Table 3.2 Summary of Aboriginal sites (AHIMS Search area)

Sites	Number
AHIMS Registered Sites	63
Unregistered Sites	3
Total	69

### **Archbold Road 1**

This site is comprised of three recorded sites; M4U4, RF/ISF1 and RF/ISF2. M4U4 was first recorded by Brayshaw and Haglund<sup>5</sup> (see Brayshaw and Haglund 1996 in Section 2.1.1 of the ATR), and consisted of three artefacts located over a distance of 270m on a fire trail just on the border of/slightly outside the current study area boundary. These artefacts were recorded on areas of exposure adjacent to intact vegetation, which was designated as an area of associated PAD.

During the JMcDCHM survey in 2002 (see JMcDCHM 2002 in Section 2.1.1 of the ATR), two new surface sites were recorded: RF/ISF1 and RF/ISF2. These two sites both consisted of an isolated artefact on a track within 100m of each other.

Due to the proximity of these three sites to each other, and that none of them had been registered with AHIMS, in 2002 JMcDCHM prepared a site card to register all three sites as a single site. However, this site had not previously been registered with AHIMS.

# Sargents 1 and 2

Through the survey undertaken by JMcDCHM 2002 of the study area, two artefact sites were recorded in the land immediately adjacent to the current study area (referred to in the 2002 report as 'Sargents' land). Sargents 1 consisted of two artefacts in an area of various dirt vehicle tracks, in association with an area of extensive dumping of building and household rubbish, where severe sheet wash erosion had cut through the soil. Sargents 2 was located to the west of Sargents 1, and consisted of two artefacts on dirt vehicle/bike tracks. Site cards were prepared for both sites at the time of recording in 2002, and included in Appendix 5 of the JMcDCHM 2002 report, however neither was registered with AHIMS at the time.

While neither Sargents 1 or 2 are located within the current study area, they have been registered through the course of this project as they contribute to the wider Aboriginal site location patterning in the regional context of the study area.

# 3.2.2 Previously Recorded Aboriginal Sites within the Study Area

Only one previously recorded Aboriginal site is located within the study area, that of Archbold Road (previously unregistered). This site has been registered with AHIMS through the course of this project.

Five sites have been located within close proximity to the study area boundaries—two artefact sites to the west of the study area in association with the second order stream that drains into the study area in the south (100–200m west of the study area), one artefact site in association with the same stream, to the east of the study area (c. 20m east of the study area), and two artefact sites in association with areas of erosion to the north west and west of the study area (c. 80m and 200m west of the study area) (Figure 3.1).

# 3.2.3 Previous Archaeological Reports

A literature review of the NSW OEH library (and additional reports held by GML) was undertaken to understand the broader region's archaeological patterning. This review was targeted to those reports relevant to the study area. Key word searches were used to find reports for the locality in AHIMS. A review of key reports is provided in Section 2 of the ATR. Of these, the most relevant of these studies to the current project are JMcDCHM 2002 and JMcDCHM 2009

### JMcDCHM 20026

In 2002, JMcDCHM undertook archaeological assessment of lands which were gazetted under the State Environment Planning Policy (SEPP 59)—Central Western Area Economic and Employment Area. This included the entirety of the current study area, as well as surrounding lands. Through this study, the current study area was surveyed as a part of the investigation of the wider SEPP 59 lands. At the time of the 2002 report, the lands subject to SEPP 59 were owned by several different landowners, and therefore the current study area was referred to throughout this report as included within the 'Fitzpatrick' land. Archaeological survey across the 'Fitzpatrick' land in 2002 recorded two new artefacts (RF/ISF1 and RF/ISF2), both located on a graded track in the north of the study area. As these two Isolated Finds were in close proximity(ie within 100m of each other) to each other, as well as the site originally recorded by Brayshaw and Haglund in 1996 (ie Chatsworth Road/M4U4), and in consideration of the fact than none of the three sites had yet been registered, JMcDCHM decided that these three sites should all be registered as one. This site was renamed 'Archbold Road', and an AHIMS site card prepared and attached to the 2002 report in Appendix 5. However, somehow still this site has not been registered with AHIMS.

In addition, two artefact sites were recorded in the land immediately adjacent to the current study area (referred to as 'Sargents' land). These two sites (Sargents 1 and Sargents 2), both also had site cards prepared for registration at the time of recording, and included in Appendix 5 of the report, however neither seem to be registered with AHIMS.

A Strategic Management Model (SMM) was developed for the SEPP 59 lands in order to manage development of lands on the basis of their conservation potential. Management zones were allocated across the whole of the SEPP59 lands based on a combination of their archaeological potential, landscape type and levels of disturbance. The majority of the (then) 'Fitzpatrick' land, outside of the area of the Quarry (ie the current study area) was assigned as Zone 2 (moderate archaeological potential), with treed areas in the north and south assigned as Zone 1 (high archaeological potential and a Core Conservation Zone candidate). This report proposed that no archaeological investigation, or development, should take place within designated Core Conservation Zone (CCZ) areas, while any land outside the CCZ would be deemed developable. This report provided recommendations for the direction of further management decisions to be made for the SEPP 59 lands regarding Aboriginal heritage.

### **JMcDCHM 2009**<sup>7</sup>

An Aboriginal Heritage Management Plan (AHMP) was prepared by JMcDCHM in 2009 for the development of 'The Light Horse Business Centre' within the lands known as 'Dial A Dump' Industries (DADI) lands, including the 'Valad' lands as assessed in JMcDCHM 2005, as well as the current study area. This AHMP built on the archaeological assessment reports prepared by JMcDCHM in 2002 and 2005 for wider land holdings in the area. The AHMP identified two designated conservation areas

within the subject land, and was prepared in order to ensure the protection of Aboriginal sites and landscapes within these conservation areas.

The 2009 reports notes that at some time between the preparation of the JMcDCHM 2005 assessment of the land, and the 2009 assessment, part of the area designated as archaeologically sensitive (Zone 1- High Archaeological Potential), had been subject to earthworks. A trench cut and subsequent infill seriously impacted a portion (c. 1ha in size) of the Zone 1 area located in the south of the study area (within, and to the south of the second order stream in the south of the current study area). Therefore the 2009 report reassigned the zoning of archaeological sensitivity of the area accordingly in order to mitigate against this impact.

The conservation of the south and north Zone 1 areas was deemed to represent an appropriate conservation outcome, and thus a meaningful management outcome was anticipated for the subject land in conjunction with the appropriate management of the two conservation areas.

While the majority of the 2009 development was located within archaeological sensitivity Zone 3, small amounts of ground disturbance were required within Zone 2 lands (ie three detention basins and an area of fill). The report determined that the proposed development impacts from the DADI Light Horse Business Centre were not considered major enough to warrant further archaeological investigation in those areas, the report states that:

Should more extensive development proposals in the future be located in these Zone 2 areas then these would require further assessment at the time to determine whether subsurface investigation was warranted. (JMcDCHM 2009: 10).

The final recommendations of the AHMP included: access to conservation areas be limited (ie fenced) and managed appropriately; no construction activities or any future works that impact on soil should take place in the conservation areas; and that any management decisions made in relation to Aboriginal heritage must involve consultation with representatives of the Aboriginal community. The Aboriginal community provided written response regarding the AHMP, stating their support for the implementation and adherence to the recommendations and management strategies of the AHMP.

# 3.2.4 Synopsis of Known Aboriginal Sites and Previous Work

A number of archaeological surveys have been undertaken surrounding and including portions of the study area. The intensity of archaeological survey has resulted in the recording of numerous Aboriginal sites and the patterning observed in the AHIMS data. In addition, a number archaeological excavations have been undertaken, all of which have recovered sub-surface material from associated deposits.

Artefact sites dominant the record for the study area and surrounding land, particularly in association with areas of exposure and erosion. Sub surface excavations have demonstrated the ability for areas of moderate to low disturbance to possess intact archaeological deposits with low, moderate and high artefact counts, and in some cases, stratigraphic integrity of alluvial soils (ie Oakdale Central), and evidence for Aboriginal occupation of the region other than stone objects (ie hearths and earth ovens at Oakdale Central).

A total of 69 sites (63 on AHIMS, 3 previously unregistered) are located within, and in close proximity to the study area. Of these sites however, only one is registered within the study area itself. However, previous research, as well as the number of Aboriginal sites registered in the study area surroundings demonstrates that this single site is not an accurate reflection of the presence of Aboriginal archaeological deposits within the study area. Previous research demonstrates that the study area is

likely to possess Aboriginal stone objects and archaeological deposits in all areas that have not previously been subject to high levels of historical ground disturbance.

### 3.2.5 Landscape Context

The study area is located within a primary geology of a Triassic Wianamatta Group and is a part of the Liverpool sub-group with a structure of Bringelly shale overlaying both Minchinbury Sandstone and the Ashfield shale sequences. The Bringelly shale formation comprises well-bedded shales, carbonaceous and non-carbonaceous claystone, laminates, quartz and occasional beds of fine to medium lithic sandstones.<sup>8</sup>

The natural landscape of the study area is characterised by its location within the Cumberland Plain and its proximity to, and association with Ropes Creek, a third order permanent water source. The natural topography of the broader landscape is characterised by the gently undulating rises of the Wianamatta Group shales. The geology is overlain by the Blacktown soil landscape<sup>9</sup>. The soils of the Blacktown soil landscape range in depth from shallow to moderately deep (less than 100cm) and consist of red and yellow podzolic soils on crests, grading to yellow podzolic soils on lower slopes and on drainage lines. Minor sheet and gully erosion can often occur within this soil landscape where surface vegetation is not maintained. The South Creek soil landscape can often occur within the Blacktown soil landscape along drainage depressions (Figure 3.3).

Landforms across the study area are comprised of relatively flat undulating grass surface terrain containing hillslopes and ridgelines with gently inclining slopes of 5 to 10 degrees. Surrounding local relief is 10 to 30 metres and a modal terrain slope of approximately 3% exists within the study area. This has resulted in an erosional landform pattern comprising of gently undulating rises sloping down toward the drainage lines and second order creek that is present within the study area. In general, the Cumberland Plain is an aggrading landscape that results in artefact scatters and Aboriginal sites being buried over time.

The study area is located approximately 500–700m to the east of Ropes Creek (a third order stream in this location), and therefore has a number of locations where water would have been available. The study area contains one second order tributary of Ropes Creek (including a first order stream node) in the south of the study area (within the area proposed as the location for the Energy Plant). A first order stream drains out of the study area from the eastern boundary approximately in the centre of the site, with the headwaters of another first order stream entering the study area just to the north of the first (Figure 3.2). Eastern Creek is located approximately 3km to the east of the current study area.

The variability of soils across the site and the wider region would have provided a resource rich interface with species adapted to the sandstone and shale soils. The study area would have originally comprised of open eucalypt woodland (eg Forest red gum) in which trees were widely spaced and the ground cover was dominated by grassed understoreys. Closed woodland of paperbark and swamp oak, for example, would have been present along the creek margins.<sup>11</sup>

Most of the original vegetation across the study area has now been cleared and is now dominated by introduced pasture grasses. Eucalypts intermingled with pockets of River oaks, along with patchy occurrences of regrowth, shrubs, bushes and weeds occur along the margins of the second and first order tributaries of Ropes Creek present in the south of the study area. A wooded area is present in the north of the study area, bounded by the M4 to the north, and the south/south east by the Hanson Wallgrove Quarry.

Previous land use history and ground disturbance within the current study area can be summarised as follows:

- Limited historic ground disturbance was undertaken across the study area from 1818 to 1956;
- High levels of ground disturbance were undertaken in the centre of the study area in association with the excavation and quarrying activities and development of associated facilities from 1956;
- Excavation for a diversion trench in the south of the study area that took place sometime between 2005 and 2007 resulted in high levels of soil disturbance in the south of the study area, in association with a creek line; and
- Other than vehicle tracks across the grassed section of the study area (ie south of the quarry
  and associated facilities, and north of the creekline in the south), this part of the study area
  appears to have been subject to limited historical ground disturbance.

# 3.3 Regional Character and Aboriginal Heritage Predictive Model

This section considers the evidence for Aboriginal landscape (regional) use of the broader study area. The aim is to highlight the main issues and regional character of Aboriginal land use and the material traces it has produced along the Cumberland Plain.

The Cumberland Plain is one of Australia's most archaeologically excavated landscapes, where the past 20 years has seen hundreds of excavations across many locations and landforms. A number of key Aboriginal heritage archaeological excavations have been undertaken that have informed the archaeological record and provided the basis for predictive modelling on the Cumberland Plain (JMcDCHM 1999, 2002b, 2005b and 2005c; McDonald and Rich 1993; White and McDonald 2010).

On this research basis, a predictive model has been developed that suggests how the likely nature of Aboriginal sites across the Cumberland Plain can vary in terms of landforms and landscape. Stream order is the basis for the Cumberland Plain predictive model of Aboriginal site location (McDonald and Mitchell 1994<sup>12</sup>; White and McDonald 2010<sup>13</sup>), and assumes that Aboriginal people would preferentially select places where the water supply is more permanent and predictable for their usual camping locations. The smallest tributary streams are first order streams and the classification continues stepwise downstream. Two first order streams join at a first order node to form a second order stream; two second order streams join at a second order node to form a third order stream, and so on.

It is predicted that the size (density and complexity) and nature of archaeological features will vary according to the permanence of water (ie ascending stream order), landscape unit and proximity to lithic resources in the following ways:

- in any landscape location across the Cumberland Plain, there is a chance that a 'background scatter' of Aboriginal objects exists—that is, objects deposited as a consequence of one-off manufacture and/or use, where no correlation would be associated with a landform or a more permanent activity area. Such areas are unlikely to contain a subsurface archaeological deposit;
- assessment of archaeological subsurface potential solely through surface manifestation of artefacts during surface survey is inadequate to accurately identify and assess the presence of subsurface deposits as soils are largely aggrading across the Cumberland Plain, and therefore most artefacts are buried;

- in the headwaters of upper tributaries (ie first order creeks), archaeological evidence will be sparse and represent little more than a background scatter; and where distant from stone sources, it would demonstrate the use of stone rationing strategies;
- in the middle reaches of minor tributaries (second order creeks) there will be archaeological evidence for sparse but focused activity (eg one-off camp locations, single episode knapping floors);
- in the lower reaches of tributary creeks (third order creeks) there will be archaeological evidence for more frequent occupation. This will include repeated occupation by small groups, knapping floors (perhaps used and reused), and evidence of more concentrated activities;
- on major creek lines (fourth order) there will be archaeological evidence for more permanent or repeated occupation. Sites will be complex and may even be stratified. Artefacts will show less use of rationing strategies as people may have been less mobile during their use of tools, and remained in the same location for several days, or even weeks;
- creek junctions may provide foci for site activity; the size of the confluence (in terms of stream ranking nodes) could be expected to influence the size of the site;
- ridge top locations between drainage lines will usually contain limited archaeological evidence although isolated knapping floors or other forms of one-off occupation may be in evidence in such a location;
- elevated terraces and flats, overlooking higher order watercourses may contain archaeological evidence for more permanent or repeated occupation; and
- naturally outcropping silcrete will have been exploited and evidence for extraction activities (decortication, testing and limited knapping) would be found in such locations.

It has also been hypothesized that stone artefact based sites in close proximity to an identified stone source would cover a range of size and cortex characteristics. With distance away from the resource, the general size of artefacts in the assemblage should decrease, as should the percentage of cortex and rate of artefact discard (distance–decay model). The increasing number of new silcrete sources has made the testing of the distance decay model (Dallas & Witter 1983) more difficult, and suggests that this model is a risky mechanism for explaining raw material preferences around the Cumberland Plain.

# 3.4 Summary of Field Survey

An archaeological survey was undertaken by GML (Sam Cooling and Jane McMahon) and representatives from seven RAPs on Friday 13 June 2014. A linear pedestrian survey aimed to assess the whole study area, inspecting all soil exposures and zones with low vegetation that contained tracks and paths. Sampling included all landforms that will potentially be impacted by the proposed project. As archaeological survey had previously been undertaken across the study area (JMcDCHM 2002, 2005, 2009), the current survey aimed to ground truth the current state of the study area (as compared with previous surveys), as well as to attempt to relocate previously identified artefact locations and identify Potential Archaeological Deposits (PADs).

The archaeological survey was undertaken in accordance with the OEH Code of Practice for Archaeological Investigation of Aboriginal Objects in New South Wales 2010 and the results recorded in this section of the report.

The study area was systematically surveyed with parallel transects, where possible, and opportunistic inspection of areas and features which were identified as having potential to be associated with Aboriginal cultural heritage, or identified as requiring archaeological test excavation. Survey units were accurately defined and the beginning, length and end point of transects or survey unit boundaries were recorded using a GPS.

Newly identified sites had their location recorded using a GPS, their surface visible content described, their visible extent mapped on the aerial and were digitally photographed. Notes were also made of soil conditions and evidence of disturbance. AHIMS cards will be completed for each site, which will be submitted to the OEH. As a result of the survey, one previously recorded site was relocated, confirmed and expanded (Archbold Road 1). Two additional previously unrecorded sites were observed and recorded (Archbold Road 2 and EFW South). Archbold Road 1 is a low density surface scatter of seven stone objects, Archbold Road 2 is also a low density scatter of six stone objects. EFW South consisted of two isolated finds in association with an area of potential archaeological deposit (Figure 3.3).

The landscape of the study area was characterised and areas suitable for test excavation were designated in collaboration with the RAPs.

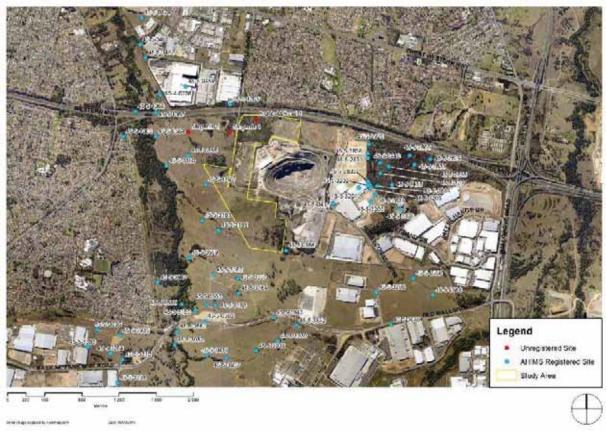


Figure 3.1 AHIMS Sites. (Source: OEH AHIMS, Near Maps with GML Additions 2014).

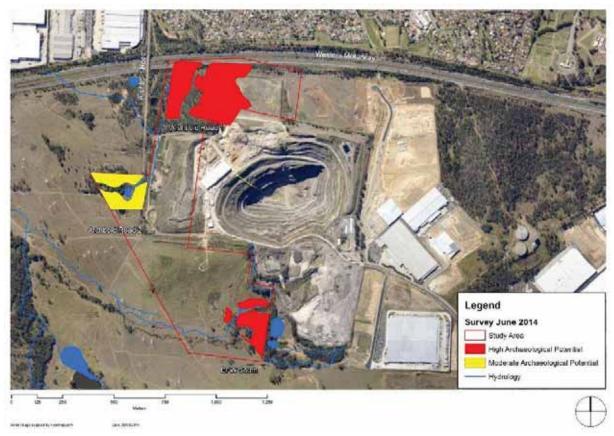


Figure 3.2 Zones of archaeological potential and the watercourses of the area. (Source: Near Maps with GML additions)

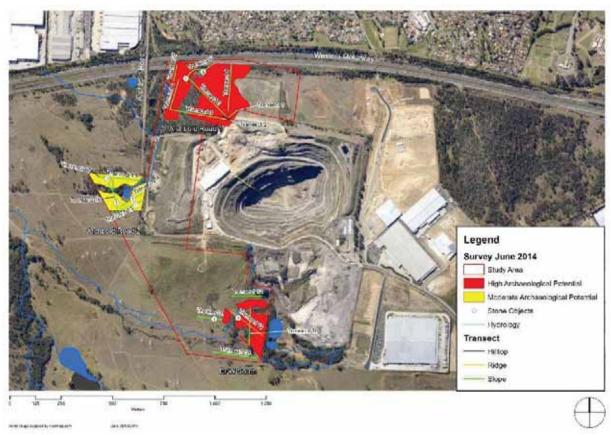


Figure 3.3 Survey transects, zones of archaeological potential, watercourses of the area. (Source: Near Maps with GML additions)

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# 4.0 Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Significance Assessment

# 4.1 Introduction

An assessment of Aboriginal cultural significance can only be made by the relevant Aboriginal community. OEH¹ acknowledges that:

- Aboriginal people are the primary source of information about cultural heritage values.
- Management of impact to cultural heritage values must involve the relevant Aboriginal people.
- Consulting with Aboriginal people at an early stage of the assessment process ensures they have opportunities to fulfil their heritage obligations.

Aboriginal people must have control over how their cultural knowledge is used and shared during the development process. Restriction of cultural knowledge may be an important part of the value of the cultural knowledge.

The guide to management of heritage places is *The Burra Charter: The Australian ICOMOS Charter* for Places of Cultural Significance 1999 (the Burra Charter). The Burra Charter defines cultural significance as:

Cultural significance means aesthetic, historic, scientific, social or spiritual value for past, present or future generations. Cultural significance is embodied in the place itself, its fabric, setting, use, associations, meanings, records, related places and related objects. Places may have a range of values for different individuals or groups.

In line with the Burra charter's four principal values (social, historical, scientific and aesthetic) and NSW Heritage's Office's publication Assessing Heritage Significance<sup>2</sup>, four assessment criteria can be used to assess the Aboriginal heritage values of the study area<sup>3</sup>.

### The four criteria are:

- Social value<sup>4</sup>: 'an item has strong or special association with a particular community or cultural group in NSW (or the local area) for social, cultural or spiritual reasons';
- Historic value<sup>5</sup>: 'an item is important in the course, or patterning, of NSW's cultural or natural history (or cultural or natural history of the local area)';
- Scientific value<sup>6</sup>: 'an item has potential to yield information that will contribute to an
  understanding of NSW's cultural or natural history (or the cultural or natural history of the local
  area);
- Aesthetic value<sup>7</sup>: 'an item is important in demonstrating aesthetic characteristics and/or a high degree of creative or technical achievement in NSW (or the local area)'.

Consultation with the registered Aboriginal parties, investigation into the background history of the study area and local region, and the field inspection has allowed for an understanding of the key values associated with social value, historic value and scientific value.

NB the ATR has addressed the preliminary scientific value associated with the place. Therefore this report provides a summary of the indicative scientific value (reference should be made to the ATR for the full preliminary scientific values assessment).

# 4.1.1 Gradings of Significance

Following OEH 2011 the values, as assessed above, will be graded in accordance with a basic ranking of high, moderate or low. The ranking is based upon the research potential, representativeness, rarity and educational potential of each value. The grading is stated at the end of each value assessment.

# 4.2 Aboriginal Cultural Values Assessment

### 4.2.1 Social Value

The RAPs have indicated that the study area is part of a complex of sites in the area, and therefore a component of a wider Darug landscape. DCAC commented that 'Eastern Creek is an area that Darug families have had a connection to for thousands of years, as shown in all previous studies, Darug people stayed in this area to present times, the oral histories of this area support the families stayed here for thousands of years' (Ms Leanne Watson, Letter, 5 May 2014). In addition, Aboriginal archaeological evidence connects the Darug Aboriginal community in a physical way to their cultural heritage and connection to the area.

Therefore the study area is assessed to hold high social value to the Darug people.

# 4.2.2 Historical Value

Research undertaken as part of this project and consultation with the RAPs has not, as yet, identified any historical associations with Aboriginal use or occupation of the subject land with regards to specific historical events, a historically important person, phase or activity in an Aboriginal community. Thus, the study area does not meet this criterion.

### 4.2.3 Scientific Value

The study area is located within a complex of sites associated with the large network of creeks that cross the Cumberland Plain. The archaeological potential of the study area has been assessed as moderate to high, based on a zoning plan (relating to three different areas with Aboriginal archaeological potential) described in the ATR. Any Aboriginal artefacts recovered have potential to further our understanding of the wider Darug cultural landscape. Therefore the study area is assessed to be of moderate scientific value.

### 4.2.4 Aesthetic Value

Aesthetic value is not inherent in a place, but generally arises in the response that people have to a place and its setting (as defined and described under the *Burra Charter* 2013). Descriptions of the aesthetic value of the study area by the RAPs are related to the place as an Aboriginal landscape.

No artefacts observed during the field survey of the study area were identified as having unusual or rare attributes that could be used to demonstrate outstanding technical achievements for educative/interpretative purposes or in terms of their high aesthetic values. However, excavation has the potential to recover artefacts of aesthetic significance that could form the basis of significant educative and interpretative teaching collections.

Therefore, at this time the study area is considered to potentially be of moderate aesthetic value.

# 4.3 Statement of Significance

The study area is significant because it is part of a wider Aboriginal cultural landscape that Darug families have been using for thousands of years. This landscape possess aesthetic qualities of importance to local Aboriginal people. The study area is likely to contain an expression of stone objects associated with the Aboriginal use of the area; the presence of these items means the study area holds social value to local Aboriginal people. Future investigation and study of these stone objects could provide new scientific information relating to specific Aboriginal use of this landscape.

An overview of how these cultural values are manifest within the study area is presented in Table 4.1.

Table 4.1 Summary of Aboriginal cultural heritage values

Value	Manifest through	Grade of Significance
Social	The study area is considered to be part of a complex of sites, part of a wider Darug landscape in the Eastern Creek area. The physical evidence in the area connects the local Darug Aboriginal community to their cultural heritage.	High
Historic	The study area does not meet this criterion.	None
Scientific	The potential for stone artefacts to further an understanding of the Darug cultural landscape.	Moderate
Aesthetic	The Eastern Creek Aboriginal cultural landscape holds aesthetic value to the local Aboriginal community.	Moderate
	It is possible that any stone artefacts of recovered during future archaeological excavations may hold aesthetic significance.	

# 4.4 Endnotes

- 1 DECCW (2010: 2).
- 2 NSW Heritage Office. 2001. Assessing Heritage Significance.
- 3 OEH 2011 provides a background to undertaking an Aboriginal cultural heritage values assessment in accordance with the Burra Charter and NSW Heritage Office's Assessing Heritage Significance 2001. The approach recommended by OEH has been adhered to for this report.
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- 7 NSW Heritage Office. 2001. Criteria C

# **5.0 Impact Assessment**

This section provides a description of the proposed activity, timing for the activity, Aboriginal values that may be harmed (directly or indirectly by the activity) and the objectives of the proposed activity.

# 5.1 Summary of the Study Area Land Use History

A Heritage Impact Statement (HIS) was prepared at the same time as this report, which included historical research into the land use history of the study area. The findings of this historical research is summarised below with regards to associated ground disturbance across the study area. For full details regarding historic land use including land titles and background, see full GML HIS report<sup>1</sup>

Between 1818 and 1920, the area between Prospect and South Creek along the Western Highway was granted to free settlers and ex-convicts. The study area is located across a number of these grants, however the majority falls within John Thomas Campbell's 1100 acre grant, bounded by Ropes Creek to the west, while the northern section of the study area falls within sections of the 800 acres of land granted to William Cox Junior.

During the early period of European settlement, no recorded development took place within the portions of the grants which now encompass the study area. Some agricultural uses may have taken place, particularly in the southern portions of the lot which were later owned by the Shepherd brothers as they were likely to have been part of their nursery.

During the mid-twentieth century, a portion of land across the Campbell and Cox estate was affected by the easement of a transmission line to the Sydney West substation in the south. This caused the division of the estates into the irregular lots they currently form. Archbold Road (then Chatsworth Road) was in place by this time.

Since the 1950s, a number of these lots which had been subdivided from the larger grants were purchased by Ray Fitzpatrick Pty Ltd², later known as Ray Fitzpatrick Quarries. Major development by this company commenced before 1956 in the form of excavation of a large open cut mine to the immediate east of the study area. The progressive expansion of the quarrying activity led to the excavation of a portion in the centre of the study area (within Lot 2 DP 1145808) and land use associated with this facility across the site.

# 5.2 Proposed Activity and Impacts to Aboriginal Sites

TNG propose the construction of an Energy From Waste (EFW) electricity generation plant, and associated infrastructure, within the study area. The EFW will receive unsalvageable and economic residue waste from the adjoining Genesis Material Processing Centre (MPC) and Waste Transfer Station (WTS) for thermal conversion and the consequential generation of electrical power. The project aims to manage and convert to energy non-recyclable but combustible waste loads.

The proposal will also include the following ancillary infrastructure:

- internal roadways;
- staff amenities;
- staff parking facilities; and
- water detention basins.

# 5.3 Harm to Aboriginal Objects and Aboriginal Heritage Values

The ATR has detailed that three areas (sites) with Aboriginal stone artefacts and soils with a level of archaeological potential have been identified within the study area: Archbold Road 1, Archbold Road 2, and EFW South.

The description in Table 5.1 defines whether these sites and their PADs would be harmed by the proposed activity. It is found that the proposed impacts result of the activity would culminate in both direct and indirect harm to the recorded sites. Indirect harm may arise through partial loss of intangible heritage values (social and aesthetic). One of the values of this study area is the Aboriginal cultural landscape, and its association with other known places. Through the artificial modification of that landscape, sites and places nearby are indirectly affected.

Table 5.1 Identified potential harm to Aboriginal heritage

Site	Type of Harm	Degree of Harm	Consequence of Harm
Archbold Road 1	Indirect	Partial	Partial loss of value
Archbold Road 2	Indirect	Partial	Partial loss of value
EFW South	Direct	Total	Partial loss of value

Table 5.1 identified the values inherent within facets of Aboriginal associated with the study area. Table 5.2 provides an assessment of how these values may be directly or indirectly affected by the proposal.

Table 5.2 Overview of impacts to values

Value	Manifest through	Degree of Harm	Consequence of Harm
Social	As a component of the wider Darug cultural landscape.	Partial	Partial loss of value
Historic	None	None	None
Scientific	The physical Aboriginal sites and their potential for stone artefacts to further our understanding of the cultural landscape.	Total	Partial loss of value
Aesthetic	The Aboriginal cultural landscape connected to the known Aboriginal sites.	Partial	Partial loss of value
	Stone artefacts may hold aesthetic value.		

# 5.4 Endnotes

- <sup>1</sup> GML Heritage 2014, Energy From Waste (EFW) Plant, Eastern Creek, Heritage Impact Statement, prepared for Urbis on behalf of The Next Generation (TNG).
- <sup>2</sup> Certificate of Title Vol.13544 Fol.125, Vol.13548 Fol.70, Vol.13507 Fol.223.

# 6.0 Management, Mitigation and Recommendations

The following management and mitigation statements are made in light of the findings of the study area inspection, background research, predictive modelling, heritage significance assessment, relevant NSW legislation protecting Aboriginal heritage, the OEH Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Guidelines and consultation with local Aboriginal stakeholders.

The following management and mitigation statements are based on consideration of:

- Abiding by the new OEH Code of Practice, which was adopted by the NPW Regulation 2009 (NPW Regulation) made under the NPW Act, and came into force on 1 October 2010.
- The assessment of the Aboriginal cultural heritage values in the study area.
- The interests of the local Aboriginal community members who participated in this project.
- The size of the study area, the size of the remaining areas with archaeological sensitivity and likely impacts posed by the project proposal.

The following principals, strategies and requirements for Aboriginal heritage management should be implemented.

# 6.1 Recommended Aboriginal Management and Mitigation Strategy

These recommendations further those presented in the ATR, which relate to the future management of the physical Aboriginal archaeological resource across the study area.

Given the combination of likely Aboriginal heritage values connected with the study area (social, aesthetic and scientific) it is important to appropriately recognise and manage these values. Ideally, the original land use conservation proposal, detailed in JMcDCHM (2002), which recommended that the northern and southern portions of the study area should be designated as Core Conservation Zones, would be retained and honoured. This outcome was expected by the Aboriginal community—however, since 2002 changes to land use planning associated with the study area have provided a avenue for development in the south of the study area.

As such, the Aboriginal site and values connected with the southern zone would be directly impacted by the proposal. In order to understand the extent of the archaeology connected to the site EFW South, and thus the extent of Aboriginal cultural values, it would be necessary to undertake Aboriginal archaeological test excavation (in line with the OEH *Code of Practice*). A program of test excavation should be used to define the nature and extent of this site.

Assuming that this site does contain an Aboriginal archaeological deposit of moderate or high scientific value, it would be necessary to off-set development impacts through open or salvage excavation of archaeological deposits prior to development activity commencing.

In terms of managing the intangible Aboriginal values of the study area, the proponent should seek to conserve the residual Aboriginal sites (Archbold Road 1 and 2), without further impact. Once test excavation of EFW South has been finalised, it would be possible to undertake an assessment of cumulative impact to Aboriginal heritage in the region. Future management should take into account OEH guidelines for consideration of ESD principles and particularly the need to retain intergeneration equity, through the appropriate management of other lands within the study area.

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Consideration will also need to be given to the future management of Aboriginal stone objects recovered from test excavations, including the possible provision of a keeping area, and a return to Country of the stone objects.

# 7.0 Appendices

# Appendix A

Aboriginal Consultation Log

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# Appendix A

Aboriginal Consultation Log

# Aboriginal Consultation Log—Energy From Waste (EFW) Plant, Eastern Creek

# Stage 1—Notification of project proposal and registration of interest

Stage 1.1—Compilation of a list of Aboriginal stakeholders

Body/Group	Contact	Date Sent	Date Reply	Comment	Reference
OEH Planning and Aboriginal Heritage Section, Parramatta	Ms Susan Harrison	17 March 2014	25 March 2014	Letter from Ms Fran Scully. List of Aboriginal stakeholders known to OEH that may	13-0493oeh1
				have an interest in the project.	FIL14/2019
				'As the Department of Planning and Infrastructure (DP&I) is the approval authority for this project, the consultation process should be in accordance with the relevant guidelines as stipulated by DP&I.'	
Deerubbin Local Aboriginal Land Council (DLALC)	Mr Kevin Cavanagh (CEO)/ Mr Steve Randall	17 March 2014	4 April 2014		13-0493dlalc1
The Registrar, Aboriginal Lands Right Act 1983	Ms Megan Mebberson	17 March 2014			13-0493alra1
National Native Title Tribunal (NNTT)	Ms Kimberley Wilson	17 March 2014	25 March 2014	No native title claimants are registered in the area.	13-0493nntt1
					6104/14MO
Native Title Services Corporation (NTSCORP Limited)	Mr Warren Mundine (CEO)	17 March 2014	19 March 2014	'NTSCorp's privacy guidelines restrict us from providing proponents with contact details of traditional owners. However we will forward your correspondence to any individuals, groups or propries whom NTSCORP is aware assert	13-0493ntscorp1 0E&H :19-3-14/3
				traditional interests within, or hold cultural knowledge about the relevant area.' (Letter)	
Blacktown City Council	The General Manager	17 March 2014	4 April 2014	JM called Sue Galt 3.4.14. List sent	13-0493bcc1
Hawkesbury Nepean Catchment Management Authority (HNCMA)		17 March 2014			13-0493hncma1

Approximately 10 days should be allowed for these groups to respond.

Stage 1.2—Newspaper Advert

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	Date Jell	Date Fillited	Neieille
Blacktown Advocate	17 March 2014	19 March 2014	Blacktown Advocate, Page #47

14 days (4 April 2014) must be allowed for Aboriginal people to respond to the newspaper advertisement.

Stage 1.3—List of Aboriginal groups/people from Stage 1.1 and 1.2.

Organisation/Person	Contact	Date Registered	How the name was obtained and any comments	Reference
Darug Land Observations (DLO)	Mr Gordon Workman	20 March 2014	Email letter response to newspaper advert. Sent to Jane McMahon.	
Tocomwall	Mr Scott Franks	21 March 2014	Email letter response to newspaper advert. Sent to Jane McMahon and Sam Cooling.	
Deerubbin Local Aboriginal Land Council	Mr Kevin Cavanagh		OEH letter.	
Darug Custodial Aboriginal Corporation	Ms Leanne Watson		OEH letter.	
Darug Tribal Aboriginal Corporation	Ms Sandra Lee		OEH letter.	
Darug Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessments	Mr Gordon Morton (Ms Celestine Everingham)	28 March 2014	OEH letter. Ms Celestine Everingham rang Sam Cooling 28 March 2014 to verbally register for project.	
Darug Aboriginal Landcare Inc	Mr Des Dyer		OEH letter.	
Gunjeewong Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation	Ms Cherie Carroll Turrise		OEH letter.	
Amanda Hickey Cultural Services	Ms Amanda Hickey		OEH letter.	

Mr Phil Khan	Mr Phil Khan		OEH letter.	
Warragil Cultural Services Mr Aaron Slater	Mr Aaron Slater		OEH letter.	
Wurrumay Consultancy	Ms Kerrie Slater		OEH letter.	
HSB Heritage Consultants Ms Patricia Hampton	Ms Patricia Hampton		OEH letter.	
Koomurri Ngunawal Aboriginal Corporation	Glen Freeman	31 March 2014	Email letter response to newspaper advert. Sent to Jane McMahon.	

Stage 1.4—Aboriginal notification of the proposed project and an offer to be involved in the consultation

Aboriginal Organisation/Person	Contact	Date Sent	Reference
Deerubbin Local Aboriginal Land Council	Mr Kevin Cavanagh	Registered Post. 28 March 2014	13-0493dlalcc2
Darug Custodial Aboriginal Corporation	Ms Leanne Watson	Registered Post. 28 March 2014	13-0493dcacc1
Darug Tribal Aboriginal Corporation	Ms Sandra Lee	Registered Post. 28 March 2014	13-0493dtacc1
Darug Aboriginal Landcare Inc	Mr Des Dyer	Registered Post. 28 March 2014	13-0493dalic1
Gunjeewong Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation	Ms Cherie Carroll Turrise	Registered Post. 28 March 2014	13-0493gchacc1
Amanda Hickey Cultural Services	Ms Amanda Hickey	Registered Post. 28 March 2014	13-0493ahcsc1
	Mr Phil Khan	Registered Post. 28 March 2014	13-0493pkc1
Warragil Cultural Services	Mr Aaron Slater	Registered Post. 28 March 2014	13-0493wcsc1
Wurrumay Consultancy	Ms Kerrie Slater	Registered Post. 28 March 2014	13-0493wcc1
HSB Heritage Consultants	Ms Patricia Hampton	Registered Post. 28 March 2014	13-0493hhcc1

14 days (11 April 2014) must be allowed for Aboriginal people to register an interest to be consulted.

Stage 1.5—Registered Aboriginal Parties (RAP) Contact Details

Aboriginal Organisation/Person	Contact	Date Received and comments	Reference
Darug Land Observations (DLO)	Mr Gordon Workman	20.3.14. Email letter of registration.	
Tocomwall	Mr Scott Franks	21.3.14. Email letter of registration.	
Darug Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessments (DACHA)	Mr Gordon Morton Ms Celestine Everingham (primary address)	28.3.14. Phone call to SC to register interest for project.	
Koomurri Ngunawal Aboriginal Corporation	Mr Glen Freeman	31.3.14 Email letter of registration.	
HSB Heritage Consultant	Ms Patricia Hampton	31.3.14 Email letter of registration. Requested details not forwarded to LALC.	
Wurrumay Consultancy	Ms Kerrie Slater	31.3.14 Email letter of registration.	
Darug Aboriginal Landcare	Mr Des Dyer	1.4.14 Email letter of registration.	
Darug Tribal Aboriginal Corporation	Mr John Reilly	4.4.14 Phone call to SM to register interest for project	
Deerubbin Local Aboriginal Land Council (DLALC)	Mr Steve Randall	4.4.14 Email letter of registration.	
Kamiloroi-Yankuntjatjara Working Group	Mr Phil Khan	3.4.14 Letter of registration	
Gunjeewong Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation	Ms Cherie Carroll Turrise	7.4.14 Letter of registration	
Darug Custodial Aboriginal Corporation	Ms Leanne Watson	9.4.14 Email letter of registration.	

The proponent must provide a copy of the registered Aboriginal parties to the OEH and the LALC within 28 days of the closing data for registering an interest. This was mailed on 17 April 2014.

Stage 2—Presentation of information about the proposed project

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Aboriginal Organisation/Person	Date Sent	Date Reply	Comments, outcomes and/or issues and details of how input has been considered	Reference
Darug Land Observations (DLO)	16 April 2014			Registered Post 51000001548017 13-0493dloc2
Tocomwall	16 April 2014			Registered Post 51000001543012 13-0493tc1
Darug Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessments (DACHA)	16 April 2014			Registered Post 51000000002015 13-0493dachac2
Koomurri Ngunawal Aboriginal Corporation	16 April 2014			Registered Post 51000001545016 13-0493knacc2
HSB Heritage Consultant	16 April 2014	28 April 2014	Email. Has read through the project information and assessment methodology and happy to proceed with the project. Wishes to be involved in any archaeological survey.	Registered Post 51000001546013 13-0493hhcc2
Wurrumay Consultancy	16 April 2014			Registered Post 51000001542015 13-0493wcc2
Darug Aboriginal Landcare	16 April 2014			Registered Post 51000000001018 13-0493dalcc2

Registered Post 13-0493dtacc2			Registered Post 51000001549014 13-0493dlalcc3	Registered Post 51000001544019 13-0493kywcc1	Registered Post 51000001547010 13-0493gchacc2	Registered Post 51000001550010 13-0493dcacc2
Phone call, Mr John Reilly to SC. DTAC agree with methodology. Noted there were quite a few RAPs registered, concerned as they are not from Country	Concern with non-Darug people, people 'without permission' participating in fieldwork, particularly test excavations and disturbing the ground	'DTAC would support the understanding that only Darug persons should be on Darug Country, such as fieldwork and test excavation'		Phone call, Mr Phil Khan to SC. Agrees with the methodology, enquired as to when fieldwork would start.		Comments regarding nature of site; "recommend that the connections are interpreted throughout the project", and there are still numerous parts of our histories to be recorded". Concerns regarding number of groups for consultation with groups not from the area, states "we do not support personal profit groups and also do not support any input that they have into the recommendations"
6 May 2014				1 May 2014		5 May 2014
17 April 2014			16 April 2014	16 April 2014	16 April 2014	16 April 2014
Darug Tribal Aboriginal Corporation			Deerubbin Local Aboriginal Land Council (DLALC)	Kamiloroi-Yankuntjatjara Working Group	Gunjeewong Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation	Darug Custodial Aboriginal Corporation

The record of agreed outcomes and/or contentious issues should be supplied to all registered Aboriginal parties.

Stage 2.3—Field Survey or opportunity for RAP to visit the proposed project site (13 June 2014)

Comments	
Representative Attended	Mr Gordon Workman Mr Paul Goddard
Invitation to Survey	Phone call to GW 3.6.14. Available on 13.6.14. Email 10.6.14
RAP	Darug Land Observations (DLO)

Tocomwall	Left msg 3.6.14. Spoke to Danny 4.6.14, available on 13.6.14 Email 10.6.14 to Danny, Scott and Sarah	Ms Jen Norfolk
Darug Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessments (DACHA)	Phone call to CE 3.6.14. Available on 13.6.14 Fax 10.6.14	Mr Gordon Morton
Darug Aboriginal Landcare	Left msg 3.6.14. Spoke to Des 5.6.14, available on 13.6.14. Email 10.6.14 to Des.	Mr Des Dyer
Darug Tribal Aboriginal Corporation	Phone call to JR 3.6.14. Available on 13.6.14 Email to John 10.6.14	Mr John Reilly
Deerubbin Local Aboriginal Land Council (DLALC)	Phone call to SR 3.6.14. Available on 13.6.14 Email to Steve 10.6.14	No representative sent.
Kamiloroi-Yankuntjatjara Working Group	Phone call to PK 3.6.14. Available on 13.6.14 Email to Phil 10.6.14	Mr Phil Khan
Darug Custodial Aboriginal Corporation	Left msg 3.6.14 Email to Leanne 10.6.14	Ms Tylan Blunden

# Appendix B

Specific Details of all Aboriginal Consultation



17 March 2014

Registrar, Aboriginal Land Rights Act PO Box 112 GLEBE NSW 2037

Att: Ms Megan Mebberson

Our Ref: 13-0493alra1

Re: Aboriginal registration for Community Consultation—EFW Eastern Creek Aboriginal Assessment.

Dear Ms Mebberson

On behalf of The Next Generation NSW Pty Ltd (TNG) (the proponent), GML Heritage (GML) seek registration from local Aboriginal groups and people with respect to the assessment and future development of this land. The project entails the development of an Energy from Waste (EFW) electricity generation plant at Eastern Creek. The EFW project is being assessed under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act as a State Significant Development (SSD) Project and will not require an Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit in accordance with Part 6 of the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974. However the Director General Environmental Assessment Requirements (DG EARs) for the project require the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) including compliance with relevant statutory guidelines for Aboriginal Community Consultation in NSW (ie OEH guidelines Aboriginal cultural heritage consultation requirements for proponents 2010).

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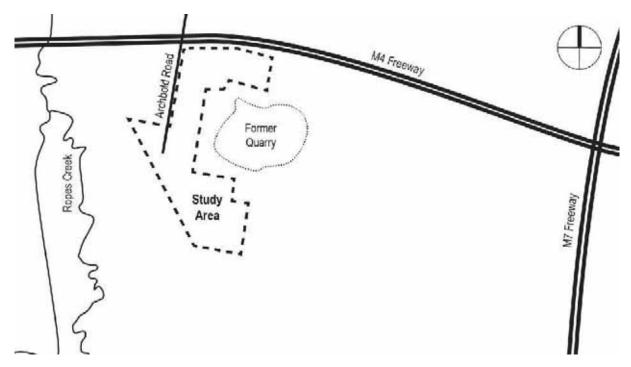
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PO Box 63
BLACKTOWN NSW 2148

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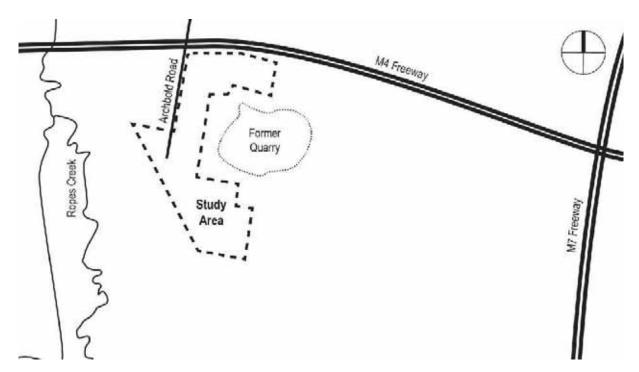
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Deerubbin Local Aboriginal Land Council
PO BOX 40
PENRITH BC NSW 2751

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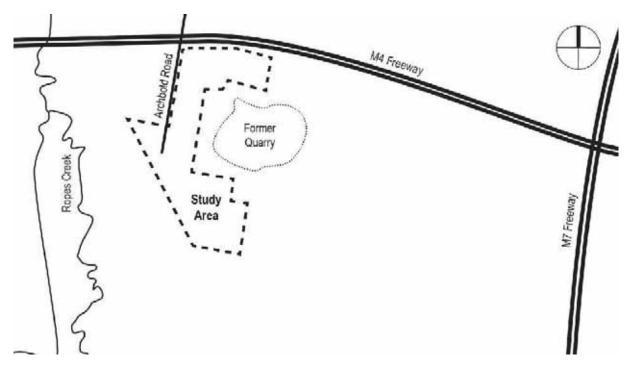
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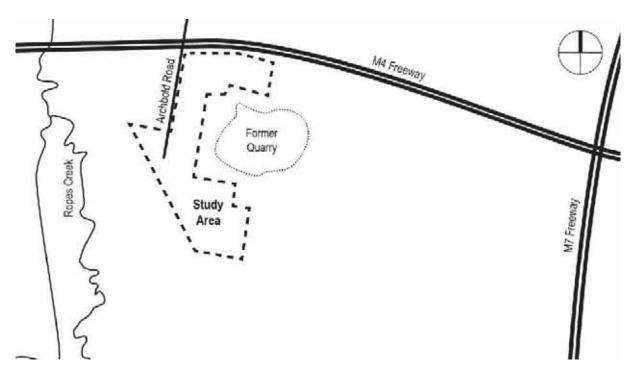
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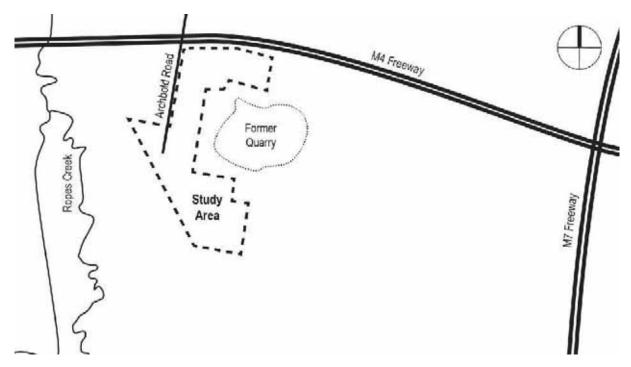
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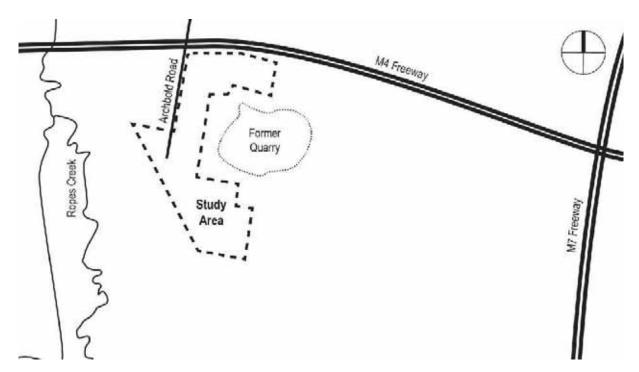
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Yours sincerely **GML Heritage Pty Ltd** 



Ms Susan Harrison
Manager
Aboriginal Heritage and Planning
Office of Environment and Heritage
PO Box 668
PARRAMATTA NSW 2124

Our Ref: 13-0493oeh1

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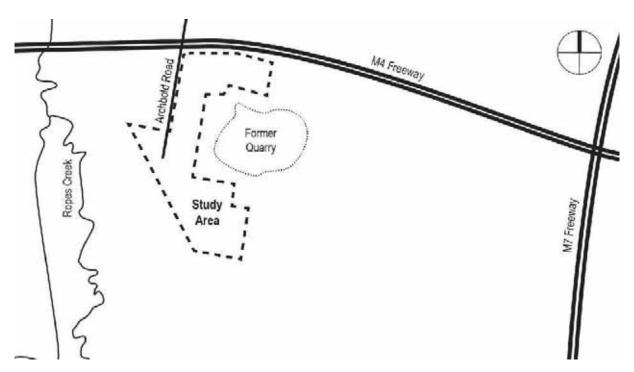
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19 March 2014 ref: 0E&H :19-3-14/3

GML Heritage 78 George Street Redfern NSW 2016

Dear Sir/ Madam

Aboriginal registration for community Consultatuin- EFW Eastern Creek Aboriginal
Assessment

I refer to your letter on the 17 March 2014 concerning the above.

I advise that NTSCORP's privacy guidelines restrict us from providing proponents with contact details of traditional owners. However, we will forward your correspondence to any individuals, groups and organisations, whom NTSCORP is aware assert traditional interests within, or hold cultural knowledge about the relevant area.

Please be aware that NTSCORP cannot make a guarantee or undertaking that the recipients of our correspondence represent the entirety of traditional owners for the relevant area.

To assist proponents in following the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements, recipients of our correspondence will be invited to register their interest in the project directly with ASAP.

Yours faithfully

George Tonna Land & Notifications Officer Strategic Development Team





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Sam Cooling Consultant Archaeologist GML Heritage 78 George Street REDFERN NSW 2016

Dear Ms Cooling,

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Please find attached the list of Aboriginal stakeholders known to OEH that may have an interest in the project.

As the Department of Planning and Infrastructure (DP&I) is the approval authority for this project, the consultation process should be in accordance with the relevant guidelines as stipulated by DP&I.

If you wish to discuss any of the above matters further please contact Miranda Firman, Aboriginal Heritage Planning Officer, on (02) 9995 5477.

Yours sincerely

Fran Scully

Acting Senior Team Leader, Planning

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Greater Sydney Region Regional Operations

# Aboriginal Stakeholders that may have an interest in the Western Sydney LGA's

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Organisation	Contact	Ielephone	Address
Deerubbin Local Aboriginal Land Council	Kevin Cavanagh	(02) 4724 5600	2/9 Tindale St, Penrith NSW 2750
Darug Custodial Aboriginal Corporation	Leanne Watson	02 4577 5181 / 0415 770 163	PO Box 81, Windsor NSW 2756
Darug Tribal Aboriginal Corporation	Sandra Lee	02 9622 4081	PO Box 441, Blacktown NSW 2148
Darug Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessments	Gordon Morton	02 4567 7421 or 0422 865 831	90 Hermitage Rd, Kurrajong Hills NSW 2758
Darug Land Observations	Gordon Workman	0415 663 763/ fax 02 9831 8868	PO Box 571, Plumpton, NSW 2761
	Des Dyer	0408 360 814	18a Perigee Close, Doonside 2767
Gunjeewong Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation	Cherie Carroll Turrise	(02) 6355 4110	<ol> <li>Bellvue Place, Portland NSW, 2847</li> <li>Cherie is Ngunnawal Elder however lived in the Western Sydney area during her childhood. She recognises she is not from the area but has associations.</li> </ol>
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Amanda Hickey Cultural Services	Amanda Hickey	0434 480 588	41 Dempsey Street, Emu Heights, NSW 2750 *Amanda is Wonnarua
	Phil Khan	0434 545 982	78 Forbes Street, Emu Plains, NSW 2750
Warragil Cultural Services	Aaron Slater	0481 280 067	22 Tiffany Close, Rooty Hill NSW
Wurrumay Consultancy	Kerrie Slater	0423 935 556	89 Pyramid street, Emu Plains NSW
HSB Heritage Consultants	Patricia Hampton	0424142216	62 Ropes Crossing Boulevard, Ropes Crossing 2760

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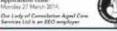


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To register please contact GML Heritage by 1 April 2014. Written registration should be marked 'EFW-Eastern Creek' and sent to: Jane McMahon, GML Heritage, 78 George Street, Redfern NSW 2016. Registrations can also be made by email (janemægml.com.au or samcægml.com.au) or faxed to GML at 02 9319 4811.

Please be advised that the details of all parties who register an interest will be forwarded to OEH and the Local Aboriginal Land Council unless specified otherwise.



Warragil Cultural Services 22 Tiffany Close ROOTY HILL NSW 2766

Att: Mr Aaron Slater

Our Ref: 13-0493wcsc1

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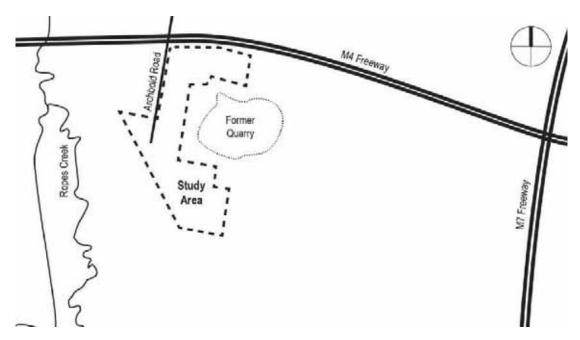
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Jane McMahon/Sam Cooling **GML** Heritage 78 George Street REDFERN NSW 2016

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Submissions should be marked '13-0493-EFW Eastern Creek' and confirm the name and contact details of the contact person or representative for your organisation or group. Registrations of interest will close on 11 April 2014.

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If you have any questions about this project please call me on 9319 4811.

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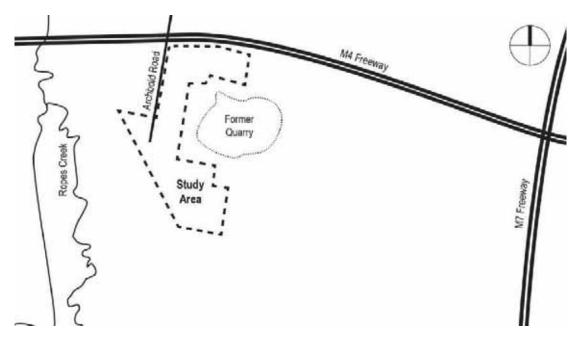
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In accordance with the OEH guidelines 'Aboriginal cultural heritage consultation requirements for proponents 2010' (DECCW, 2010), this is an invitation for 'Aboriginal people who hold cultural knowledge relevant to determining the significance of Aboriginal objects and/or places in the area of the proposed project to register an interest in a process of community consultation' with TNG and GML regarding the project. Should you wish to register an interest in the project, please send written confirmation to:

Jane McMahon/Sam Cooling **GML** Heritage 78 George Street REDFERN NSW 2016

Alternatively registration can be emailed to janem@gml.com.au or samc@gml.com.au or faxed to GML on 02 9319 4383.

Submissions should be marked '13-0493-EFW Eastern Creek' and confirm the name and contact details of the contact person or representative for your organisation or group. Registrations of interest will close on 11 April 2014.

Please be advised that if you register an interest in the project, your details will be forwarded to OEH and the LALC unless you specify that you do not want your details released.

If you have any questions about this project please call me on 9319 4811.

Yours sincerely **GML Heritage Pty Ltd**