler provided comments regarding the draft ACHA and archaeological survey on 19 November 2018, specifically querying whether a cultural survey had been completed, and if so which RAPs were present on site. James Cole of Biosis responded explaining that the survey had been completed and that Wagga Wagga LALC were scheduled to attend but on the day they were unable to make it. Mark responded asking why if no RAPs were present, he was not asked to attend. On 14 December 2018 James replied stating that due to the small size of the study area, and insufficient timeframes to make alternative arrangements, it was determined that one archaeologist and one stakeholder would be sufficient for the survey. Mark responded stating that he would like to register his objection to the draft report, due to the fact that no Wiradjuri people were present during the survey. Full correspondence between Mark Saddler and James Cole can be found in Appendix 5.

5 Aboriginal cultural significance assessment

The two main values addressed when assessing the significance of Aboriginal sites are cultural values to the Aboriginal community and archaeological (scientific) values. This report will assess the cultural values of Aboriginal sites in the study area. Details of the scientific significance assessment of the study area are provided in Appendix 6.

5.1 Introduction to the assessment process

Heritage assessment criteria in NSW fall broadly within the significance values outlined in the Australia International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) *Burra Charter: The Australia ICOMOS Charter for Places of Cultural Significance* (Australia ICOMOS 2013) (the Burra Charter). This approach to heritage has been adopted by cultural heritage managers and government agencies as the set of guidelines for best practice heritage management in Australia. These values are provided as background and include:

- **Historical significance** (evolution and association) refers to historic values and encompasses the history of aesthetics, science and society, and therefore to a large extent underlies all of the terms set out in this section. A place may have historic value because it has influenced, or has been influenced by, a historic figure, event, phase or activity. It may also have historic value as the site of an important event. For any given place the significance will be greater where evidence of the association or event survives *in situ*, or where the settings are substantially intact, than where it has been changed or evidence does not survive. However, some events or associations may be so important that the place retains significance regardless of subsequent treatment.
- **Aesthetic significance** (Scenic/architectural qualities, creative accomplishment) refers to the sensory, scenic, architectural and creative aspects of the place. It is often closely linked with social values and may include consideration of form, scale, colour, texture, and material of the fabric or landscape, and the smell and sounds associated with the place and its use.
- **Social significance** (contemporary community esteem) refers to the spiritual, traditional, historical or contemporary associations and attachment that the place or area has for the present-day community. Places of social significance have associations with contemporary community identity. These places can have associations with tragic or warmly remembered experiences, periods or events. Communities can experience a sense of loss should a place of social significance be damaged or destroyed. These aspects of heritage significance can only be determined through consultative processes with local communities.
- **Scientific significance** (Archaeological, industrial, educational, research potential and scientific significance values) refers to the importance of a landscape, area, place or object because of its archaeological and/or other technical aspects. Assessment of scientific value is often based on the likely research potential of the area, place or object and will consider the importance of the data involved, its rarity, quality or representativeness, and the degree to which it may contribute further substantial information.

The cultural and archaeological significance of Aboriginal and historic sites and places is assessed on the basis of the significance values outlined above. As well as the Burra Charter significance values guidelines, various government agencies have developed formal criteria and guidelines that have application when assessing the significance of heritage places within NSW. Of primary interest are guidelines prepared by the Australian

Government, the NSW OEH and the Heritage Branch, and the NSW Department of Planning and Environment. The relevant sections of these guidelines are presented below.

These guidelines state that an area may contain evidence and associations which demonstrate one or any combination of the Burra Charter significance values outlined above in reference to Aboriginal heritage. Reference to each of the values should be made when evaluating archaeological and cultural significance for Aboriginal sites and places.

In addition to the previously outlined heritage values, the OEH *Guidelines to Investigating, Assessing and Reporting on Aboriginal Cultural Heritage in NSW* (OEH 2011) also specify the importance of considering cultural landscapes when determining and assessing Aboriginal heritage values. The principle behind a cultural landscape is that 'the significance of individual features is derived from their inter-relatedness within the cultural landscape'. This means that sites or places cannot be 'assessed in isolation' but must be considered as parts of the wider cultural landscape. Hence the site or place will possibly have values derived from its association with other sites and places. By investigating the associations between sites, places, and (for example) natural resources in the cultural landscape the stories behind the features can be told. The context of the cultural landscape can unlock 'better understanding of the cultural meaning and importance' of sites and places.

Although other values may be considered – such as educational or tourism values – the two principal values that are likely to be addressed in consideration of Aboriginal sites and places are the cultural/social significance to Aboriginal people and their archaeological or scientific significance to archaeologists and the Aboriginal community. The determinations of archaeological and cultural significance for sites and places should then be expressed as statements of significance that preface a concise discussion of the contributing factors to Aboriginal cultural heritage significance.

5.2 Cultural (social significance) values

Cultural or social significance refers to the spiritual, traditional, historical and/or contemporary associations and values attached to a place or objects by Aboriginal people. Aboriginal cultural heritage is broadly valued by Aboriginal people as it is used to define their identity as both individuals and as part of a group (DECCW 2010, p.iii). More specifically it provides:

- a 'connection and sense of belonging to Country' (DECCW 2010, p.iii)
- a link between the present and the past (DECCW 2010, p.3)
- a learning tool to teach Aboriginal culture to younger Aboriginal generations and the general public (DECCW 2010, p.3).
- further evidence of Aboriginal occupation prior to European settlement for people who do not understand the magnitude to which Aboriginal people occupied the continent (DECCW 2010, p.3).

It is acknowledged that Aboriginal people are the primary determiners of the cultural significance of Aboriginal cultural heritage.

James Ingram provided the following information regarding the cultural significance of the study area:

"Estella Rd Public School proposed site is located on the high ground immediately north west of north Wagga flats and immediately below one of Wagga Wagga most significant sites known as Yindyamarra Hill Reconciliation Place. The proposed site sits in the west of the Aboriginal Place known as Gobba Beach and Gobbagambalin lagoon and was a well known occupation site during times of flood and Murrumbidgee River high flows. This area was traditionally known as the Ganmurra Ganmurra clan area as opposed to Waagan Waagan and Gumly Gumly clans of the great Nation of Wiradjuri."

5.3 Historic values

The study area is not known to have any historic associations.

5.4 Archaeological (scientific significance) values

An archaeological scientific assessment was undertaken for the study area and is presented in detail as part of the attached Archaeological Report (Appendix 6). Review of background research and an archaeological survey have indicated that there is low archaeological value in the study area due to previous disturbance and lack of suitable landforms to indicate Aboriginal occupation.

5.5 Aesthetic values

The study area is relatively disturbed and is a typical example of a gentle slope. The Aboriginal community has not provided specific comments on the aesthetic value of the study area. The landscape of the study area is closely linked with Aboriginal cultural values and provides a context for Aboriginal sites that gives a strong sense of place. The Aboriginal community has not provided comment on the aesthetic value of the study area.

5.6 Statement of significance

The study area has been assessed as having low archaeological significance as no Aboriginal sites or areas of archaeological potential were identified during the field investigation. The study area does not contain any known historic, or aesthetic values. Information provided by RAPs indicates that the landscape of the study area is linked with Aboriginal cultural values and provides a context for Aboriginal sites that gives a strong sense of place.

6 Development limitations and mitigation measures

Within the study area, there are no recorded Aboriginal sites that may be subject to harm. It is expected that the potential of harm to Aboriginal archaeological sites from development in the study area ranges from negligible to low. Strategies to avoid or minimise harm to Aboriginal heritage in the study area are discussed below.

6.1 Potential risks to Aboriginal cultural heritage

As previously outlined, the project proposes to construct a new public school.

The project includes the following elements:

- Construction of a public school, comprising core facilities (Core-21) and 16 future focus learning designed learning spaces.

The proposal is in the concept design phase. A large part of the study area will be subject to impact through the proposed works.

6.2 Predicted physical impacts

The study area does not contain any recorded Aboriginal sites and was assessed with low archaeological potential due to disturbances observed in the study area following a survey and the distance of the study area from reliable sources of water.

6.3 Management and mitigation measures

Ideally, heritage management involves conservation of sites through the preservation and conservation of fabric and context within a framework of 'doing as much as necessary, as little as possible' (Australia ICOMOS 2013). In cases where conservation is not practical, several options for management are available. For sites, management often involves the salvage of features or artefacts, retrieval of information through excavation or collection (especially where impact cannot be avoided) and interpretation.

Avoidance of impact to archaeological and cultural heritage sites through design of the development is the primary mitigation and management strategy, and should be implemented where practicable. As part of the management and mitigation measures for the proposed works, an Aboriginal cultural heritage assessment including archaeological survey and consultation with the Aboriginal community was undertaken. This was done to determine the presence and nature of any potential Aboriginal sites so that appropriate management could be undertaken. The survey did not identify the presence of any Aboriginal sites and the study area was assessed with low potential as a result; therefore no further management or mitigation is warranted.

7 Recommendations

The recommendations below respond specifically to the wishes of the RAPs. Recommendations regarding the archaeological value of the site, and the subsequent management of Aboriginal cultural heritage is provided in the archaeological report (Appendix 6).

Recommendation 1: No further archaeological investigations required

No Aboriginal sites, objects, or areas of archaeological potential were identified within the study area. The entire study area has been assessed as having low archaeological potential. Therefore, no further investigations are required. This recommendation is conditional upon Recommendations 2 to 4.

Recommendation 2: Discovery of unanticipated Aboriginal objects

All Aboriginal objects and Places are protected under the NPW Act. It is an offence to knowingly disturb an Aboriginal site without a consent permit issued by the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment.

If any Aboriginal object is discovered and/or harmed in, or under the land, while undertaking the proposed development activities, the proponent must:

1. Not further harm the object.
2. Immediately cease all work at the particular location.
3. Secure the area to avoid further harm to the Aboriginal object.
4. Notify the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment as soon as practical on 131555, providing any details of the Aboriginal object and its location.
5. Not recommence any work at the particular location unless authorised in writing by the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment.

If skeletal remains are unexpectedly encountered during the activity, work must stop immediately, the area secured to prevent unauthorised access and contact made with NSW Police and the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment.

Recommendation 3: Continued consultation with the registered Aboriginal stakeholders

It is recommended that the proponent provides a copy of this final report to the Aboriginal stakeholders for their records. The proponent should continue to inform these groups about the management of Aboriginal cultural heritage sites within the study area throughout the life of the project.

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Appendices

Appendix 1 Consultation log

Stage 1 – Notification of project proposal and registration of interest

Step 1- Identification of Aboriginal people/parties with an interest in the proposed study area.

Organisation contacted	Date and type of contact	Date and type of response	Response details
OEH	20/08/2018 Letter	29/08/2018 Email	OEH South West Branch responded with a list of registered Aboriginal parties
Native Title Services CORP Limited	20/08/2018 Letter	No response	No response
Office of the Registrar, Department of Aboriginal Affairs	20/08/2018 Letter	24/08/2018 Email	Provided search results- no registered Aboriginal Owners for the study area, and recommended that Biosis contact Wagga Wagga Local Aboriginal Land Council
Riverina Local Land Services	20/08/2018 Email	No response	No response
National Native Title Tribunal	20/08/2018 Email	20/08/2018 Email	Provided results of search request- no Native Title claims for study area
Wagga City Council	20/08/2018 Email	30/08/2018 Email	Provided a list of Elders
Wagga Wagga Local Aboriginal Land Council	20/08/2018 Email	No response	No response

Step 2- Public advertisement

The public notice was published in The Daily Advertiser on the 8 September 2018. A copy of the advertisement is provided in Appendix 2.

Step 3- Registration of interest.

The registration period ran from the 4 September 2018 to 18 September 2018. Leeway was given to Aboriginal parties/groups who provided responses shortly after the close of this period and they have been registered as Aboriginal parties for consultation.

Organisation contacted	Date and type of contact	Date and type of response	Response details
Wagga Wagga Local Aboriginal Land Council	4/09/2018- email	5/09/2018 - email	Registered an interest
Wagga Wagga Aboriginal Elders Group Inc	4/09/2018- mail	No response	N/A
Waagan Waagan Project Group	4/09/2018- mail	No response	N/A
Yalmambirra	4/09/2018- email	7/09/2018 - email	Registered an interest

Organisation contacted	Date and type of contact	Date and type of response	Response details
Bundyi Aboriginal Cultural Knowledge	4/09/2018- email	6/09/2018 - email	Registered an interest
Aunty Isabel Reid	4/09/2018- mail	No response	N/A
Aunty Kath Withers	4/09/2018- email	No response	N/A
Cheryl Penrith	4/09/2018- mail	No response	N/A
Aunty Gail Manderson	4/09/2018- mail	No response	N/A
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Aunty Lorraine Tye	4/09/2018- mail	No response	N/A
James Ingram	4/09/2018- email	No response	N/A
Greg Packer	4/09/2018- email	No response	N/A
Aunty Lee Simpson	4/09/2018- email	No response	N/A
Aunty Evelyn Jolley	4/09/2018- mail	No response	N/A
Warrabinya Cultura Heritage and Assessment Group	N/A	18/09/2018 - email	Registered an interest
James Ingram	N/A	6/09/2018 - email/phone	Registered an interest

Stage 2 – Presentation of information about the proposed project

Step 1- Provision of project information pack

A copy of the information pack was provided to all RAPs on 26 September 2018, and is provided in Appendix 3. A copy of the covering email is provided following.

Organisation contacted	Date and type of contact	Date and type of response	Response details
Bundi Aboriginal Cultural Knowledge	26/09/2018 - email	No response	N/A
Wagga Wagga Local Aboriginal Land Council	26/09/2018 - email	No response	N/A
Warrabinya Cultura Heritage and Assessment Group	26/09/2018 - email	No response	N/A
Yalmambirra	26/09/2018 - email	No response	N/A
James Ingram	26/09/2018 - email	No response	N/A

Stage 3 – Gathering information about cultural significance

Step 1- Provision of project methodology pack and consultation meeting

A copy of the methodology pack is provided in Appendix 4 and a copy of the covering email is provided following.

Organisation contacted	Date and type of contact	Date and type of response	Response details
Bundi Aboriginal Cultural Knowledge	26/09/2018 - email	No response	N/A
Wagga Wagga Local Aboriginal Land Council	26/09/2018 - email	No response	N/A
Warrabinya Cultura Heritage and Assessment Group	26/09/2018 - email	No response	N/A
Yalmambirra	26/09/2018 - email	02/10/2018	Yalmambirra contacted James Cole of Biosis and provided the following comment: <i>"Hi James, Thanks for the opportunity to comment. I ok with it but there is one area of concern: Under the Heading Survey Methodology it states that material located during the survey will not be removed. However, under the Heading Storage of cultural material it states otherwise. It is possible that material located during the survey would be</i>

Organisation contacted	Date and type of contact	Date and type of response	Response details
			<i>impacted by the development activity. Should this be so, would this material be removed. It is my opinion that any/all material located during the survey/test pit excavations be documented and returned to an area of the project site that would not be impacted on in the future. Again, James, many thanks and I hope to hear from you and hopefully work with you on this. Yal"</i>
			James Ingram contacted James Cole of Biosis and provided the following information: <i>"Estella Rd Public School proposed site is located on the high ground immediately north west of north Wagga flats and immediately below one of Wagga Wagga most significant sites known as Yindyamarra Hill Reconciliation Place. The proposed site sits in the west of the Aboriginal Place known as Gobba Beach and Gobbagambalin lagoon and was a well known occupation site during times of flood and Murrumbidgee River high flows. This area was traditionally known as the Ganmurra Ganmurra clan area as opposed to Waagan Waagan and Gumly Gumly clans of the great Nation of Wiradjuri. The area is now covered in long grass and detection of any artefacts or camp ovens will be impossible if a cultural burn is not carried out asap. Given the latest in carrying out a ACH survey and the onset of fire permit requirements a alternative maybe required"</i>
James Ingram	26/09/2018 - email	24/10/2018	
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James Ingram	09/11/2018 –Email		

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			matters similar to this, however from our discussion we believe that undertaking any burning within the study area is unlikely to be a practical measure at this point for both logistical and safety reasons. The organisation of such a task is not within our scope of works, and as I understand from previous discussions with the client, they have yet to take formal possession of the site and as such the co-ordination and consent of a number of groups would be required. In addition, this would be considered to be a high risk activity, and particularly coming into summer we do not believe that from a safety perspective that this would be a permissible activity. An archaeological survey of the study area has been completed to inform our assessment, and as you have noted the lack of visibility has severely limited the effectiveness of the survey to identify any surface sites that may be present, including artefact sites and/or ovens. As it stands this will be a constraint that our assessment will need to work within, and in my experience dense grass cover is the most common constraint on surveys across the state. Would it be possible for you to send through a bit more information regarding Yindyamarra Hill Reconciliation Place please? From the literature review we have completed, I know the locations of both Gobba Beach and Gobbagombalin Lagoon, however I have not been able to identify a Yindyamarra Hill in Wagga Wagga. I hope this assists, and if you would like to discuss further, please don't hesitate to send me through an email.

Stage 4 – Review of draft report

Step 1- Review of the draft ACHA and AR

A copy of the draft reports provided to all RAPs on 19 November 2018 is provided in Appendix 5. A copy of the covering email is provided following.

Organisation contacted	Date and type of contact	Date and type of response	Response details
Bundy Aboriginal Cultural Knowledge	19/11/2018 - email	19/11/2018	Mark Saddler contacted Biosis on behalf of Bundy Aboriginal Cultural Knowledge stating: <i>"Unable to open the link. Can you send files direct to me please (email). Also has a cultural survey been done yet and if yes who did it, which RAPs?"</i>
Bundy Aboriginal Cultural Knowledge	19/11/2018 - email		James Cole of Biosis replied to Mark Saddler on 19 November 2018 with the following: <i>"Hi Mark, not a problem, please find the reports attached. We typically send them through the file sharing as a lot of people can't accept large file size over email directly. A survey of the study area has been undertaken. The Wagga Wagga LALC were scheduled to attend but on the day they were unable to make it. I hope this assists, if you would like to discuss further please let me know. I will be in the field tomorrow, but should be able to reply to emails. Thanks very much, James."</i>
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Bundy Aboriginal Cultural Knowledge	14/12/2018 - email		James Cole replied to Mark Saddler on 14 December 2018 with the following: <i>"Unfortunately that is the case, as I mentioned, the LALC were invited to attend but were unable to make it. Owing to the small size of the study area, it was determined that one archaeologist and one stakeholder would be sufficient for the survey. As I noted below, owing to the late notice there was not sufficient time to make alternative arrangements on the day. Kind regards, James."</i>

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Wagga Wagga Local Aboriginal Land Council	19/11/2018 - email	No response	N/A
Warrabinya Cultural Heritage and Assessment Group	19/11/2018 - email	No response	N/A
Yalmambirra	19/11/2018 - email	No response	N/A
James Ingram	19/11/2018 - email	No response	N/A

Appendix 2 Stage 1: Notification of project proposal and registration of interest

20 August 2018

National Native Title Tribunal

GPO Box 9973

Sydney NSW 2001

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PO Box 2105

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Via email: jcole@biosis.com.au

Dear Mr Cole,

**WRITTEN NOTIFICATION OF PROPOSAL AS REQUIRED UNDER DECCW ABORIGINAL
CULTURAL HERITAGE CONSULTATION REQUIREMENTS FOR PROPONENTS 2010
RE: New Public School, Estella Road – Wagga Wagga LGA**

I refer to your emailed letter received by the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) on 20 August 2018 regarding the above matter.

Attached is a list of known Aboriginal parties for the Wagga Wagga local government area that OEH considers likely to have an interest in the development. Please note this is not necessarily an exhaustive list of all interested Aboriginal parties. Receipt of this list does not remove the requirement of a proponent/consultant to advertise in local print media and contact other bodies seeking interested Aboriginal parties, in accordance with the *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents 2010* (April 2010).

Under Section 4.1.6. of the *Consultation Requirements* you must also provide a copy of the names of each Aboriginal person who registered an interest to the relevant OEH regional office and Local Aboriginal Land Council (LALC) within 28 days from the closing date for registering an interest.

Please note that the contact details in the list provided by OEH may be out of date as it relies on Aboriginal parties advising OEH when their details need changing. If individuals/companies undertaking consultation are aware that any groups contact details are out of date, or letters are returned unopened, please contact either the relevant stakeholder group (if you know their more current details) and/or OEH. AHIP applicants should make a note of any group they are unable to contact as part of their consultation record.

Please contact me if you wish to discuss this matter further.

Yours sincerely

ANDREW FISHER
Senior Team Leader Planning
South West Branch
Conservation and Regional Delivery
Office of Environment and Heritage

ATTACHMENT A – Registered Interests, Wagga Wagga Local Government Area

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Organisation/ Individual Name	Address	Contact Details
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Brungle/Tumut Local Aboriginal Land Council	[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
Narrandera Local Aboriginal Land Council	[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
Wagga Wagga Aboriginal Elders Group Inc.	[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	
Waagan Waagan Project Group	[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
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23 August 2018

James Cole
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Dear James

Re: Request - Search for Registered Aboriginal Owners

I refer to your letter dated 20 August 2018 regarding an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment for the proposed construction of a new Public School located on Estella Road, immediately west of Peter Hastie Oval in Wagga Wagga, NSW.

I have searched the Register of Aboriginal Owners and the project area described does not have Registered Aboriginal Owners pursuant to Division 3 of the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983*.

I suggest that you contact Wagga Wagga Local Aboriginal Land Council on 02 6921 4095 regarding the project. They may also be able to assist you in identifying other Aboriginal stakeholders that wish to participate.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jodie Rikiti'.

Jodie Rikiti
Administration Officer
Office of the Registrar, ALRA

Ashley Bridge

From: Geospatial Search Requests <GeospatialSearch@NNTT.gov.au>
Sent: Monday, 20 August 2018 6:00 PM
To: Anthea Vella
Subject: RE: SR4728 : New Public School, Estella Road, Wagga Wagga – Notification to Agencies SR4728
Attachments: 20180820_SR4728_NSW_Overlap_Report_WaggaWagga_City_Council.xlsx

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Native title search – NSW Freehold parcel within Wagga Wagga City Council
Your ref: 27668 - Our ref: SR4728

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Please ensure that from 14th August 2018 your search requests are forwarded to GeospatialSearch@NNTT.gov.au with a **completed search request form**. The form is available from the Tribunal's website at this address: <http://www.nntt.gov.au/News-and-Publications/Pages/Forms.aspx>

Dear Anthea Vella,

Thank you for your search request received on 20 August 2018 in relation to the above area. Based on the records held by the National Native Title Tribunal as at 20 August 2018 it would appear that there are no Native Title Determination Applications, Determinations of Native Title, or Indigenous Land Use Agreements over the identified area.

Please note: Where the area identified to be searched is indistinct, generalised, or is for a freehold parcel, the results provided may relate to the Local Government Area (LGA) or Local Aboriginal Land Council (ALC).

Search Results

The results provided are based on the information you supplied and are derived from a search of the following Tribunal databases:

- Schedule of Native Title Determination Applications
- Register of Native Title Claims
- National Native Title Register
- Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements
- Notified Indigenous Land Use Agreements

At the time this search was carried out, there were **no relevant entries** in the above databases.

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Regards,

Geospatial Searches

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From: Anthea Vella

Sent: Monday, 20 August 2018 2:37 PM

To: Geospatial Search Requests

Subject: SR4728 : New Public School, Estella Road, Wagga Wagga – Notification to Agencies

Hi Geospatial Search Requests,

Please find attached a completed search request form for the below Notification to Agencies.
If you need anything else please let me know.

Kind regards,

Anthea

From: Geospatial Search Requests [<mailto:GeospatialSearch@NNTT.gov.au>]

Sent: Monday, 20 August 2018 3:36 PM

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Selected feature

Name	Wagga Wagga
Full name	Wagga Wagga City Council
As at	1/08/2017
Calculated area SqKm	4,825.4388



Overlap details

Schedule of Native Title Determination Applications

No overlap found

Register of Native Title Claims

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Native Title Determinations

No overlap found

Native Title Determination Outcomes

No overlap found

Indigenous Land Use Agreements

No overlap found

RATSIB areas

Name	Organisation	RATSIB Status	Area sq km(calculated)	Overlap Area sq km (calculated)
New South Wales	NTSCORP Limited	NTSP	1,723,577.6107	4,825.4388

From: [Stander, Adriaan](#)
To: [Anthea Vella](#)
Subject: RE: New Public School, Estella Road, Wagga Wagga – Notification to Agencies
Date: Thursday, 30 August 2018 11:51:35 AM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)
[image001.jpg](#)
[Elders list .msg](#)

Hi Anthea,
Please see the attached. Hope this helps?
Regards,

Adriaan Stander

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To: City of Wagga Wagga

Subject: New Public School, Estella Road, Wagga Wagga – Notification to Agencies

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If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards,

Anthea

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To: [Stander, Adriaan](#)
Subject: Elders list
Date: Thursday, 30 August 2018 11:15:55 AM
Attachments: [Aboriginal Elders August 2018.xlsx](#)

Hi Adriaan,
Attached is a Elders list as requested.
Please let me know if you need any further assistance.
Thanks

Leanne Sanders

Aboriginal Youth & Community Development Officer
Part-Time Thursday Friday

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NOTIFICATION AND REGISTRATION OF ABORIGINAL INTERESTS

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The purpose of the Aboriginal community consultation is to provide sufficient information for the assessment of Aboriginal cultural heritage values, to inform the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment and to assist the Chief Executive of OEH in his or her consideration and determination of the application. The project will be undertaken in accordance with the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974.

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To register in writing please contact: **James Cole**

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Please note that the name of each group that registers for consultation on this project will be provided to OEH and the LALC unless the group specifies that they do not want their details released.

**REGISTRATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED
BEFORE 5.00pm 22 September 2018**



4 September 2018

Wagga Wagga Local Aboriginal Land Council

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Wagga Wagga Aboriginal Elders Group Inc
Isobel Reid



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Waagan Waagan Project Group
Robert Hampton

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Bundy Aboriginal Cultural Knowledge
Mark Saddler



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Aunty Isabel Reid
[REDACTED]

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Aunty Lorraine Tye



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James Ingram

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Ashley Bridge

From: James Ingram [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, 6 September 2018 10:25 AM
To: James Cole; sam.werner1@det.nsw.edu.au; Peter Ingram
Subject: Re: 27668 - New Public School Estella Road Wagga Wagga - Registration of Interested Parties

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Hi James/Sam.

Further to my telephone conversations, I would like to make you aware that I will be finishing at LLS on the 21st of September 2018 and will be available to participate in determining the cultural significance of Aboriginal objects and/or Places in the Wagga Wagga area.

My new contact details are [REDACTED]

I'm currently setting up my new company and am awaiting my companies ABN.

Please feel free to contact me on and the numbers above or at my current work until 21 September 2018.

Regards

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To: [James Cole](#)
Subject: RE: 27668 - New Public School Estella Road Wagga Wagga - Registration of Interested Parties
Date: Wednesday, 5 September 2018 10:51:31 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Hi James, the Wagga Wagga Local Aboriginal Land council would like to submit a registration of interest in the 27668 - New Public School Estella Road Wagga Wagga Project works

Regards

Lorraine Lyons

CEO

Keeping Place Culture Heritage

For And On Behalf Of The Wagga Wagga Local Aboriginal Land Council

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From: James Cole [mailto:JCole@biosis.com.au]
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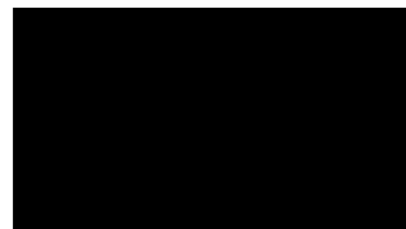


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Bundyi Aboriginal Cultural Knowledge



6th September 2018

James Cole

Biosis PTY LTD

Dear James,

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Warm regards,
Bundyi Aboriginal Cultural Knowledge

From: [REDACTED]
To: [James Cole](#)
Subject: RE: 27668 - New Public School Estella Road Wagga Wagga - Registration of Interested Parties
Date: Friday, 7 September 2018 6:57:56 PM
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Hullo James

I have only just came back online (30 minutes ago). I would like to put in an expression of interest for this if I may...

Yal

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

From: [James Cole](#)

Sent: Tuesday, 4 September 2018 7:01 PM

To: [REDACTED]

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2 October 2018

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South West Branch
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PO Box 1040
Albury NSW 2640

Dear Andrew

Re: New Public School at Estella Road, Estella Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment – Notification of Registered Aboriginal Parties.

Our Ref: Matter 27668

In accordance with Section 4.1.6 of the *Aboriginal cultural heritage consultation requirements for proponents* (DECCW 2010) (consultation requirements), we are writing to provide you with a list of Aboriginal stakeholders who have registered for the above Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment at Estella Road, Estella. Please find a list of Registered Aboriginal Parties in Table 1 and a copy of the notifications submitted in accordance with Section 4.1.3 of the consultation requirements in Appendix 1. Please note that this project is being assessed as a State Significant Development (SSD 9494).

Table 1 List of Registered Aboriginal Parties

Group/individual	Contact person
Bundyi Aboriginal Cultural Knowledge	Mark Saddler
Wagga Wagga Local Aboriginal Land Council	Lorraine Lyons
Warrabinya Cultural Heritage and Assessment Group	Dorothy Whyman
Yalmambirra	-
James Ingram	James Ingram

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Table 1 List of Registered Aboriginal Parties

Group/individual	Contact person
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Wagga Wagga Local Aboriginal Land Council	Lorraine Lyons
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If you have any queries regarding the above or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.



Yours sincerely,

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Appendix 3 Stage 2: Presentation of information about the proposed project



26 September 2018

Bundy Aboriginal Cultural Knowledge
Mark Saddler



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Appendix 4 Stage 3: Gathering information about cultural significance



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Bundy Aboriginal Cultural Knowledge
Mark Saddler



Dear Mark,

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It would be appreciated if you would provide feedback on the methodology presented in this letter to Biosis Pty Ltd by **4 pm 24 October 2018** either by email, phone or return mail.

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Stage 3: New Public School, Estella Road, Wagga Wagga – Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment: Methodology

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Assessment methodology

Aims of the survey

The principle aims of the survey are to:

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- Identify and record Aboriginal archaeological sites visible on the ground surface.

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Test excavation methodology

Should areas of archaeological potential or cultural values be identified during the cultural survey, test excavations will be conducted in accordance with the requirements of the code.

Aims of the sub-surface test excavations

The principle objectives of the subsurface test excavations would be to identify and understand the nature, extent and significance of any archaeological sites located within areas of archaeological potential.

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Test excavations across the study area would conform to the following methodology:

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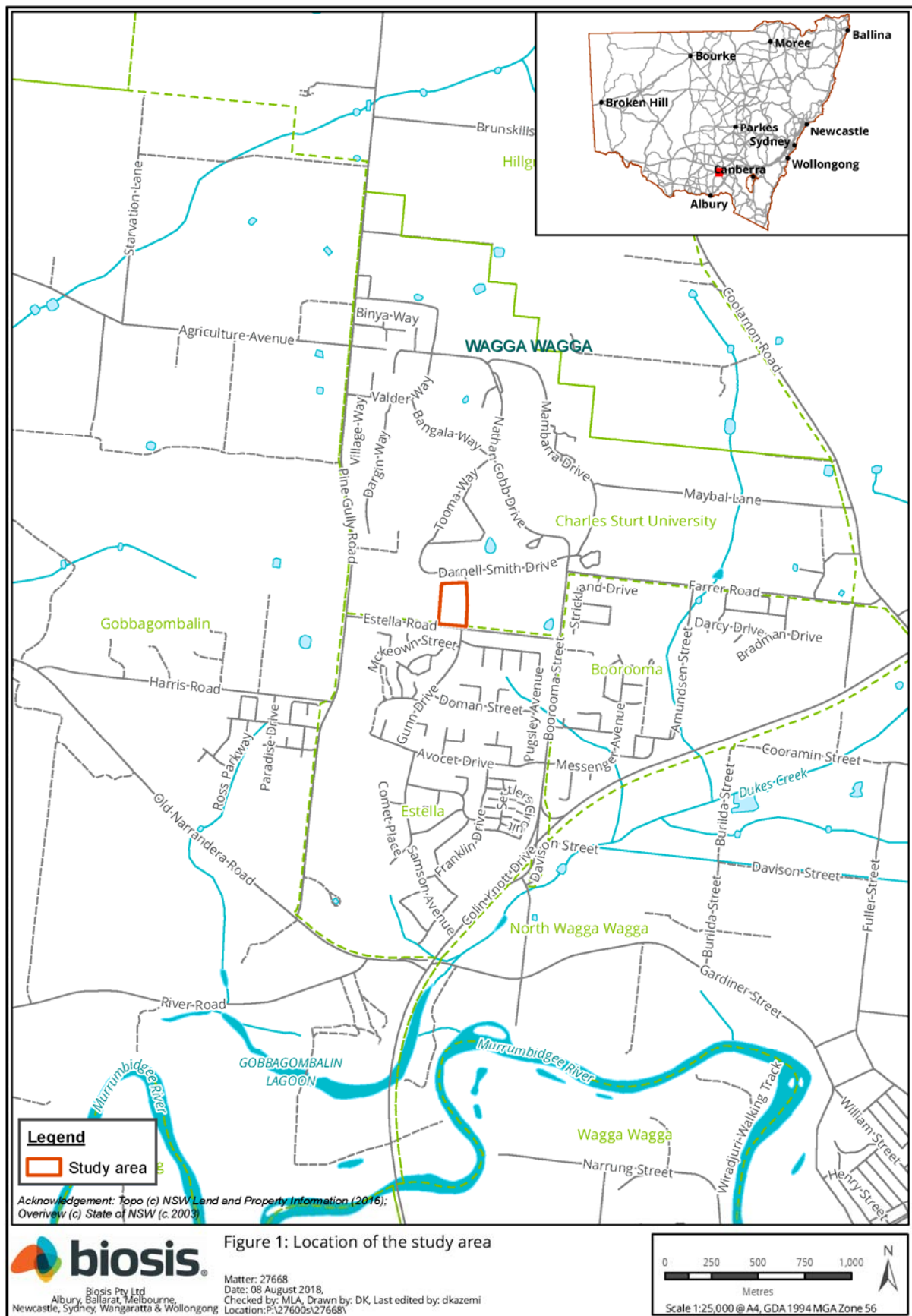
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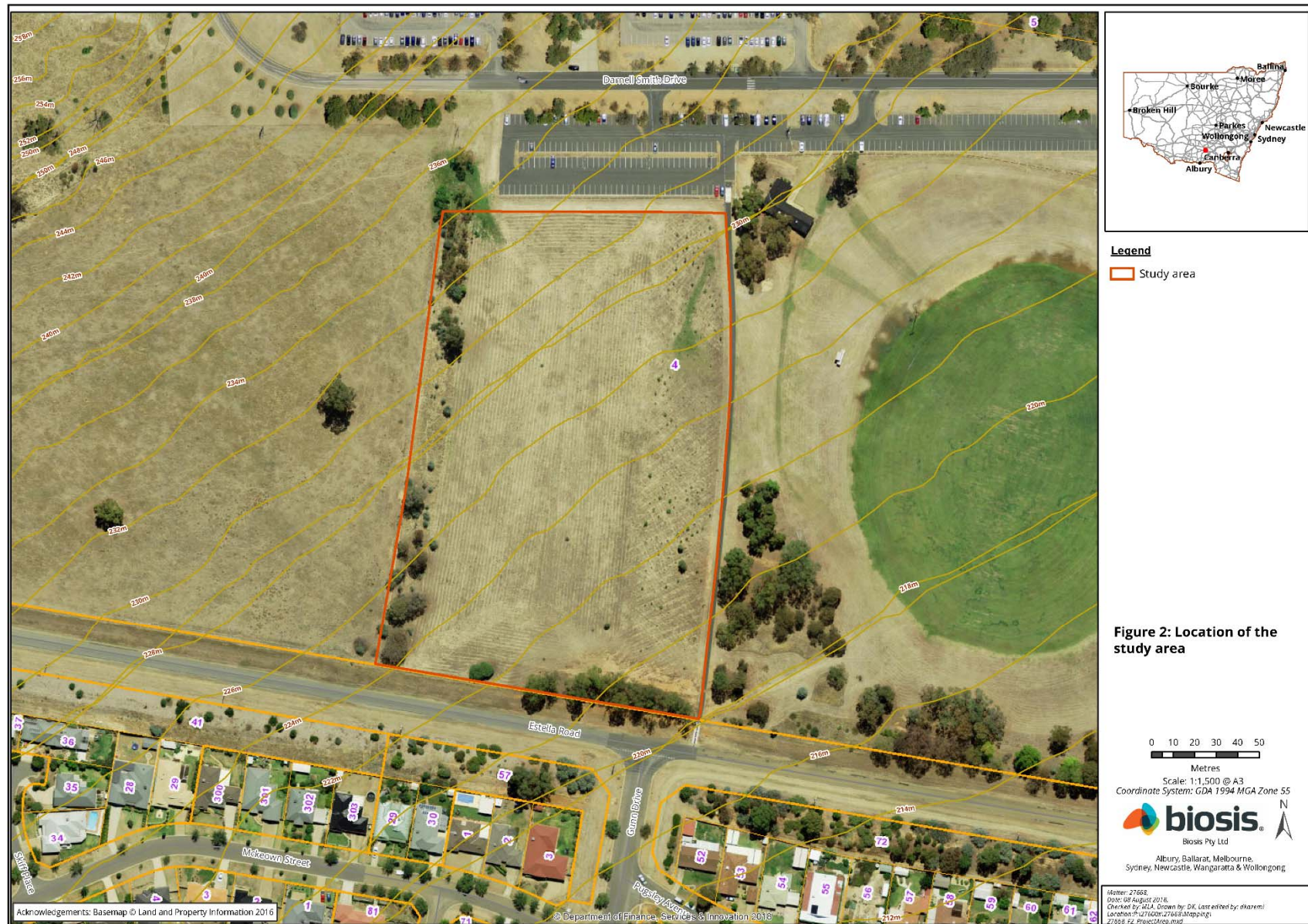
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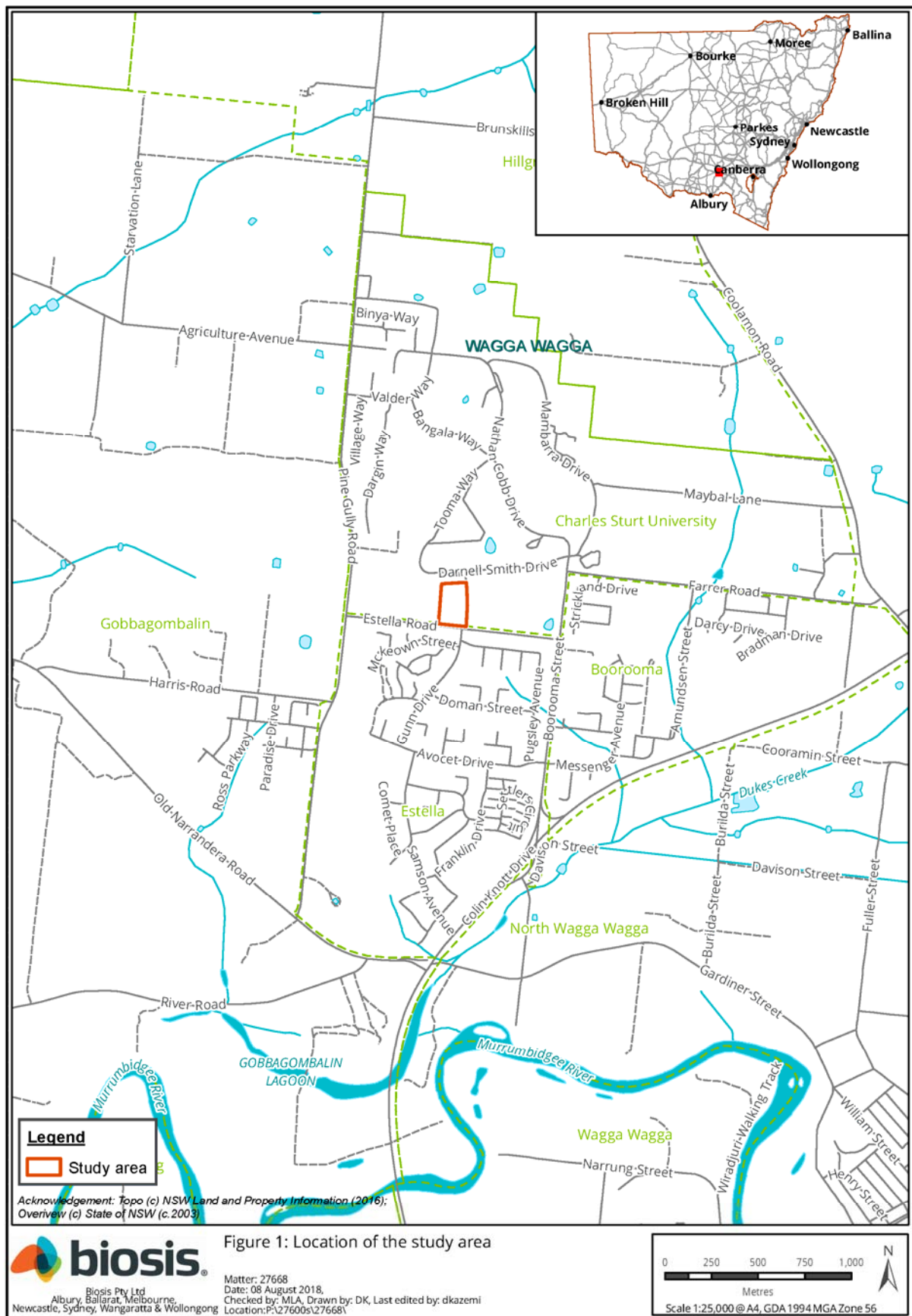
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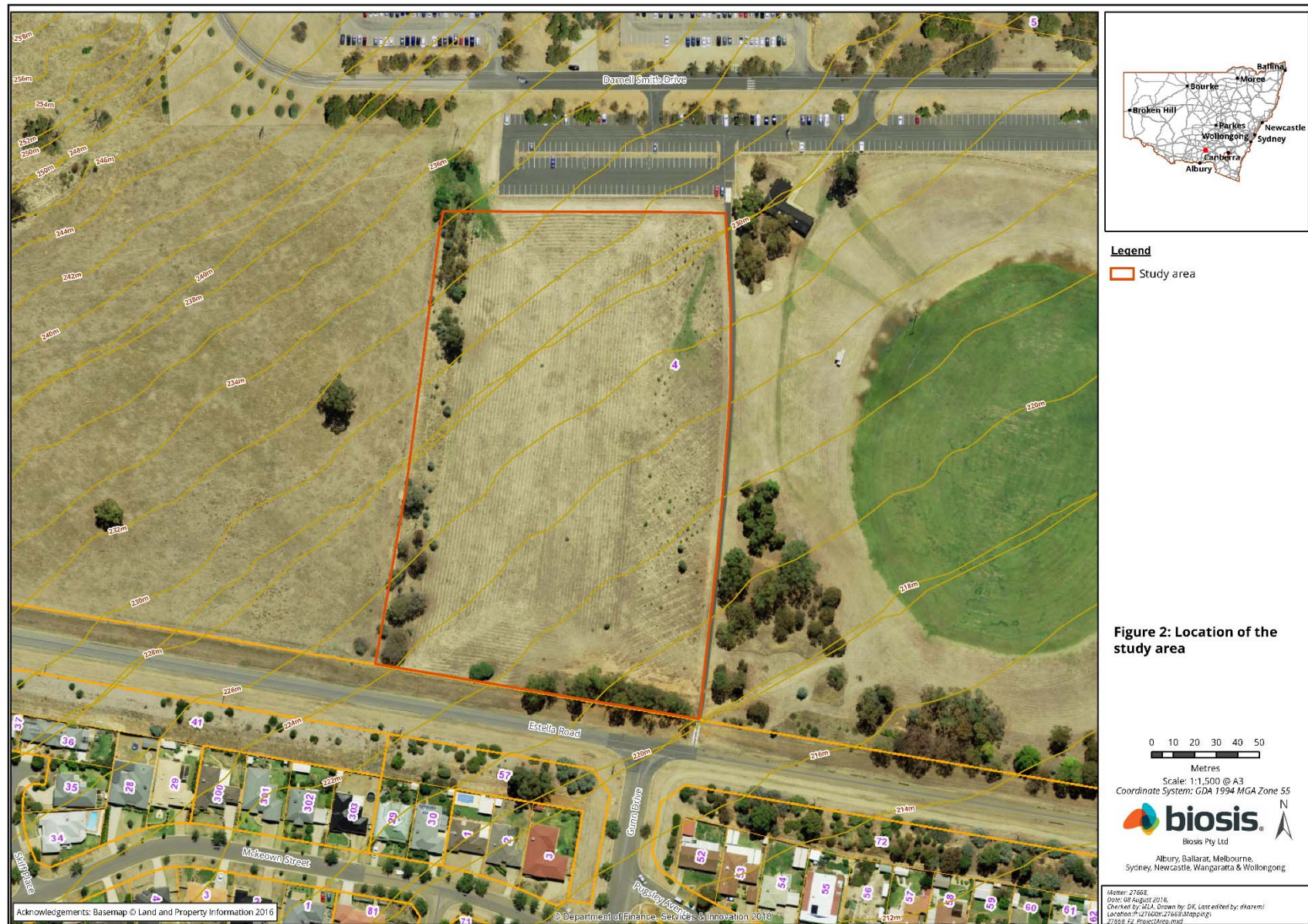
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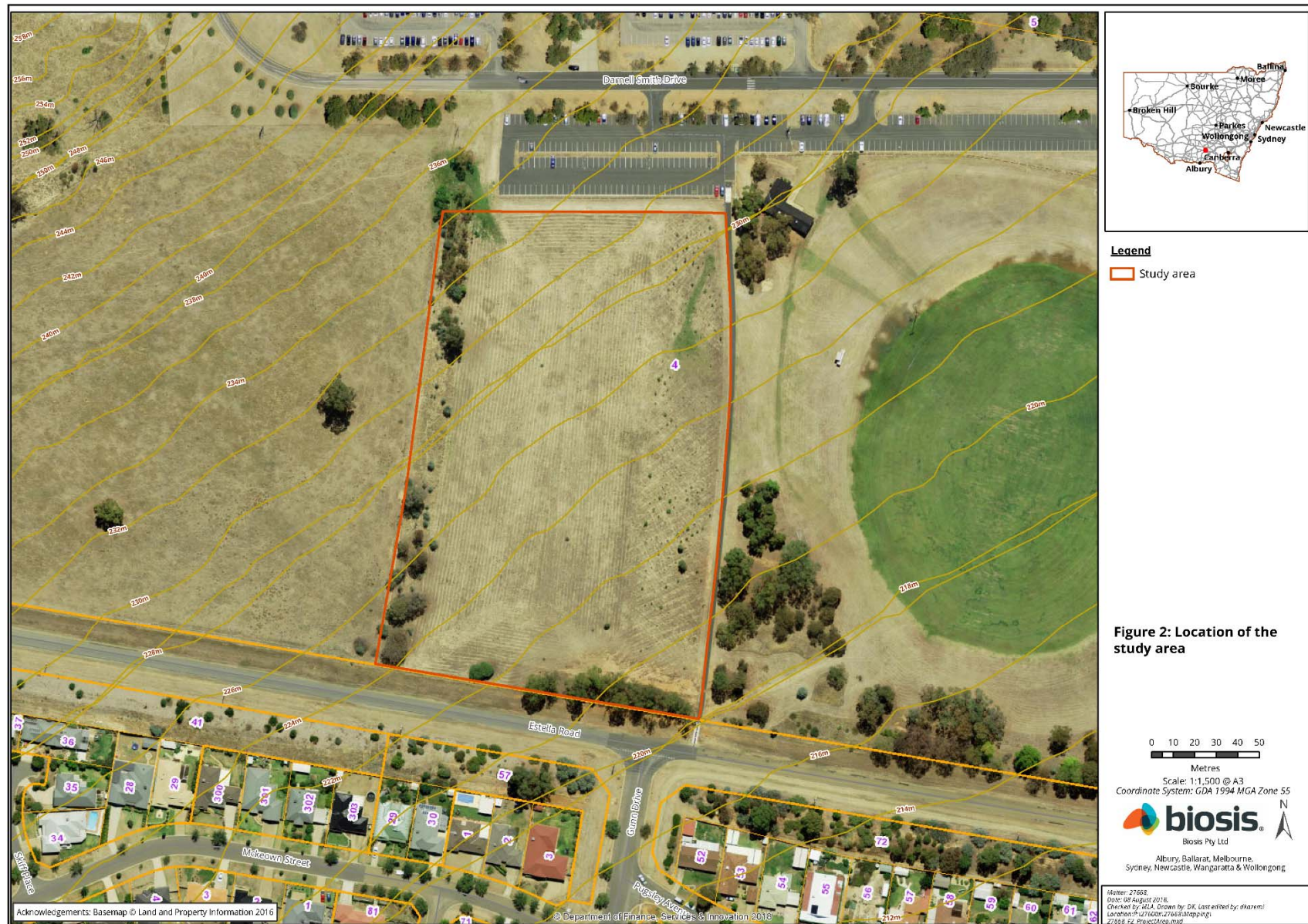
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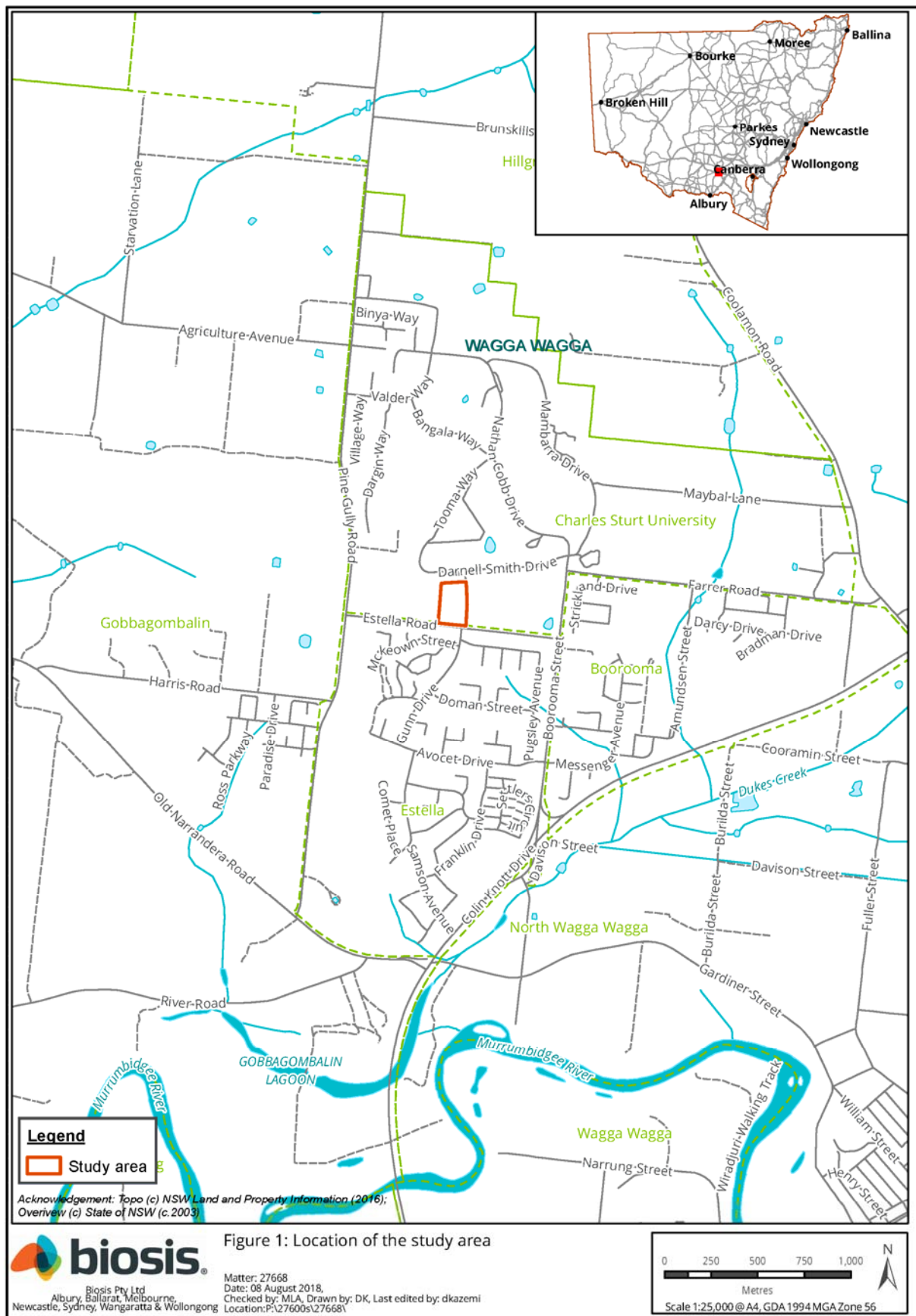
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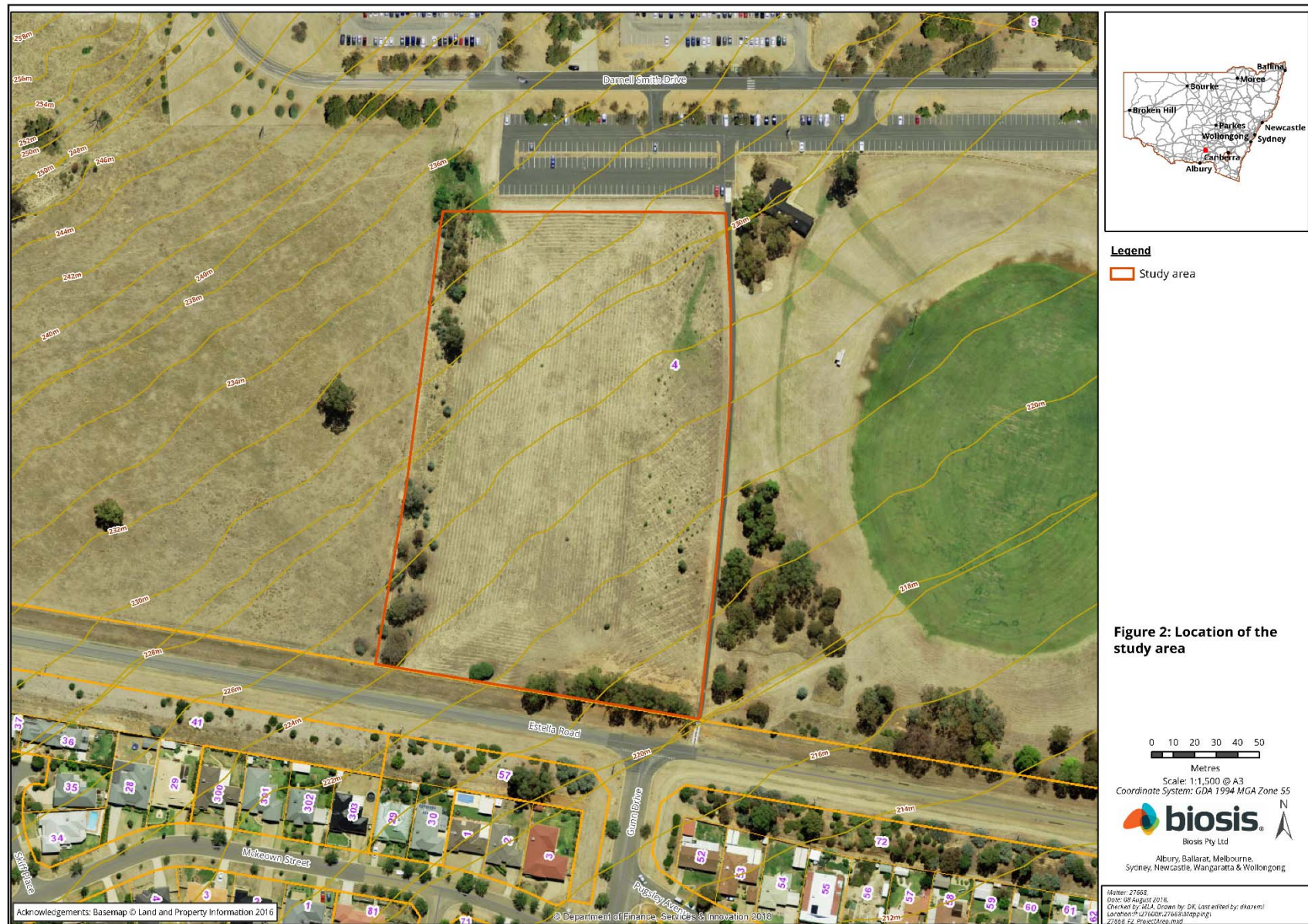
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This letter is being provided to all the Registered Aboriginal Parties (RAPs) who registered their interest in the consultation process for the proposed new public school development being undertaken by the NSW Department of Education – School Infrastructure NSW (SINSW) (Figure 1, Figure 2).

In accordance with the *Aboriginal cultural heritage consultation requirements for proponents 2010* (DECCW 2010a) (consultation requirements), we provide the proposed methodology for the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment (ACHA) for your review and feedback.

It would be appreciated if you would provide feedback on the methodology presented in this letter to Biosis Pty Ltd by **4 pm 24 October 2018** either by email, phone or return mail.

Please address feedback on the methodology to:

James Cole
Biosis Pty Ltd
14, 17-17 Power Avenue
Alexandria NSW 2015
jcole@biosis.com.au

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require additional information or have any queries about the methodology or information provided.

Yours sincerely,

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James Cole

Consultant Archaeologist
jcole@biosis.com.au

Stage 3: New Public School, Estella Road, Wagga Wagga – Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment: Methodology

The following information has been provided in accordance with the consultation requirements. The aim of this document is to provide registered Aboriginal parties (RAPs) with the proposed methodology for the cultural heritage and archaeological assessment.

Assessment methodology

Aims of the survey

The principle aims of the survey are to:

- Provide RAPs an opportunity to view the study area and to discuss previously identified Aboriginal object(s) and/or place(s) in or within close proximity to the study area.
- To undertake a systematic survey of the study area, while targeting areas with the potential for Aboriginal heritage.
- Identify and record Aboriginal archaeological sites visible on the ground surface.

Survey methodology

The survey methods are intended to assess and understand the landforms and to determine whether any archaeological material from Aboriginal occupation or land use exists within the study area. Identification of natural soil deposits within the study area will be undertaken if possible. Photographs and recording techniques will be incorporated into the survey including representative photographs of survey units, landforms, vegetation coverage, ground surface visibility and the recording of soil information for each survey unit. Any Aboriginal objects observed during the survey will be documented and photographed. No artefacts discovered during the survey component are to be removed from the site.

Recording during the survey will follow the guidelines of the OEH, in particular the *Code of Practice for Archaeological Investigation of Aboriginal objects in New South Wales* (DECCW 2010b) (the code).

Specific information that will be recorded during the survey includes:

- Aboriginal objects or sites present in the study area
- survey coverage
- survey effectiveness
- any resources that may have potentially been exploited by Aboriginal people
- landforms and general soil information
- photographs of the site indicating landforms
- evidence of disturbance
- Aboriginal artefacts, culturally modified trees, shell middens or any other Aboriginal sites.

Distinguishing landform elements and their association with Aboriginal cultural heritage will assist with the identification of site patterning, though with the awareness of the following limitations:

- The degree of ground surface visibility (GSV) and amount of exposed areas can significantly bias the discovery of surface artefacts.
- Cultural material exposed on the surface is not necessarily representative of the potential extent of the site (either horizontally or vertically).

Information about the presence of potentially exploitable resources helps contribute to predictions of the Aboriginal sites that may occur within the study area. Information about ground surface visibility, distance visibility and areas of exposures help to provide a general indication of the effectiveness of the survey for identifying Aboriginal cultural heritage exposed to the surface. Observable disturbances are also considered when assessing the integrity of known or potential sites in an area. The location of Aboriginal cultural heritage and points marking the boundary of the landform elements will be recorded using a hand-held Global Positioning System and the Map Grid of Australia (94) coordinate system.

Test excavation methodology

Should areas of archaeological potential or cultural values be identified during the cultural survey, test excavations will be conducted in accordance with the requirements of the code.

Aims of the sub-surface test excavations

The principle objectives of the subsurface test excavations would be to identify and understand the nature, extent and significance of any archaeological sites located within areas of archaeological potential.

The aims of the testing program would be to:

- Determine whether sub-surface archaeological deposits exist which may be impacted by the development.
- To determine the extent and nature of such deposits (if present).
- Identify if the archaeological material occurs in an intact, undisturbed context, by examining the soil profile and stratigraphy.
- Analyse and interpret any archaeological finds (such as stone artefacts, shell midden deposits, etc.) recovered during the testing program.
- Inform current knowledge of Aboriginal occupation and land use models of the region.
- Provide management and mitigation measures for Aboriginal archaeological objects located during the subsurface testing program.

Test excavation sampling strategy

Test excavations across the study area would conform to the following methodology:

- Test excavations will be undertaken in areas identified as having the potential to contain Aboriginal cultural material.
- Test excavations will be conducted in 50 x 50 centimetre units.

- The test excavation units will be excavated by hand (inclusive of trowels, spades and other hand tools) along transects at intervals of between 10 – 20 metres or other justifiable and regular spacing (being no smaller than five metres).
- The first test pit within a site or Potential Archaeological Deposit (PAD) area will be excavated in five centimetre spits; the subsequent test pits conducted within the site or PAD area can then be excavated in either 10 centimetre spits or stratigraphic units (whichever is smaller) to the base of Aboriginal object-bearing units being the removal of the A-horizon soil deposit down to the sterile clay or bedrock layer (B-horizon).
- If the depth of deposit prevents reaching sterile deposits within the 50 x 50 centimetre test pit, additional 50 x 50 centimetre test pits may be excavated adjacent to the original test pit (for example expanding the test pit to 50 x 100 centimetres) to reach the sterile deposits.
- Test pits may be combined and excavated as necessary in 50 x 50 centimetre units for the purposes of further understanding site characteristics. Note that under the Code, the maximum area that can be excavated in any one continuous area is three metres squared (3 m²).
- The Code dictates that the maximum surface area of all test excavation units must be no greater than 0.5% of the PAD or area being investigated.
- All excavated soil will be sieved in 5mm sieves. Dry sieving will be attempted in the first instance, however wet sieving may be used if deposits cannot be dry sieved.
- All cultural material will be collected, bagged and clearly labelled. They will be temporarily stored in the Biosis office for analysis (at Unit 14, 17-27 Power Avenue, Alexandria).
- The following documentation will be taken for the test pit:
 - unique test pit identification number
 - GPS coordinate
 - munsell soil colour, texture and pH
 - amount and location of cultural material within the deposit
 - nature of disturbance where present
 - stratigraphy
 - archaeological features (if present)
 - photographic records
 - spit records.
- The test excavation unit must be backfilled as soon as practicable due to safety issues.
- An AHIMS Site Impact Recording form will be completed and submitted to the AHIMS Registrar for any sites impacted during test excavations.

- In the event that suspected human remains are identified works will immediately cease and the NSW Police and OEH will be notified.
- Test excavations will cease when enough information* has been recovered to adequately characterise the objects present with regard to their nature and significance.

*Enough information is defined by OEH as meaning “the sample of excavated material clearly and self-evidently demonstrates the deposit’s nature and significance. This may include things like locally or regionally high object density; presence of rare or representative objects; presence of archaeological features; or locally or regionally significant deposits stratified or not.” (DECCW 2010b).

Storage of cultural material

Any cultural material identified during test excavations will be temporarily stored in the Biosis, Sydney office for analysis (Unit 14, 17-27 Power Avenue, Alexandria).

Once the cultural material has been analysed, the cultural material can be managed in the following manners:

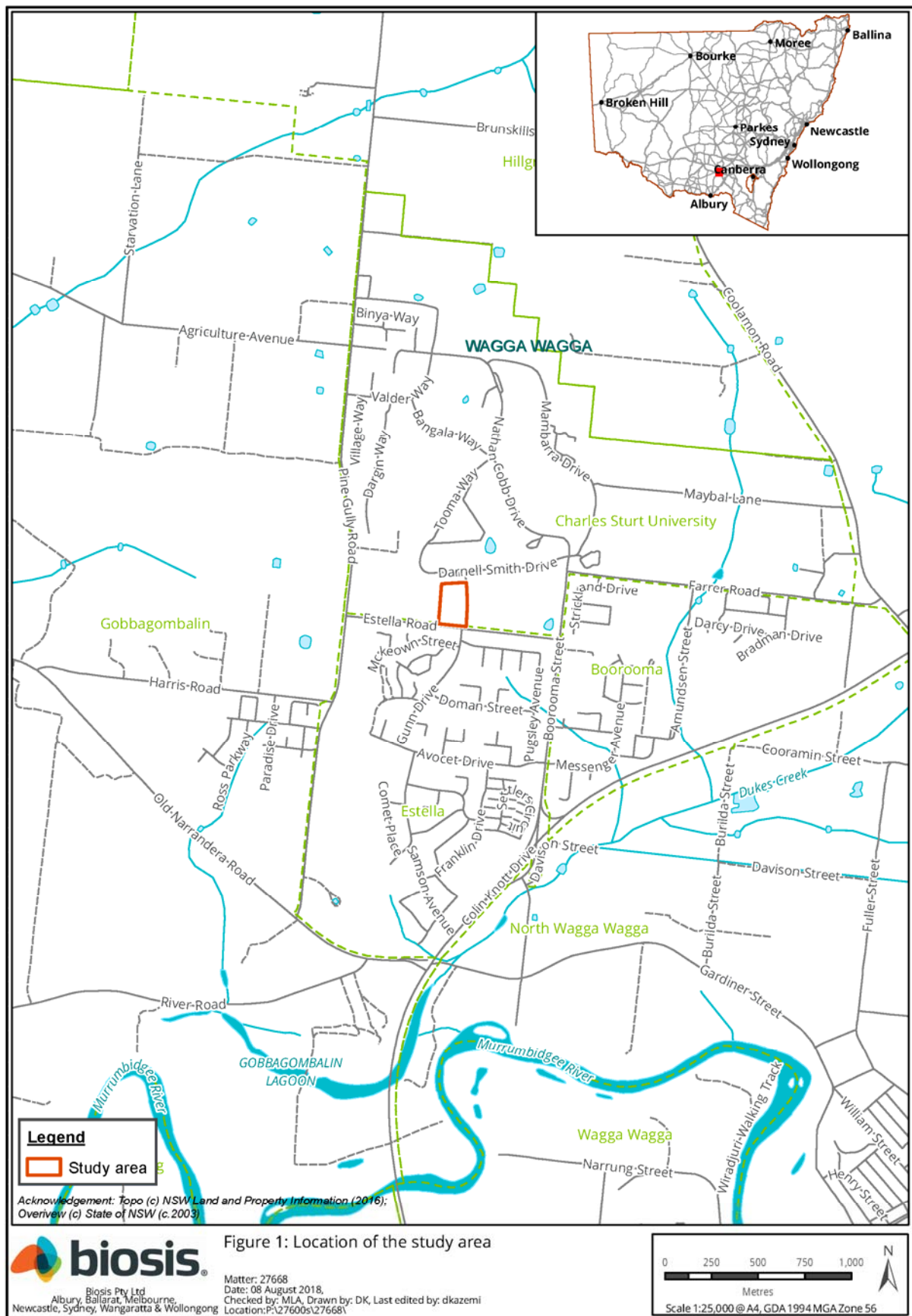
- Cultural material can be held by the Aboriginal community under a care and control agreement.
- Cultural material can be returned to country and reburied as soon as practicable in a secure location in accordance with Requirements 16b and 26 of the Code of Practice.

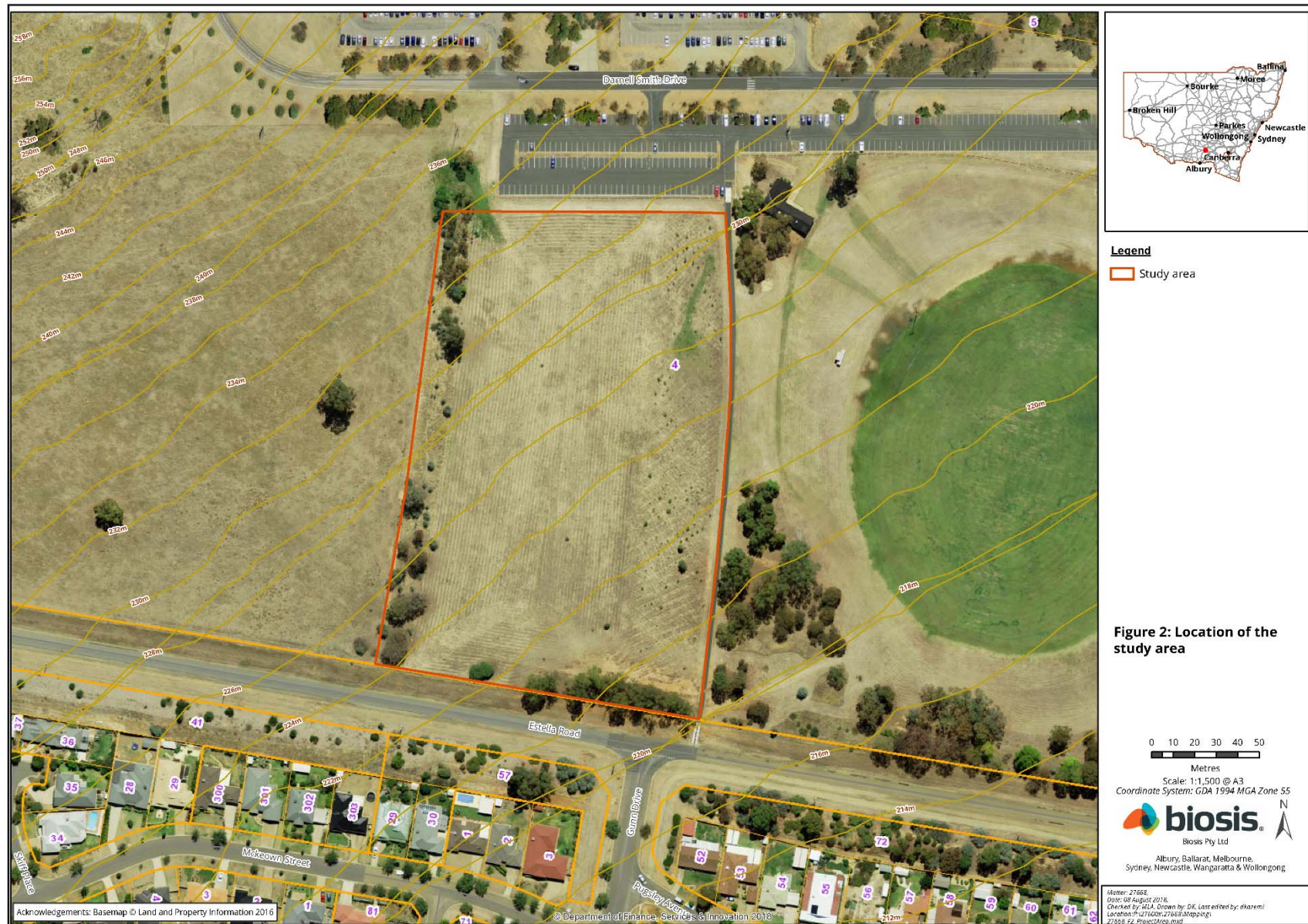
Biosis requests any comments regarding the care and control of any cultural material be included as part of the review of this assessment methodology.

References

DECCW 2010a, ‘Aboriginal cultural heritage consultation requirements for proponents’.

DECCW 2010b, ‘Code of practice for archaeological investigation of aboriginal objects in New South Wales’.





From: James Cole
To: Ashley Bridge
Subject: FW: Pubic School Estella Rd Estella
Date: Tuesday, 18 December 2018 4:02:19 PM
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Merry Christmas and a prosperous new year, from the Biosis team.



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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 24 October 2018 4:15 PM
To: James Cole <jcole@biosis.com.au>
Subject: Pubic School Estella Rd Estella

Hi James

Estella Rd Public School prosed site is located on the high ground immediately nth west of nth Wagga flats and immediately below one of Wagga Wagga most significant sites known as Yindyamarra Hill Reconciliation Place. The proposed site sits nth west of the Aboriginal Place known as Gobba Beach and Gobbagambalin lagoon and was a well known occupation site during times of flood and Murrumbidgee River high flows. This area was traditionally known as the Ganmurra Ganmurra clan area as opposed to Waagan Waagan and Gumly Gumly clans of the great Nation of Wiradjuri. The area is now covered in long grass and detection of any artefacts or camp ovens will be impossible if a cultural burn is not carried out asap. Given the latest in carrying out a ACH survey and the onset of fire permit requirements a alternative maybe required.

Regards

James Ingram
Bidya Marra

Sent on the go with Vodafone

From: [James Cole](#)
To: [Ashley Bridge](#)
Subject: FW: 27668 - New Public School, Estella Road, Wagga Wagga ACHA - Project Information and Methodology
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From: yalmambirra yalmambirra [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 2 October 2018 5:44 PM
To: James Cole <JCole@biosis.com.au>
Subject: RE: 27668 - New Public School, Estella Road, Wagga Wagga ACHA - Project Information and Methodology

Hi James

Thanks for the opportunity to comment. I ok with it but there is one area of concern: Under the Heading Survey Methodology it states that material located during the survey will not be removed. However, under the Heading Storage of cultural material it states otherwise.

It is possible that material located during the survey would be impacted by the development activity. Should this be so, would this material be removed.

It is my opinion that any/all material located during the survey/test pit excavations be documented and returned to an area of the project site that would not be impacted on in the future.

Again, james, many thanks and I hope to hear from you and hopefully work with you on this.

Yal

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

From: James Cole <JCole@biosis.com.au>
Sent: Wednesday, September 26, 2018 3:04:21 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: 27668 - New Public School, Estella Road, Wagga Wagga ACHA - Project Information and Methodology

Hi Yal,

Thanks very much for your registration of interest in this project, please find attached to this email the project information and methodology documents for your review and comment.

If would be appreciated if you would be able to provide any comment on the project methodology prior to 4pm Wednesday 24 October 2018.

If you have any queries regarding the methodology, or would like to discuss the project further, please don't hesitate to get in touch with me.

Kind regards,

James

James Cole

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Appendix 5 Stage 4: Review of draft cultural heritage assessment report



19 November 2018

Mark Saddler
Bundyi Aboriginal Cultural Knowledge

Dear Mark,

**RE: New Public School, Estella Road Estella Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment
– Draft ACHA report and AR**

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Please address feedback to:

James Cole
Biosis Pty Ltd
Unit 14, 17-27 Power Avenue
Alexandria NSW 2015
jcole@biosis.com.au

If you have any queries regarding the study area or the information in this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me in the office on (02) 9101 8700.

Yours sincerely

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James Cole
Consultant Archaeologist



19 November 2018

Lorraine Lyons
Wagga Wagga Local Aboriginal Land Council

Dear Lorraine,

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19 November 2018

Dorothy Whyman
Warrabinya Cultura Heritage and Assessment Group

Dear Dorothy,

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Sent: Friday, 14 December 2018 6:08 PM
To: James Cole <jcole@biosis.com.au>
Subject: Re: 27668 - New Public School, Estella Road, Estella - Draft ACHA and AR

Thanks however I would like to register my objection and disappointment that no Wiradjuri people took part in this survey.
As that is the case I can not support your findings.
I wish to have this email and comment noted.

Guwayu
(Safe travel)
Mark Saddler
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]



On 14 Dec 2018, at 4:23 pm, James Cole <jcole@biosis.com.au> wrote:

Hi Mark,

Unfortunately that is the case, as I mentioned, the LALC were invited to attend but were unable to make it. Owing to the small size of the study area, it was determined that one archaeologist and one stakeholder would be sufficient for the survey. As I noted below, owing to the late notice there was not sufficient time to make alternative arrangements on the day.

Kind regards,

James

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So no RAP did survey with you at all.

Why was I not invited to attend ?

Guwayu
(Safe travel)
Mark Saddler
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

On 19 Nov 2018, at 4:56 pm, James Cole <JCole@biosis.com.au> wrote:

Hi Mark,

Not a problem, please find the reports attached. We typically send them through the file sharing as a lot of people can't accept large file size over email directly.

A survey of the study area has been undertaken. The Wagga Wagga LALC were scheduled to attend but on the day they were unable to make it.

I hope this assists, if you would like to discuss further please let me know. I will be in the field tomorrow, but should be able to reply to emails.

Thanks very much,

James

From: Mark Saddler [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 19 November 2018 1:53 PM
To: James Cole <JCole@biosis.com.au>
Subject: RE: 27668 - New Public School, Estella Road, Estella - Draft ACHA and AR

Unable to open the link.

Can you send files direct to me please (email)

Also has a cultural survey been done yet and if yes who did it, which RAPS ?

Guwayu (Safe Travels)

Mark Saddler,
Cultural Awareness,
School & Tour Programs,
Bundiy Cultural Tours,
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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I respectfully acknowledge the traditional custodians of my land "The Wiradjuri people"

From: James Cole <JCole@biosis.com.au>
Sent: Monday, November 19, 2018 9:11:53 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: 27668 - New Public School, Estella Road, Estella - Draft ACHA and AR

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Kind regards,

James

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Appendix 6 Archaeological report
