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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report (ACHAR) has been prepared on behalf of NEXTDC Limited to accompany a detailed State Significant Development Application (SSDA) for the S5 data centre development at 269 Lane Cove Road, Macquarie Park. The legal description of the site is Lot 3 in Deposited Plan (DP) 1129811 (herein referred to as "subject area").

This report has been prepared to address the Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) issued for the project (SSD-63168959).

The ACHAR was undertaken in accordance with Part 6 of the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974* (NPW Act) and Part 5 of the *National Parks and Wildlife Regulation 2019* (NPW Reg). The ACHA was further conducted in accordance with the following guidelines:

- *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents 2010* (Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water (DECCW), 2010) (the Consultation Guidelines).
- *Guide to Investigating, Assessing and Reporting on Aboriginal Cultural Heritage in NSW* (Office of Environment and Heritage 2011) (the Assessment Guidelines).
- *Code of Practice for Archaeological Investigation of Aboriginal Objects in New South Wales* (DECCW 2010) (the Code of Practice).
- *The Australia ICOMOS Charter for Places of Cultural Significance, The Burra Charter, 2013* (Burra Charter).

This assessment has concluded the following in relation to the subject area:

- There are no Aboriginal objects or Places registered within the subject area.
- The nearest registered site was an Isolated Find and PAD approximately 800m north-east of the subject area which consisted of an Aboriginal object located in a disturbed context.
- The majority of recorded Aboriginal sites in the area were in relatively undeveloped land in proximity to Lane Cove River. The paucity of registered sites in proximity to the subject area, however, is likely a reflection of a lack of archaeological investigation and/or historical disturbance.
- The environmental context of the subject area is not indicative of Aboriginal archaeological sensitivity.
- Previous archaeological assessments in the area highlight that modern disturbance, and in particular cut and fill activities for construction significantly reduce archaeological potential.
- The subject area is located within the Glenorie Soil Landscape, characterised by shallow to moderately deep soils which are susceptible to erosion and disturbance during phases of historical land use.
- Historical land use for agriculture, and subsequent industrial development will have caused high levels of disturbance. The shallow to moderately deep soil profile in the subject area indicates that this disturbance will have been significant across the majority of the subject area.
- A visual inspection of the subject area revealed that historical disturbance is high, with a series of level surfaces having been cut into the naturally sloped terrain which ascends from Waterloo Road.
- Preliminary geotechnical investigations indicate that the site has been subject to extensive cut and fill activities.
- Predictive modelling for archaeological site types suggests there is nil potential for Art, Bora / Ceremonial sites, Grinding Grooves, Middens, Modified Trees and Shelters within the subject area and low potential for Artefact Scatters / Campsites, Burial, Contact Site, Isolated Finds and PAD.
- No comments relevant to the specific social or cultural values of the subject area were received from RAPs during Stage 2-3 of the consultation process.

This report concludes that the proposed data centre development is suitable and warrants approval subject to the implementation of the following mitigation measures.

Recommendation 1 – Submission of report with this SSDA

A copy of this report should be submitted to the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) in support of SSD-63168959.

Recommendation 2 – Continue Consultation until Finalisation

Consultation with RAPs should continue until the finalisation of the proposed development to ensure the opportunity for community input.

Recommendation 3 – Unexpected Finds Protocol

Should any archaeological deposits be uncovered during any site works within this portion of the subject area, the following steps must be followed:

1. All works within the vicinity of the find must immediately stop. The find must not be moved 'out of the way' without assessment. The find must be cordoned-off and signage installed to avoid accidental impact.
2. The site supervisor or another nominated site representative must contact either the project archaeologist (if relevant) or Heritage NSW (Enviroline 131 555) to contact a suitably qualified archaeologist.
3. The nominated archaeologist must examine the find, provide a preliminary assessment of significance, record the item and decide on appropriate management measures. Such management may require further consultation with Heritage NSW, preparation of a research design and archaeological investigation/salvage methodology and registration of the find with the Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System (AHIMS).
4. Depending on the significance of the find, reassessment of the archaeological potential of the subject area may be required and further archaeological investigation undertaken.
5. Reporting may need to be prepared regarding the find and approved management strategies.
6. Works in the vicinity of the find can only recommence upon receipt of approval from Heritage NSW.

Recommendation 4 – Human Remains Procedure

In the unlikely event that human remains are uncovered during any site works, the following protocols must be undertaken:

1. All works within the vicinity of the find must immediately stop. The find must be cordoned-off and signage installed to avoid accidental impact.
2. The site supervisor or other nominated manager must notify the NSW Police and Heritage NSW (Enviroline 131 555).
3. The find must be assessed by the NSW Police, which may include the assistance of a qualified forensic anthropologist.
4. Management recommendations are to be formulated by the NSW Police, Heritage NSW and site representatives.
5. Works are not to recommence until the find has been appropriately managed.

1. INTRODUCTION

This report has been prepared to accompany a detailed SSDA for the proposed S5 data centre development at 269 Lane Cove Road, Macquarie Park (SSD-63168959).

The application seeks consent for construction and operation of a data centre development and includes site preparation works, bulk earthworks and infrastructure, excavation and construction of the buildings, ancillary facilities, and associated site works.

The ACHA has been undertaken to investigate whether development of the subject area will harm Aboriginal objects or places that may exist within the subject area and determine whether the subject area presents any Aboriginal archaeological and heritage constraints.

The subject area is located within the City of Ryde Local Government Area (LGA), and within the administrative bounds of the Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council (LALC) on the traditional land of the Gadigal.

1.1. LOCATION OF THE SUBJECT AREA

The subject area is located at 269 Lane Cove Road, Macquarie Park, within the block bounded by Lane Cove Road to the north-west, Waterloo Road to the north-east, Epping Road to the south-west and Wicks Road to the south-east. The subject area is legally referred to as Lot 3 in DP1129811.The subject area is located approximately 11km north-west of the Sydney CBD. (Figure 1 and Figure 2).

The subject area comprises of a large commercial lot with an area of 22,381m^2 in size. Existing development includes a two-storey office furniture store (Work Arena) at the northern end of the site and offices and studios associated with Foxtel in the southern portion of the site.

1.2. PROPOSED WORKS

The application seeks consent for construction and operation of a data centre with ancillary office and innovation space and includes site preparation works, bulk earthworks and infrastructure, excavation and construction of the buildings, ancillary facilities, and associated site works. The application also includes the delivery of two retail premises at ground level.

Specifically, the Project comprises the redevelopment of the site as summarised below:

- Site preparation works including demolition and removal of existing structures, tree removal and bulk earthworks.
- Staged construction and operation of two data centre buildings (Building A and Building B), each with a maximum height of 65 metres and a combined total gross floor area (GFA) of 46,935m^2 comprising 33,643m^2 of technical data hall floor space and 13,292m^2 of office, retail and innovation hub floor space.
- Building A will be delivered in Stage 1, comprising:
  - Basement parking for 105 cars including four accessible spaces and 10 EV spaces.
  - Two retail tenancies at ground level: 335m^2.
  - Lobby and innovation hub including auditorium and training rooms: 3,192m^2.
  - NEXTDC and mission critical (MCX) office floor space: 9,765m^2.
  - Seven storeys of technical data floor space accommodating seven data houses: 17,258m^2
  - Utilities including diesel generators (2MWe), above-ground water tanks for industrial water (460kL each), above-ground diesel storage tanks (110kL each) and an above-ground water tank for fire water (350kL each).
  - Business identification signage facing Waterloo Road and Lane Cove Road.
- Building B will be delivered in Stage 2, comprising:
  - Seven storeys of technical data floor space accommodating seven data halls: 16,385m^2.

  - Construction of a sky bridge which will connect with Building A, providing direct access between the data halls.
  - Utilities including diesel generators (2MWe), above-ground water tanks for industrial water (460kL each), above-ground diesel storage tanks (110kL each) and an above-ground water tank for fire water (350kL each).
  - Business identification signage on the western and southern building facades.
- Landscaping across the site in accordance with the project staging, delivering a mix of native and endemic plant species, shrubs and grasses, including 93 additional trees within a total area of 4,835m^2 deep soil and a resultant tree canopy cover of 6,211m^2.
- Staged delivery of public domain works, including:
  - Stage 1: construction of the northern extent of Road 13 from Waterloo Road and urban plaza between Building A and Waterloo Road.
  - Stage 2: construction of the remaining southern extent of Road 13 and the full extent of Road 5.
- Delivery of 90 megawatts of power (via a separate application with Ausgrid) with a 33kV switching station to be accommodated on site, as well as other site services, including stormwater infrastructure.

Plans of the proposed development can be seen below in Figure 3 – Figure 5.

1.3. METHODOLOGY

The ACHA was undertaken in accordance with Part 6 of the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974* (NPW Act) and Part 5 of the *National Parks and Wildlife Regulation 2019* (NPW Reg). The ACHA was further conducted in accordance with the following guidelines:

- *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents 2010* (Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water (DECCW, 2010c) (the Consultation Guidelines).
- *Guide to Investigating, Assessing and Reporting on Aboriginal Cultural Heritage in NSW* (Office of Environment and Heritage 2011) (the Assessment Guidelines).
- *Code of Practice for Archaeological Investigation of Aboriginal Objects in New South Wales* (DECCW 2010b) (the Code of Practice).
- *The Australia ICOMOS Charter for Places of Cultural Significance, The Burra Charter, 2013* (Burra Charter).

The objectives of the ACHA are to:

- Investigate the presence, or absence, of Aboriginal objects and/or places within and in close proximity to the subject area, and whether those objects and/or places would be impacted by the proposed development.
- Investigate the presence, or absence, of any landscape features that may have the potential to contain Aboriginal objects and/or sites and whether those objects and/or sites would be impacted by the proposed development.
- Document the nature, extent and significance of any Aboriginal objects and/or places and sites that may located within the subject area.
- Document consultation with the Registered Aboriginal Parties (RAPs) with the aim to identify any spiritual, traditional, historical or contemporary associations or attachments to the subject area and any Aboriginal objects and/or places that might be identified within the subject area.
- Provide management strategies for any identified Aboriginal objects and/or places or cultural heritage values.
- Provide recommendations for the implementation of the identified management strategies.
- Prepare an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report (ACHAR) to be included with an application for an Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit for the proposed development, if required.

Section 3.1 of the Assessment Guidelines specifies the content requirements of an ACHAR, which includes the requirements of Regulation 61 of the NPW Reg. The requirements are listed in Table 1 below, together with the sections of the present ACHAR in which they are addressed.

Table 1 – ACHAR Requirements

Requirement	Section of Report
A description of the Aboriginal objects and declared Aboriginal Places located within the area of the proposed activity	Section 4.2.24.2.2
A description of the cultural heritage values, including the significance of the Aboriginal objects and declared Aboriginal Places, that exist across the whole area that will be affected by the proposed activity and the significance of these values for the Aboriginal people who have a cultural association with the land	Section 7
How the requirements for consultation with Aboriginal people have been met (as specified in clause 80C of the NPW Regulation)	Section 3
The views of those Aboriginal people regarding the likely impact of the proposed activity on their cultural heritage (if any submissions have been received as a part of the consultation requirements, the report must include a copy of each submission and the response)	Section 3 & 7
Actual or likely harm posed to the Aboriginal objects or declared Aboriginal Places from the proposed activity, with reference to the cultural heritage values identified	Section 8
Any practical measures that may be taken to protect and conserve those Aboriginal objects or declared Aboriginal Places	Section 8
Any practical measures that may be taken to avoid or mitigate any actual or likely harm, alternatives to harm or, if this is not possible, to manage (minimise) harm.	Section 8

1.4. RESPONSE TO SEARS

This report has been prepared in response to the requirements contained within the Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) dated 8 November 2023 issued for the SSDA (SSD-63168959). Specifically, this report has been prepared to respond to the SEARS requirement issued below.

Table 2 – SEARs Compliance

Item	Description of Requirement	Section Reference (this Report)
Aboriginal Cultural Heritage	An Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report (ACHAR) prepared in accordance with the Code of Practice for Archaeological Investigation in NSW (DECCW 2010), and guided by the Guide to Investigating, Assessing and Reporting on Aboriginal Cultural Heritage in New South Wales (OEH 2011).	

Item	Description of Requirement	Section Reference (this Report)
	The ACHAR must: – identify, describe and assess impacts on the Aboriginal cultural heritage values that exist across the development site	Section 8
	– provide evidence and details of consultation with Aboriginal people in accordance with the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents (DECCW 2010)	Section 3
	– include results of a surface survey and any test excavations and an unexpected finds protocol.	

1.5. AUTHORSHIP

The present report has been prepared by Owen Barrett (Urbis Consultant Archaeologist), with review and quality control undertaken by Alexandra Ribeny (Urbis Senior Consultant Archaeologist) and Sam Richards (Urbis, Associate Director).

1.6. LIMITATIONS

The ACHA was limited to an assessment of the archaeological remains of Aboriginal cultural heritage and does not consider historical archaeological remains or built heritage items. These are addressed in separate reports, under different covers.

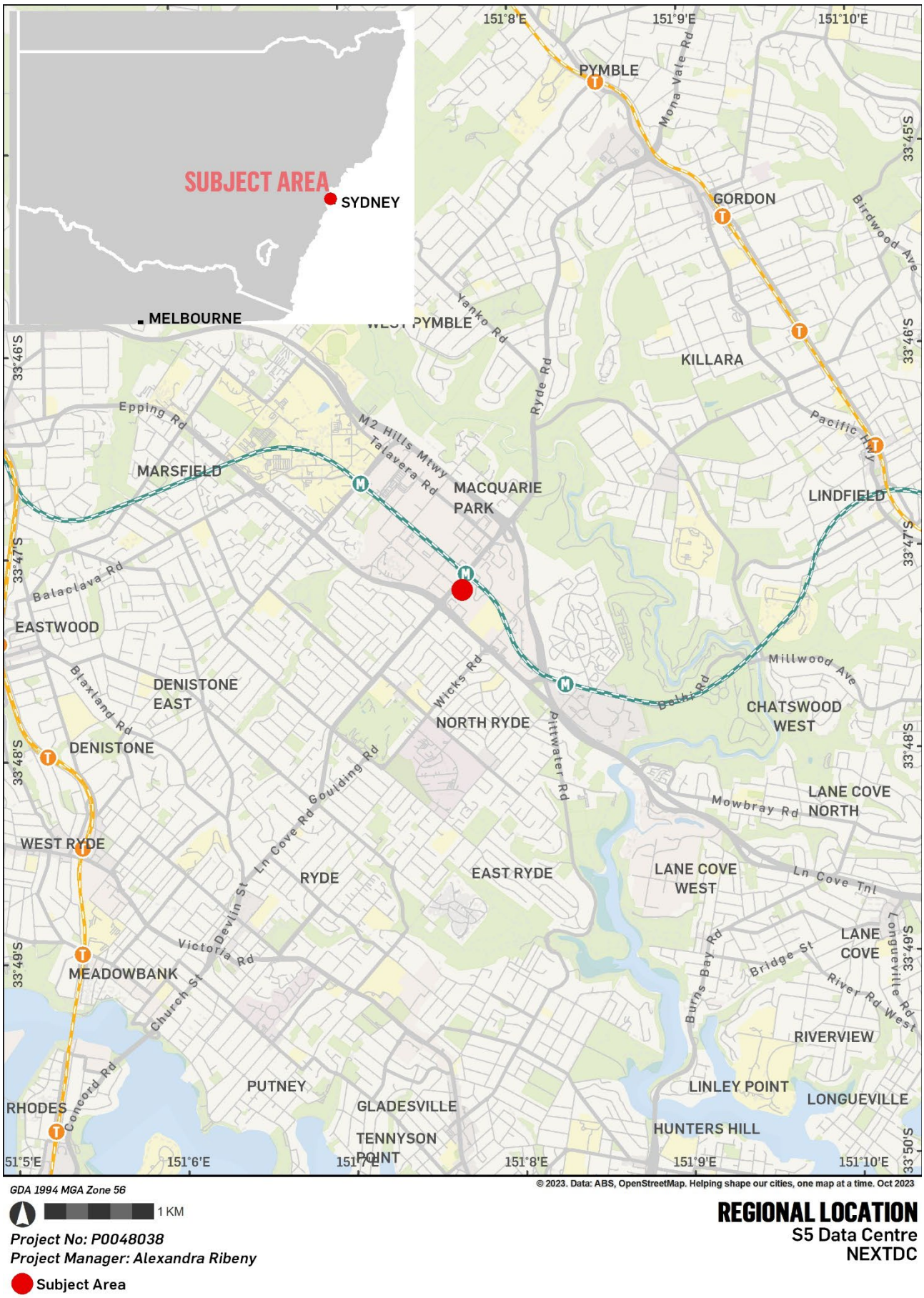


Figure 1 – Regional location of the subject area



Figure 2 – Location of the subject area.

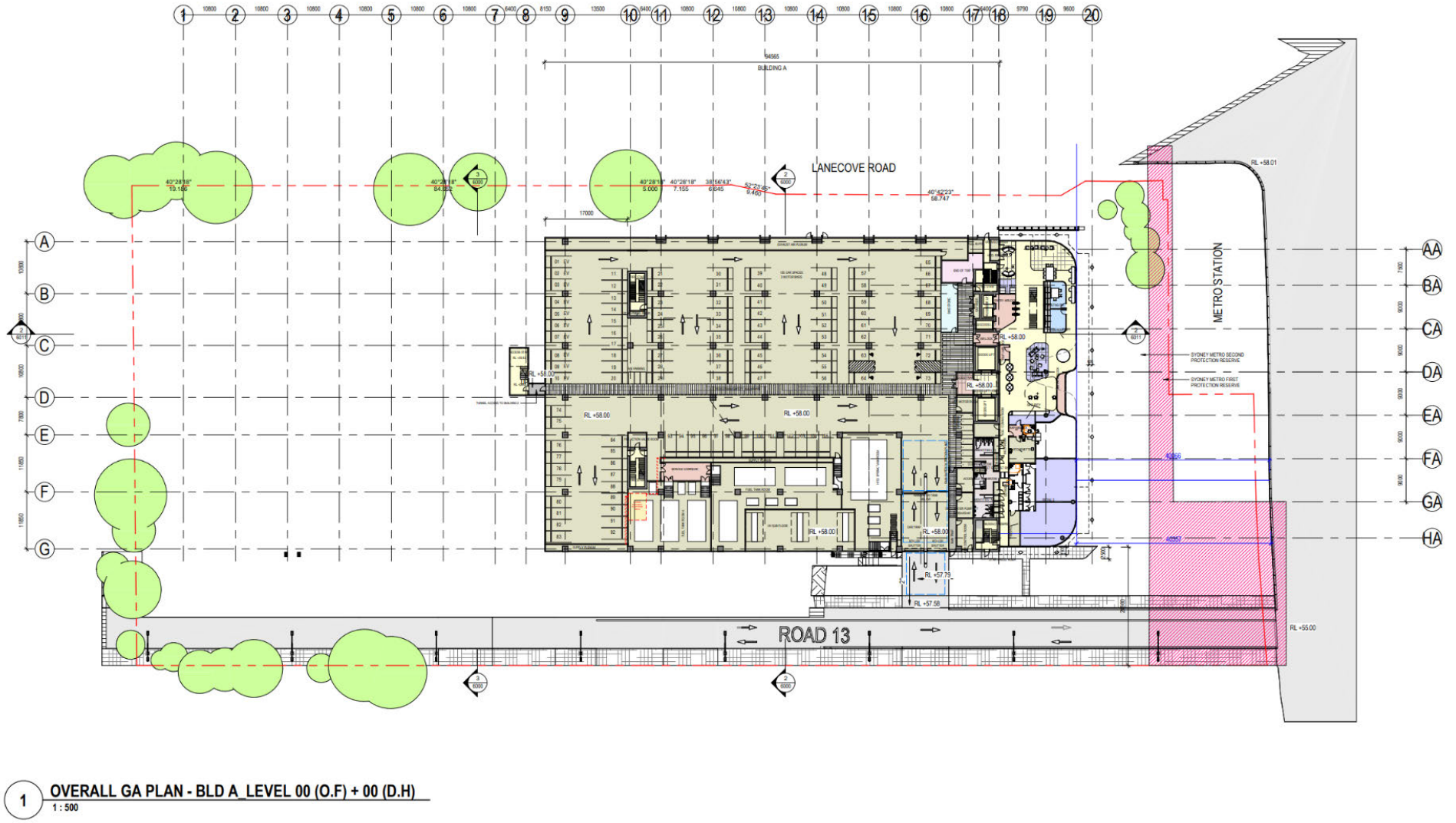


Figure 3 – Overall GA Plan – Level 00 (O.F) + 00 (D.H.)

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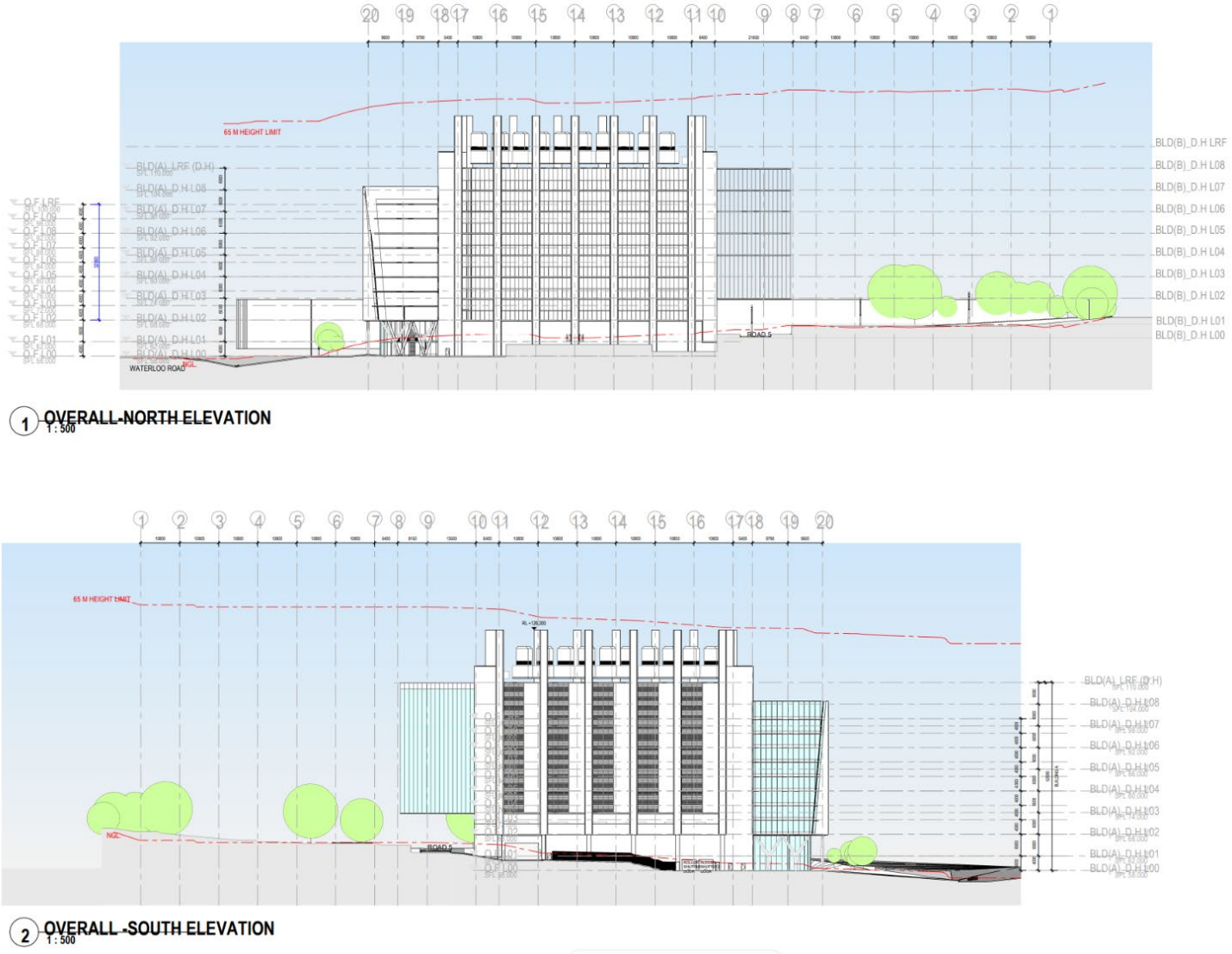
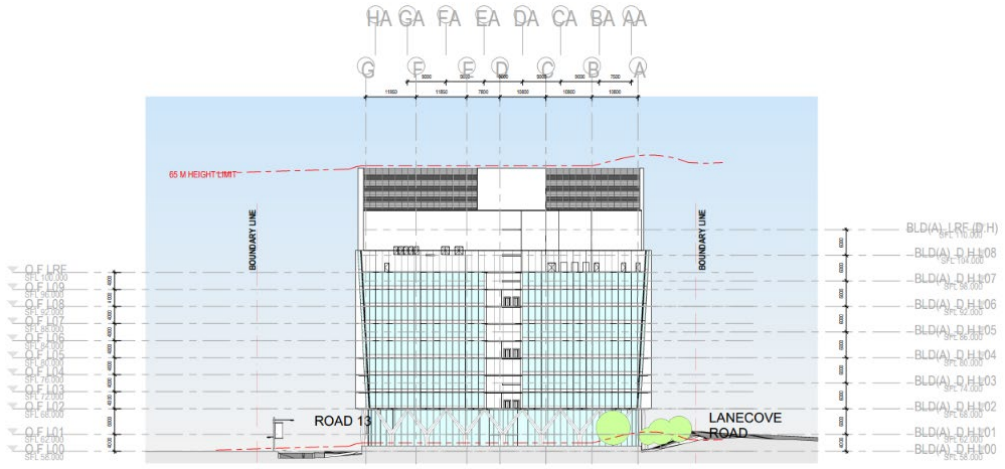


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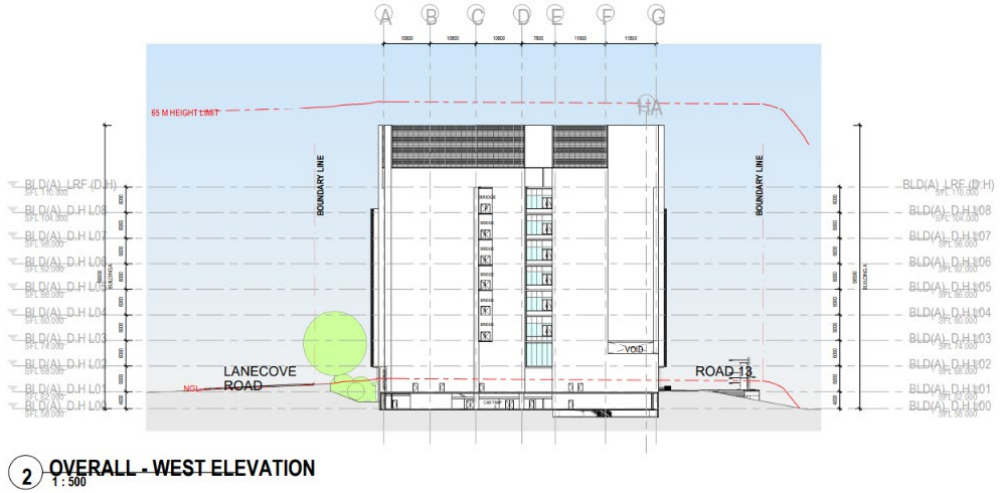


Figure 5 – Overall Elevations – Sheet 2

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2. STATUTORY CONTEXT

2.1. HERITAGE CONTROLS

The protection and management of Aboriginal cultural heritage items, places and archaeological sites within New South Wales is governed by the relevant Commonwealth, State or local government legislation. These are discussed below in relation to the present subject area.

2.1.1. Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (NSW)

The *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (NSW)* (EP&A Act) requires that consideration is given to environmental impacts as part of the land use planning process. In NSW, environmental impacts are interpreted as including cultural heritage impact. Proposed activities and development are considered under different parts of the EP&A Act, including:

- Major projects (State Significant Development under Part 5.1 and State Significant Infrastructure under Part 5.2), requiring the approval of the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces.
- Minor or routine developments, requiring local council consent, are usually undertaken under Part 4. In limited circumstances, projects may require the Minister's consent.
- Part 5 activities which do not require development consent. These are often infrastructure projects approved by local councils or the State agency undertaking the project.

The EP&A Act also controls the making of environmental planning instruments (EPIs) such as (LEPs) and State Environmental Planning Policies (SEPPs). LEPs commonly identify and have provisions for the protection of local heritage items and heritage conservation areas.

The present assessment is being undertaken under Part 5.1 (State Significant Development) of the EPA Act.

2.1.2. The National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974

Management of Aboriginal objects and places in NSW falls under the statutory control of the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974* (NPW Act). Application of the NPW Act is in accordance with the *National Parks and Wildlife Regulation 2019* (NPW Reg).

Section 5 of the NPW Act defines Aboriginal objects and Aboriginal Places as follows:

> *Aboriginal object means any deposit, object or material evidence (not being a handicraft made for sale) relating to the Aboriginal habitation of the area that comprises New South Wales, being habitation before or concurrent with (or both) the occupation of that area by persons of non-Aboriginal extraction, and includes Aboriginal remains.*
>
> *Aboriginal Place means any place declared to be an Aboriginal Place under section 84 of the NPW Act.*

The NPW Act provides statutory protection for Aboriginal objects, defining two tiers of offence against which individuals or corporations who harm Aboriginal objects or Aboriginal Places can be prosecuted. The highest tier offences are reserved for knowledgeable harm of Aboriginal objects or knowledgeable desecration of Aboriginal Places. Second tier offences are strict liability offences - that is, offences regardless of whether or not the offender knows they are harming an Aboriginal object or desecrating an Aboriginal place - against which defences may be established under the *National Parks and Wildlife Regulation 2009* (NSW) (the NPW Regulation).

It is an offence under section 86 of the NPW Act to harm or desecrate an Aboriginal object or place. Section 87 of the NPW Act specifies that that it is a defence to a prosecution for an offence under section 86 of the NPW Act that the harm or desecration was authorised by an Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit (AHIP), provided the conditions to which that AHIP was subject were not contravened.

Regulation 61(1) of the NPW Regulation specifies that an application for the issue of an Aboriginal heritage impact permit must be accompanied by an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report (ACHAR). The scope of the ACHAR is specified in Regulation 61(2) and 61(3):

> *(2) A cultural heritage assessment report is to deal with the following matters—*

(a) the significance of the Aboriginal objects or Aboriginal Places that are the subject of the application,

(b) the actual or likely harm to those Aboriginal objects or Aboriginal Places from the proposed activity that is the subject of the application,

(c) any practical measures that may be taken to protect and conserve those Aboriginal objects or Aboriginal Places,

(d) any practical measures that may be taken to avoid or mitigate any actual or likely harm to those Aboriginal objects or Aboriginal Places.

(3) A cultural heritage assessment report must include—

(a) if any submission has been received from a registered Aboriginal party under clause 60 (including any submission on the proposed methodology to be used in the preparation of the report and any submission on the draft report), a copy of the submission, and

(b) the applicant's response to each such submission.

The present ACHAR is prepared in accordance with the above requirements.

2.1.3. Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999

In 2004, a new Commonwealth heritage management system was introduced under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act). The EPBC Act protects any items listed in the National Heritage List (NHL) and the Commonwealth Heritage List (CHL).

The National Heritage List (NHL) is a list of natural, historic and Indigenous places of outstanding significance to the nation. It was established to protect places that have outstanding value to the nation.

The Commonwealth Heritage List (CHL) was established to protect items and places owned or managed by Commonwealth agencies. The Australian Government Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) is responsible for the implementation of national policy, programs and legislation to protect and conserve Australia's environment and heritage and to promote Australian arts and culture. Approval from the Minister is required for controlled actions which will have a significant impact on items and places included on the NHL or CHL.

The present assessment is governed under Part 15 of the EPBC Act.

2.1.4. Native Title Act 1993

The *Native Title Act 1993* (NTA) established the recognition under Australian law of the Native Title of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples over their lands. Native Title recognises that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples had a system of law and ownership of their lands before European settlement. Native Title differs from other legislative land rights systems in Australia as it is not a grant or right created by the Australian government or dependant on recognition by the common law to be recognised. Rather it is a pre-existing right, inherent to Indigenous peoples by virtue of their distinct identify as first owners and occupiers of the land and their continuing systems of law.

The National Native Title Tribunal was contacted to determine whether there was a Native Title Claim over the subject area. The search found there were no Native Title Claims and is further discussed in Section 3.1.1.

2.1.5. Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983

The Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983 (ALR Act) established Aboriginal Land Councils (at State and Local levels) and these bodies have a statutory obligation under the ALR Act to:

(a) take action to protect the culture and heritage of Aboriginal persons in the council's area, subject to any other law, and

(b) promote awareness in the community of the culture and heritage of Aboriginal persons in the council's area.

The subject area falls within the boundaries of the Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council (MLALC) who have been notified of this project, as outlined in Section 3.1.2.

2.1.6. Ryde Local Environmental Plan 2014

The Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (EP&A Act) requires each LGA to produce a Local Environment Plan (LEP). Within each LEP, Schedule 5 provides relevant information on locally listed heritage items, identifying items and areas of local heritage significance, and outlining consent requirements.

The subject area falls within the Ryde Local Government Area (Ryde LGA) and is subject to the Ryde Local Environmental Plan 2014. Under the Ryde LEP (Clause 5.10(2)) development consent is required for:

(a) demolishing or moving any of the following or altering the exterior of any of the following (including, in the case of a building, making changes to its detail, fabric, finish or appearance)—

(i) a heritage item,

(ii) an Aboriginal object,

(iii) a building, work, relic or tree within a heritage conservation area,

(b) altering a heritage item that is a building by making structural changes to its interior or by making changes to anything inside the item that is specified in Schedule 5 in relation to the item,

(c) disturbing or excavating an archaeological site while knowing, or having reasonable cause to suspect, that the disturbance or excavation will or is likely to result in a relic being discovered, exposed, moved, damaged or destroyed,

(d) disturbing or excavating an Aboriginal place of heritage significance,

(e) erecting a building on land—

(i) on which a heritage item is located or that is within a heritage conservation area, or

(ii) on which an Aboriginal object is located or that is within an Aboriginal place of heritage significance,

(f) subdividing land—

(i) on which a heritage item is located or that is within a heritage conservation area, or

(ii) on which an Aboriginal object is located or that is within an Aboriginal place of heritage significance.

(f) subdividing land—

(i) on which a heritage item is located or that is within a heritage conservation area, or

(ii) on which an Aboriginal object is located or that is within an Aboriginal place of heritage significance.

The ACHA was undertaken to determine whether or not Aboriginal archaeological resources are present within the subject area.

A search of the Ryde LEP Schedule 5 was undertaken on 2 November 2023. The search did not identify any heritage or archaeological items within the curtilage of the subject area.

2.1.7. The City of Ryde Development Control Plan

The EP&A Act requires each LGA to produce a Development Control Plan (DCP). Not all LGAs provide information regarding Aboriginal cultural heritage and specific development controls to protect Aboriginal cultural heritage. The subject area is encompassed by The Ryde Development Control Plan (Ryde DCP), which does not identify any controls relating to Aboriginal cultural heritage.

2.1.8. State Environmental Planning Policy (Planning Systems) 2021

The subject area is encompassed in the State Environmental Planning Policy (Planning Systems) 2021. Chapter 3 of The Planning Systems SEPP *Aboriginal Land* identifies controls for land owned by Aboriginal Land Councils.

The ACHA has not identified any Aboriginal owned land within the subject area. The Planning Systems SEPP does not address any further controls in relation to Aboriginal Cultural Heritage.

2.2. HERITAGE LISTS & REGISTERS

A review of relevant heritage lists and registers was undertaken to determine whether any Aboriginal cultural heritage items are located within the curtilage of, or in proximity to, the subject area. Identified heritage items are mapped in Figure 6.

2.2.1. Australian Heritage Database

The Australian Heritage Database is a database of heritage items included in the World Heritage List, the National Heritage List (NHL), the Commonwealth Heritage list (CHL) and places in the Register of the National Estate. The list also includes places under consideration, or that may have been considered, for any one of these lists.

A search of the Australian Heritage Database was undertaken on 2 November 2023. The search did not identify any items of Aboriginal heritage within the curtilage of the subject area.

2.2.2. NSW State Heritage Inventory

The State Heritage Inventory (SHI) is a database of heritage items in NSW which includes declared Aboriginal Places, items listed on the SHR, listed Interim Heritage Orders (IHOs) and items listed of local heritage significance on a local council's LEP.

A search of the SHI was undertaken on 2 November 2023. The search did not identify any items of Aboriginal heritage within the curtilage of the subject area. (Figure 6).

2.3. SUMMARY

The statutory context of the subject area is summarised as follows:

- The present assessment is being undertaken under Part 5.1 (State Significant Development) of the EPA Act.
- The present ACHA aims to establish whether any Aboriginal objects would be harmed by the proposed development of the subject area, thus addressing s.87(2) of the NPW Act and section 5.10(2) of the Ryde LEP.
- The Ryde DCP does not identify any controls relating to Aboriginal cultural heritage.
- There are no Native Title claims encompassing the subject area.
- Searches of the State Heritage Inventory and Australian Heritage Database did not identify any items of Aboriginal heritage within the curtilage of the subject area.

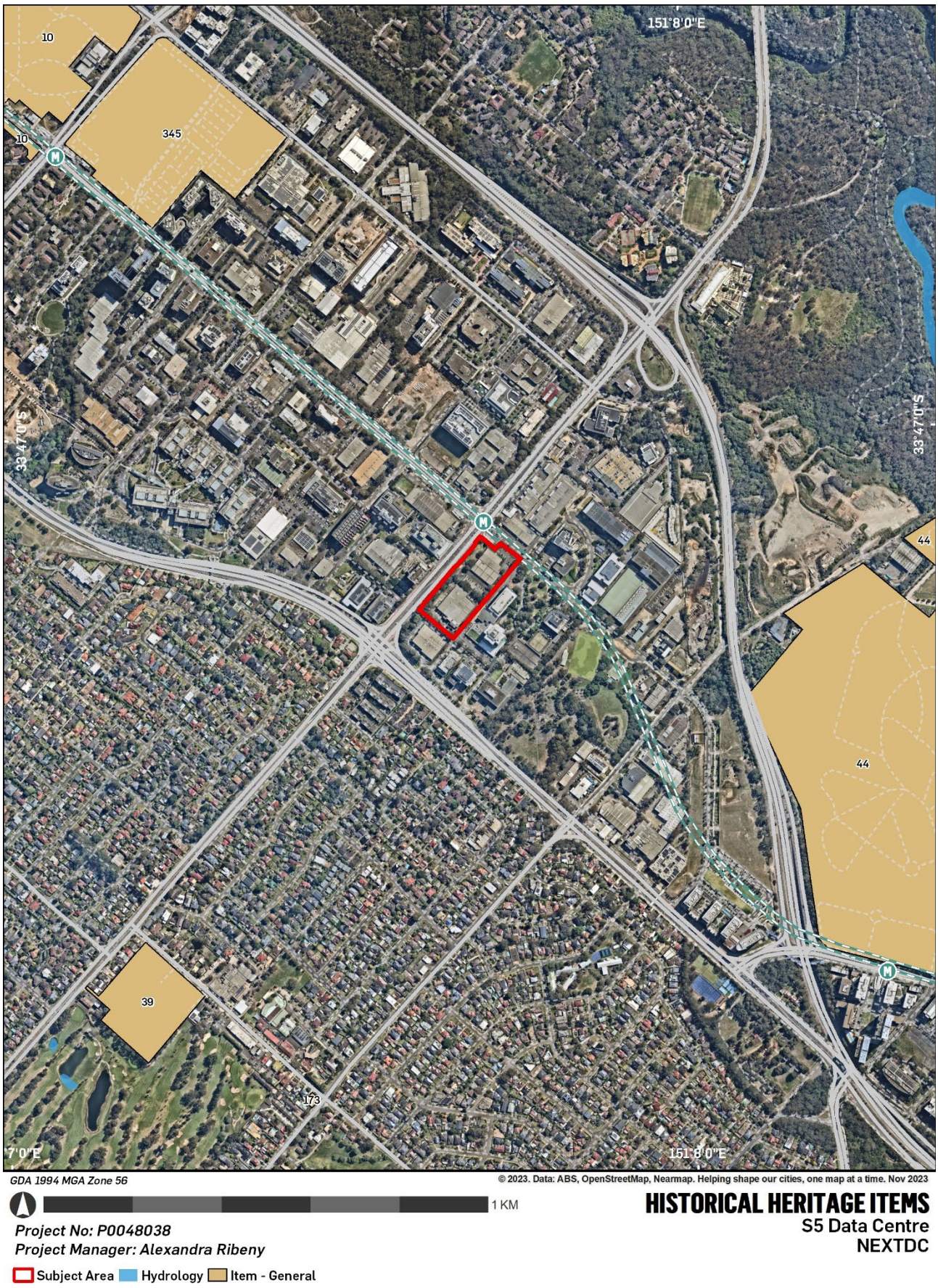


Figure 6 – Heritage items in proximity to the subject area.

3. ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

In administering its statutory functions under Part 6 of the *NSW National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*, the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) requires that Proponent consult with Aboriginal people about the Aboriginal cultural heritage values (cultural significance) of Aboriginal objects and/or places within any given development area in accordance with Clause 80c of the *NSW National Parks and Wildlife Regulation 2019*.

The DPE maintains that the objective of consultation with Aboriginal communities about the cultural heritage values of Aboriginal objects and places is to ensure that Aboriginal people have the opportunity to improve ACHA outcomes by (DECCW 2010a):

- Providing relevant information about the cultural significance and values of Aboriginal objects and/or places.
- Influencing the design of the method to assess cultural and scientific significance of Aboriginal objects and/or places.
- Actively contributing to the development of cultural heritage management options and recommendations for any Aboriginal objects and/or places within the proposed subject area.
- Commenting on draft assessment reports before they are submitted by the Proponent to the DPE.

Consultation in line with the Consultation Requirements (DECCW 2010) is a formal requirement where a Proponent is aware that their development activity has the potential to harm Aboriginal objects or places. The DPE also recommends that these requirements be used when the certainty of harm is not yet established but a Proponent has, through some formal development mechanism, been required to undertake a cultural heritage assessment to establish the potential harm their proposal may have on Aboriginal objects and places.

The Consultation Requirements outline a four-stage consultation process that includes the following:

- Stage 1 – Notification of project proposal and registration of interest.
- Stage 2 – Presentation of information about the proposed project.
- Stage 3 – Gathering information about the cultural significance.
- Stage 4 – Review of draft cultural heritage assessment report.

The document also outlines the roles and responsibilities of the DPE, Registered Aboriginal Parties (RAPs) including Local and State Aboriginal Land Councils, and Proponents throughout the consultation process.

To meet the requirements of consultation it is expected that Proponents will:

- Bring the RAPs, or their nominated representatives, together and be responsible for ensuring appropriate administration and management of the consultation process.
- Consider the cultural perspectives, views, knowledge and advice of the RAPs involved in the consultation process in assessing cultural significance and developing any heritage management outcomes for Aboriginal object(s) and/or place(s).
- Provide evidence to the DPE of consultation by including information relevant to the cultural perspectives, views, knowledge and advice provided by the RAPs.
- Accurately record and clearly articulate all consultation findings in the final cultural heritage assessment report.
- Provide copies of the cultural heritage assessment report to the RAPs who have been consulted.

The consultation process undertaken to seek active involvement from relevant Aboriginal representatives for the project followed the current NSW statutory guideline, namely, the Consultation Requirements. Section 1.3 of the Consultation Requirements describes the guiding principles of the document. The principles have been derived directly from the principles section of the *Australian Heritage Commission's Ask First: A guide to respecting Indigenous heritage places and values* (Australian Heritage Commission 2002).

The following outlines the process and results of the consultation conducted during this assessment to ascertain and reflect the Aboriginal cultural heritage values of the subject area.

3.1. STAGE 1: NOTIFICATION OF PROJECT AND REGISTRATION OF INTEREST

The aim of Stage 1 of the community consultation process is to identify, notify and register Aboriginal people who hold cultural knowledge relevant to determining the cultural significance of Aboriginal objects and/or places in the subject area.

3.1.1. Native Title

A search of the National Native Title Tribunal (NNTT) registers and databases was undertaken on 16 October 2023. The search identified no Native Title claims or registrations for the subject area. The NNTT was contacted by email on 16 October 2023 to request a formal search of the NNTT Register. A reply was received the same day indicating that there are no Native Title Determination Applications, Determinations of Native Title, or Indigenous Land Use Agreements over the identified area.

3.1.2. Identification of Cultural Knowledge Holders

To identify Aboriginal people who may be interested in registering as Aboriginal parties for the project, the organisations stipulated in Section 4.1.2 of the Consultation Guidelines were contacted on 30 May 2023 (Table 3). The template for the emails sent to the above-mentioned organisations is included in Appendix C. A total of 59 Aboriginal groups and individuals with a potential interest in the subject area were identified during this stage.

Table 3 – Contacted organisations

Organisation	Date Notification Sent	Date Response Received
Greater Sydney Local Land Services	19 October 2023	N/A
Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council	19 October 2023	N/A
Ryde Council	19 October 2023	N/A
Native Title Services Corporation Limited	19 October 2023	N/A
Heritage NSW	19 October 2023	24 October 2023
Office of the Registrar. Aboriginal Land Rights Act.	19 October 2023	25 October 2023

In accordance with Section 4.1.3 of the Consultation Guidelines, letters were sent to the 59 identified Aboriginal groups and individuals by email and phone on 1 November 2023, to notify them of the proposed project. The letters included a brief introduction to the project and the project location and set a deadline for response of 15 November 2023, providing the minimum 14 days to register an interest required by the Consultation Requirements. A copy of the letter template is included in Appendix C.

Further in accordance with Section 4.1.3 of the Consultation Guidelines, an advertisement was placed in one local newspaper, the Koori Mail on 1 November 2023. This advertisement was published in the edition and registration was open until 15 November 2023, providing 14 days to register an interest required by the Consultation Requirements. A copy of the advertisement is included in Appendix C.

3.1.3. Registration of Interest

A total of 15 groups registered interest in the project as a result of this phase (Table 4). Acknowledgement emails were made by Urbis to all respondents to confirm registration had been received.

In accordance with Section 4.1.6 of the Consultation Guidelines, the list of Registered Aboriginal Parties (RAPs) was provided to Heritage NSW and the Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council (LALC) on 21 November 2023 (see Appendix C).

Table 4 – Registered Aboriginal Parties

Organisation/Individual	Contact Person
[redacted]	[redacted]

3.2. STAGE 2: PRESENTATION OF PROJECT INFORMATION

The aim of Stage 2 of the community consultation process is to provide registered Aboriginal parties with information about the scope of the proposed project and the proposed cultural heritage assessment process.

3.2.1. Information Pack

A Stage 2/3 information pack was sent to registered Aboriginal parties via email 21 November 2023. The information pack was prepared as a combination of Stage 2 and 3 of the Consultation Guidelines, and included the following information:

- Project overview, location and purpose.
- Proposed works.
- Project history.
- Brief archaeological and environmental background.
- Protocol of gathering information on cultural heritage significance.
- Request for comment on methodology and recommendations for site investigation, and request for any cultural information the respondent wished to share.

A response to the Stage 2 information pack was requested by 19 December 2023, providing the 28 days to respond required by the Consultation Requirements. A copy of the Stage 2/3 information pack is included in Appendix C of this report.

3.2.2. Site Inspection and Meeting

A separate communication was sent on 18 December 2023 to invite RAPs to register for a site inspection and meeting to be held at 10:00 AM on 22 December 2023, which formed part of Stage 2-3 of the ACHA process.

[redacted]

[redacted]

The archaeological findings of the site inspection are discussed in Section 5.1 below.

3.3. STAGE 3: GATHERING CULTURAL INFORMATION

Stage 3 of the community consultation process is concerned with gathering feedback on a project, proposed methodologies, and obtaining any cultural information that registered Aboriginal parties wish to share. This may include ethno-historical information, or identification of significant sites or places in the local area.

3.3.1. Responses to Information Pack

Three responses were received as part of Stage 3 in response to the Stage 2-3 questionnaire. They are included in Table 5 below.

Table 5 – RAP responses to the Stage 2/3 Information Pack and questionnaire

[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted] the methodology.

[redacted]

3.4. STAGE 4: REVIEW OF DRAFT ACHAR

[redacted]

A draft of the present ACHAR was sent to RAPs via email on 17 January 2024 with comment on the draft ACHAR requested by 14 February 2024, providing 4 weeks to respond. It is noted that the time allowed for comment should reflect the size and complexity of the project.

4 responses were received in relation to the Stage 4 draft ACHAR. The responses are included in Appendix C and addressed in Table 6 below.

Table 6 – RAP responses to the Stage 4 Draft ACHAR

[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]

4. ABORIGINAL CULTURAL HERITAGE

An assessment of Aboriginal cultural heritage within a particular subject area requires an understanding of the archaeological and environmental contexts in which the area is situated. The following is a review and analysis of those contexts for the present subject area.

4.1. ETHNOGRAPHIC CONTEXT

Due to the absence of written records, it is difficult to infer what Aboriginal life was like prior to the arrival of European settlers. Much of our understanding of Aboriginal life pre-colonisation is informed by the histories documented in the late 18th and early 19th century by European observers. These histories provide an inherently biased interpretation of Aboriginal life both from the perspective of the observer but also through the act of observation. The social functions, activities and rituals recorded by Europeans may have been impacted by the Observer Effect, also known as the Hawthorne Effect. The Observer/Hawthorne Effect essentially states that individuals will modify their behaviour in response to their awareness of being observed. With this in mind, by comparing/contrasting these early observations with archaeological evidence, it is possible to establish a general understanding of the customs, social structure, languages, beliefs and general of the Aboriginal inhabitants of the Sydney Basin (Attenbrow 2010).

The archaeological record provides evidence of the long occupation of Aboriginal people in Australia and the Sydney region. The oldest generally accepted date for a site in the Sydney basin is 17,800 years before present (BP), recorded in a rock shelter at Shaw's Creek near Castlereagh (approximately 47km north-west of the subject area) (Nanson et al 1987). Older occupation sites along the now submerged coastline would have been flooded around 10,000 BP as sea levels rose at the beginning of the Holocene. Subsequent occupation concentrated along the current coastlines and Cumberland Plain (Attenbrow 2010).

Given the early contact with Aboriginal people in the Sydney region, more is known about these groups than those that inhabited regional areas. The Aboriginal population in the greater Sydney region is estimated to have been between around 4000 and 8000 people at the time of European contact (Attenbrow 2010).

The area around the present subject area was inhabited by the Wallumettagal (or Wallumedegal) clan (Smith 2005). The lands occupied by the Wallumettagal are believed to have extended from the Lane Cove River west along the north shore of the Parramatta River (Smith 2005).

The archaeological record is limited to materials and objects that were able to withstand degradation and decay. As a result, the most common type of Aboriginal objects remaining in the archaeological record are stone artefacts. Flaked artefacts are typically the most common type of stone artefact encountered, in part due to their long and ubiquitous use, but also due to their high discard rate and the large amount of waste produced during manufacture. However, ground edged tools are also known to have been utilised by Aboriginal people in the Sydney region (Tench 1791). Stone technology and raw material utilisation changed over time. Until about 8,500 BP, stone tool technology remained fairly static with unifacial flaking being dominant and a preference for silicified tuff, quartz and some unheated silcrete evident. After about 4,000 BP, bipolar flaking and backed artefacts appear more frequently and ground stone axes are first observed (Attenbrow 2010:102; JMCHM 2006). From about 1,500 BP, there is evidence of a decline in stone tool manufacture, possibly due to an increase in the use of organic materials, changes in the way tools were made or changes in tool preferences (Attenbrow 2010). After European contact, Aboriginal people of the Sydney region continued to manufacture tools, sometimes with new materials such as bottle glass or ceramics (e.g. Ngara Consulting 2003).

Other materials, such as shell and bone, also survive in the archaeological record under certain conditions. The Darug have been described as a woodland people whose diet consisted primarily of hunted land animals, such as kangaroos and emus, and also yams and other roots (Flynn 1997; Tench 1791). In describing his encounters with the Darug people living near the Hawkesbury River, Tench (1791) noted: "…they depend but little on fish, as the river yields only mullets, and that their principal support is derived from small animals which they kill, and some roots (a species of wild yam chiefly) which they dig out of the earth". However, there is evidence of utilisation of river resources in the form of shell in the lands occupied by the Wallumettagal clan (see Section 4.2.2 below).

Based on the above background, it is possible that evidence of Aboriginal occupation is present within original and/or intact topsoils if present in the subject area.

4.2. ARCHAEOLOGICAL CONTEXT

A summary of background research for Aboriginal cultural heritage resources within and around the subject area is provided below, including search results from the Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System (AHIMS) and consideration of previous archaeological investigations pertinent to the subject area.

4.2.1. Previous Archaeological Investigations

Previous archaeological investigation may provide invaluable information on the spatial distribution, nature, and extent of archaeological resources in a given area. No specific archaeological assessments have occurred within the subject area. However, assessments and surveys have been undertaken in the wider area. Summaries of the most pertinent reports to the subject area are provided below.

Artefact Heritage, 2023, 35 Waterloo Road, Macquarie Park: Final Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment

Artefact Heritage was engaged by Goodman Group Pty Ltd to prepare an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment (ACHA) for a Build to Rent development at 35 Waterloo Road, Macquarie Park. The site is located immediately to the north of the subject area.

An AHIMS search revealed that there were no registered sites within a 1km radius of the study area and that those located within a 2km radius were located within undisturbed land. Based on the results of the site survey, assessed high levels of historical disturbance and absence of any archaeologically sensitive landscape features, it was determined that the Aboriginal archaeological potential of the site was low. While the social significance of the Macquarie Park area was highlighted by a number of Registered Aboriginal Parties (RAPs), no specific values were identified in relation to the site itself. These results are of relevance to the subject area as it is located within the immediate vicinity and has a similar history of disturbance.

***Artefact Heritage, 2023,* 85-97 Waterloo Road, Macquarie Park: Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment**

Artefact Heritage was engaged by Goodman Group Pty Ltd to prepare an ACHA for a Build to Rent development at 85-97 Waterloo Road, Macquarie Park. The site is located approximately 700m north-west of the subject area.

The ACHA concluded that, owing to a high level of historical disturbance and absence of registered sites and archaeologically sensitive landscape features, the Aboriginal archaeological potential of the site was low. These were aligned closely with those described above in relation to 35 Waterloo Road, which likely reflects their proximity and similar disturbance history.

Biosis Pty Ltd, 2022, *BaptistCare Macquarie Park Concept Master Plan: Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment*

Biosis Pty Ltd was engaged by BaptistCare to prepare an ACHA for the development of a master plan for 157 Balaclava Road, Macquarie Park. The site is located approximately 1.6km north-west of the subject area.

A large number of sites were located within the vicinity of the study area and these were predominantly artefacts, art and shell. Site survey confirmed the findings of the desktop assessment that the site had been subject to significant disturbance. However, a number of sandstone boulders were located during the survey and it was recommended that the removal of these be monitored by RAPs for the purpose of identifying whether nay engravings are present. Besides this, it was established that the Aboriginal archaeological potential was low and that the works could commence without further assessment.

EcoLogical, 2017. Ivanhoe Estate, Macquarie Park NSW. Aboriginal and Historical Heritage Assessment

The report presents the results of an Aboriginal heritage due diligence assessment for the proposed Ivanhoe Estate Redevelopment, approximately 1.2km north-east of the subject area. A site inspection as part of the assessment confirmed that the study area is highly developed. Ground disturbance observed during the site inspection included cut and fill landscape modification across the site. It was further observed that none of the trees in the subject area appear old enough to be culturally modified, with most vegetation post-dating construction of the buildings. Based on the level of ground disturbance, it was determined that the subject area had low to nil archaeological potential.

Artefact Heritage, 2014. North Ryde Station Precinct, M2 site, State Significant Development Archaeological Assessment, Excavation and Monitoring Methodology

The report presents the results of historical and Aboriginal archaeological assessment for the M2 Site at North Ryde, part of the North Ryde Station Precinct, located approximately 1.2km south-east of the subject area. The report determined that the majority of the study area had been subject to high levels of historical ground disturbance and therefore has no Aboriginal archaeological potential. While the northern section of the study area was determined to have been subjected to low-moderate ground disturbance, it was assessed as having low archaeological potential due to its skeletal soils. The report illustrates that while high levels of ground disturbance significantly reduce archaeological potential, low to moderate ground disturbance may also reduce archaeological potential in areas with shallow soil profiles.

Mary Dallas Consulting Archaeologists, 2012. Due Diligence Aboriginal Heritage Assessment for Macquarie University, North Ryde.

The report presents the results of a Preliminary Due Diligence Aboriginal Heritage Assessment for the entire Macquarie University site, located approximately 1.9km north-east of the subject area. The report identifies three areas within the study area that have been subject to historical cut and fill activities: the University Village, the western open green and new car park and the Macquarie Lake and eastern open green. Despite each area including an archaeologically sensitive landscape feature (i.e. a tributary of the Lane Cove River), each was assessed as being devoid of archaeological potential where large-scale ground disturbance associated with the cut and fill activities had occurred. The report demonstrates that historical cut and fill activities destroy or significantly reduce archaeological potential, even near landscape and near archaeologically sensitive landscape features.

4.2.2. AHIMS Database

The Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System (AHIMS) database comprises previously registered Aboriginal archaeological objects and cultural heritage places in NSW and it is managed by the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) under Section 90Q of the NPW Act. 'Aboriginal objects' is the official term used in AHIMS for Aboriginal archaeological sites. The terms 'Aboriginal sites', 'AHIMS sites' and 'sites' are used herein to describe the nature and spatial distribution of archaeological resources in relation to the subject area.

A search of the Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System (AHIMS) was carried out on 23 October 2023 (AHIMS Client Service ID: 831795) for an area of approximately 5km x 5km.

The AHIMS search identified no Aboriginal sites or Aboriginal places within the curtilage of the present subject area. The nearest registered site was AHIMS ID# 45-5-2653, an Isolated Find and PAD approximately 800m north-east of the subject area which consisted of an Aboriginal object located in a disturbed context during test excavation.

In the broader search area, a total of 54 registered Aboriginal sites were recorded. Of these, two were identified as being 'Not a Site' and one was a duplicate of another site, reducing the total number to 51 (see Table 7).

A summary of all previously registered Aboriginal sites within the extensive search area is provided in Table 7 and their spatial distribution is shown in Figure 8 and Figure 9. The Basic and Extensive AHIMS search results are included in Appendix A. The results of the search are discussed below.

Table 7 – Summary of extensive AHIMS search (AHIMS Client Service ID: 831795)

Site Type	Context	Total	Percentage
Art	Open site	10	19.6
Shelter with Deposit	Closed site	10	19.6
PAD	Open site	8	15.8
Grinding Groove	Open site	5	9.8
Shell	Open site	4	7.8
Shelter with Shell	Closed site	4	7.8
Open Camp Site	Open site	2	3.9

Site Type	Context	Total	Percentage
Shelter	Open site	2	3.9
Shelter with Art	Closed site	2	3.9
Shelter with Art and Shell	Closed site	2	3.9
Isolated Find	Open site	1	2.0
Shell with PAD	Open site	1	2.0
Total		**51**	**100**

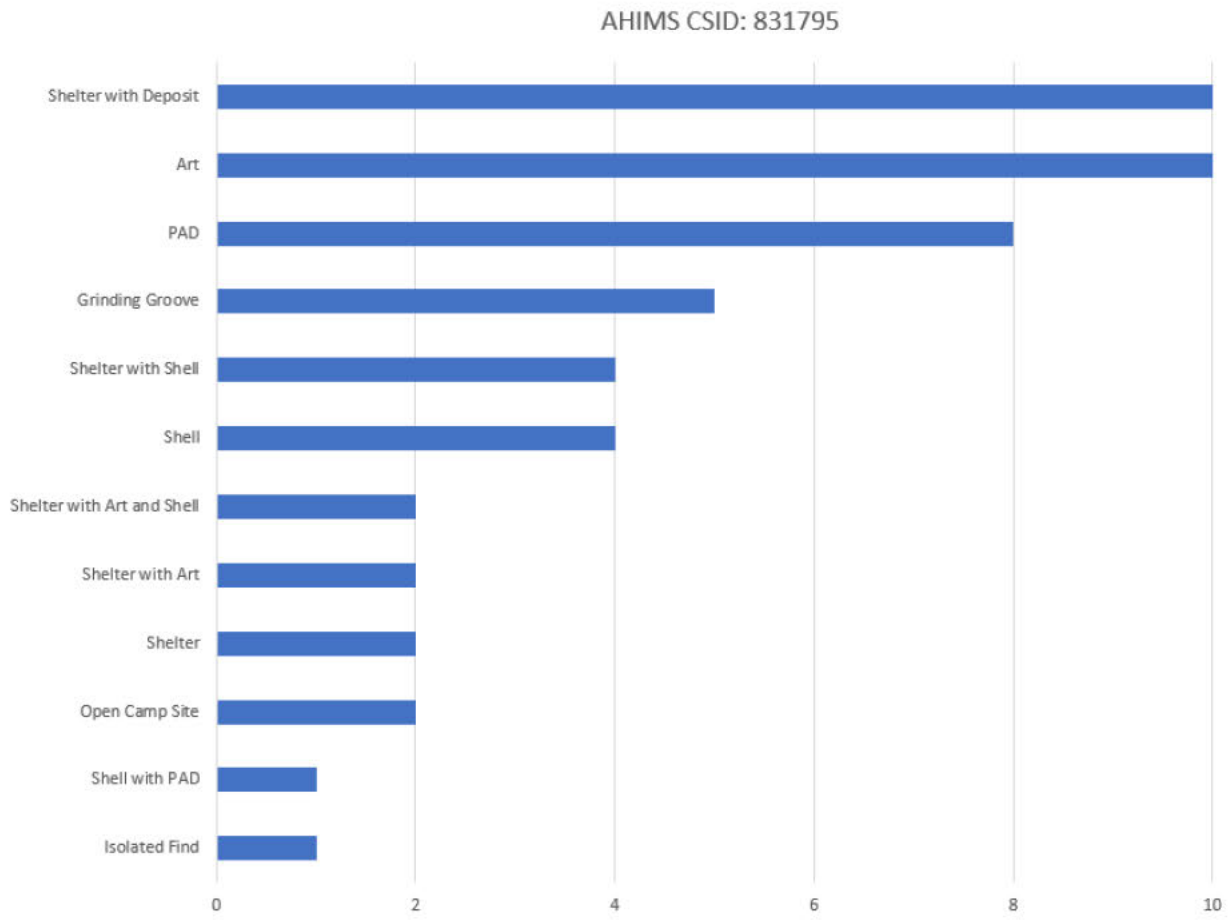


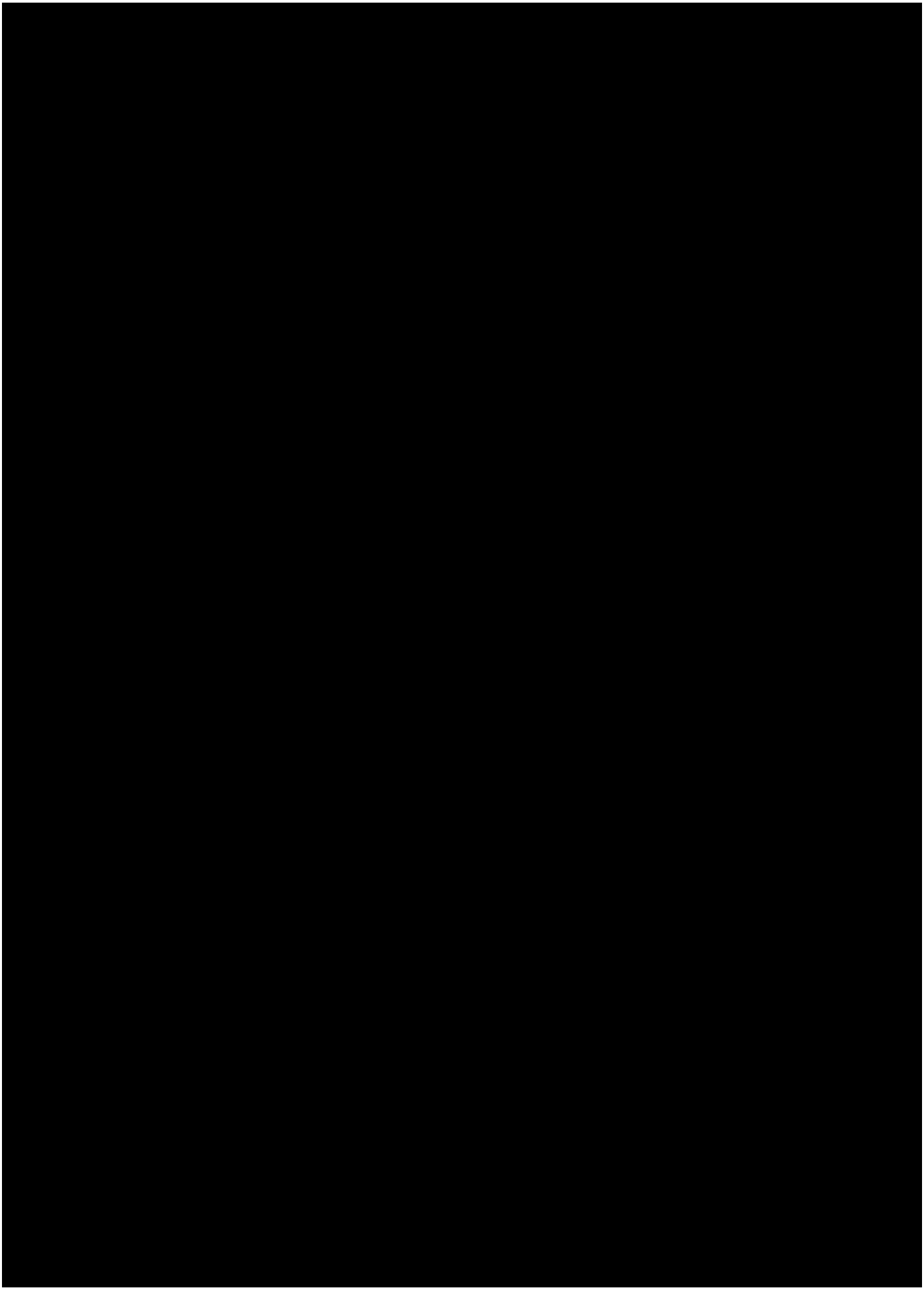
Figure 7 – Site types within the extensive search area.

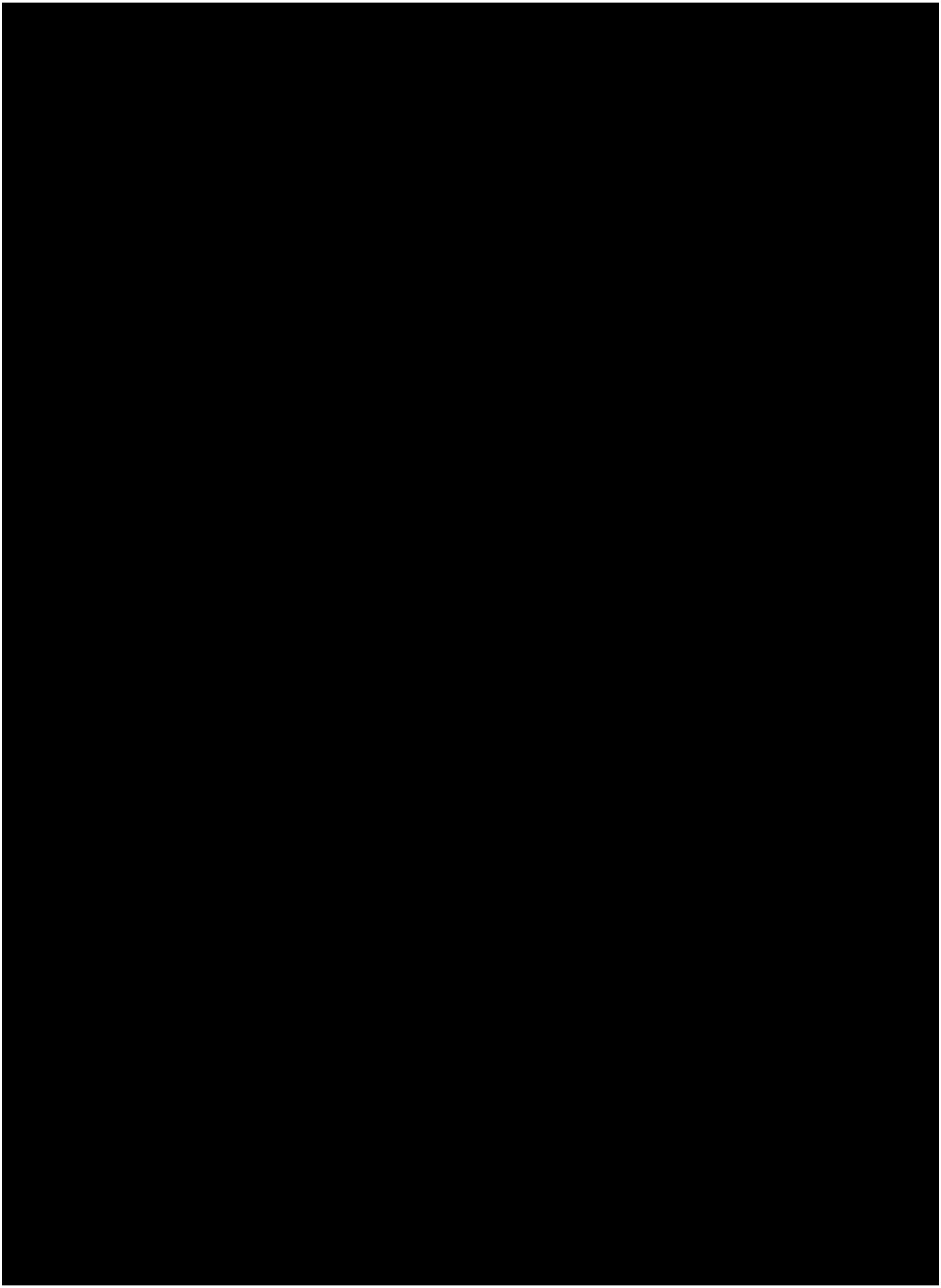
It should be noted that the AHIMS register does not represent a comprehensive list of all Aboriginal objects or sites in a specified area as it only lists sites identified during previous archaeological investigations. Most registered sites have been identified through targeted pre-development assessments for construction, infrastructure or maintenance works limited by the extent and scope of those developments. Likewise, areas which have been the focus of historical development are less likely to reveal archaeological potential due to lack of visibility and high levels of ground disturbance.

It is evident from the AHIMS search results that the majority of registered sites within the extensive search area are associated with relatively undeveloped land in proximity to Lane Cove River (Figure 8). Predictive modelling suggests that proximity to a body of water is a factor in determining archaeological potential, however in the context of the subject area, the results of the AHIMS search must also be considered in relation to the aforementioned limitations.

The majority of archaeological site types identified in the extensive AHIMS search relate to the incised sandstone environment of Lane Cove River and are not indicative of the archaeological potential of the subject area. Shelters, 39% (N=20), which generally consist of rock overhangs, and the Art found within them or engraved into sandstone outcrops, 27% (N=14), are not features likely to be found within the subject area which is unlikely to retain sandstone outcrops. This is also the case for Grinding Grooves, 10% (N=5) and shell deposits, 8% (N=4), which are likewise not expected to be found at distances from water sources. There is greater potential for Artefacts and Potential Archaeological Deposits (PADs) to remain *in situ* within the subject area, which will be discussed in the following section.

The aforementioned site types testify to prior Aboriginal use of the landscape surrounding the subject area and are predominantly located in association with the Lane Cove River. The AHIMS database cannot therefore be utilised to adequately predict the likelihood that Aboriginal objects remain *in situ* within the subject area as it is not located within a similar riparian environment.





4.3. ENVIRONMENTAL CONTEXT

The environmental context of a subject area is relevant to its potential for Aboriginal objects and places. Aboriginal objects may be associated with certain landscape features that played a part in the everyday lives and traditional cultural activities of Aboriginal people. Landscape features that are considered indicative of archaeological potential include rock shelters, sand dunes, waterways, waterholes and wetlands. Conversely, disturbance to the landscape after Aboriginal use may reduce the potential for Aboriginal objects and places. An analysis of the landscape within and near to the subject area is provided below.

4.3.1. Soil Landscape and Geology

Certain soil landscapes and geological features are associated with greater archaeological potential for Aboriginal objects and places. For example, sand dune systems are associated with the potential presence of burials and sandstone outcrops are associated with the potential presence of grinding grooves and rock art. The depth of natural soils is also relevant to the potential for archaeological materials to be present, especially in areas where disturbance is high. In general, as disturbance level increases, the integrity of any potential archaeological resource decreases. However, disturbance might not remove the archaeological potential even if it decreases integrity of the resources substantially.

The subject area is located within the Glenorie Soil Landscape (Figure 9), which occurs on undulating to rolling low hills on Wianamatta Group shales. Soils are described as shallow to moderately deep (<100 cm) Red Podzolic Soils on crests, moderately deep (70–150 cm) Red and Brown Podzolic Soils on upper slopes, deep (>200 cm) Yellow Podzolic Soils and Gleyed Podzolic Soils along drainage lines.

The hard setting Glenorie soil landscape is generally not associated with Aboriginal burials. The shallow soils also render archaeological remains within the subject area susceptible to removal and disturbance during phases of historical land use.

4.3.2. Topography

Certain landform elements are associated with greater archaeological potential for Aboriginal objects and places. Areas that are located on a ridge top, ridge line or headland, located within 200m below or above a cliff face or within 20m of or in a cave, rock shelter or cave mouth are considered sensitive areas for Aboriginal objects and places.

The subject area resides on a gentle lower slope. The topographical context of the subject area is not therefore archaeologically sensitive.

4.3.3. Hydrology

Proximity to a body of water is a factor in determining archaeological potential. Areas within 200m of the whole or any part of a river, stream, lake, lagoon, swamp, wetlands, natural watercourse, or the high-tide mark of shorelines (including the sea) are considered sensitive areas for Aboriginal objects and places.

The nearest current water source to the subject area is Porters Creek, a tributary of Lane Cove River approximately 900m east of the subject area. The hydrological context of the subject area is not therefore archaeologically sensitive.

4.3.4. Vegetation

The presence of certain types of vegetation within an area may be indicative of archaeological potential for certain site types, such as modified trees, or more generally the habitability of an area for Aboriginal people.

Vegetation within the Glenorie Soil Landscape is typified by extensively cleared tall open-forest dominated by Sydney blue gum.

The original vegetation communities were removed from the subject area in historic times and the site primarily contains eucalypt regrowth. The vegetation of the subject area is not therefore indicative of archaeological sensitivity.

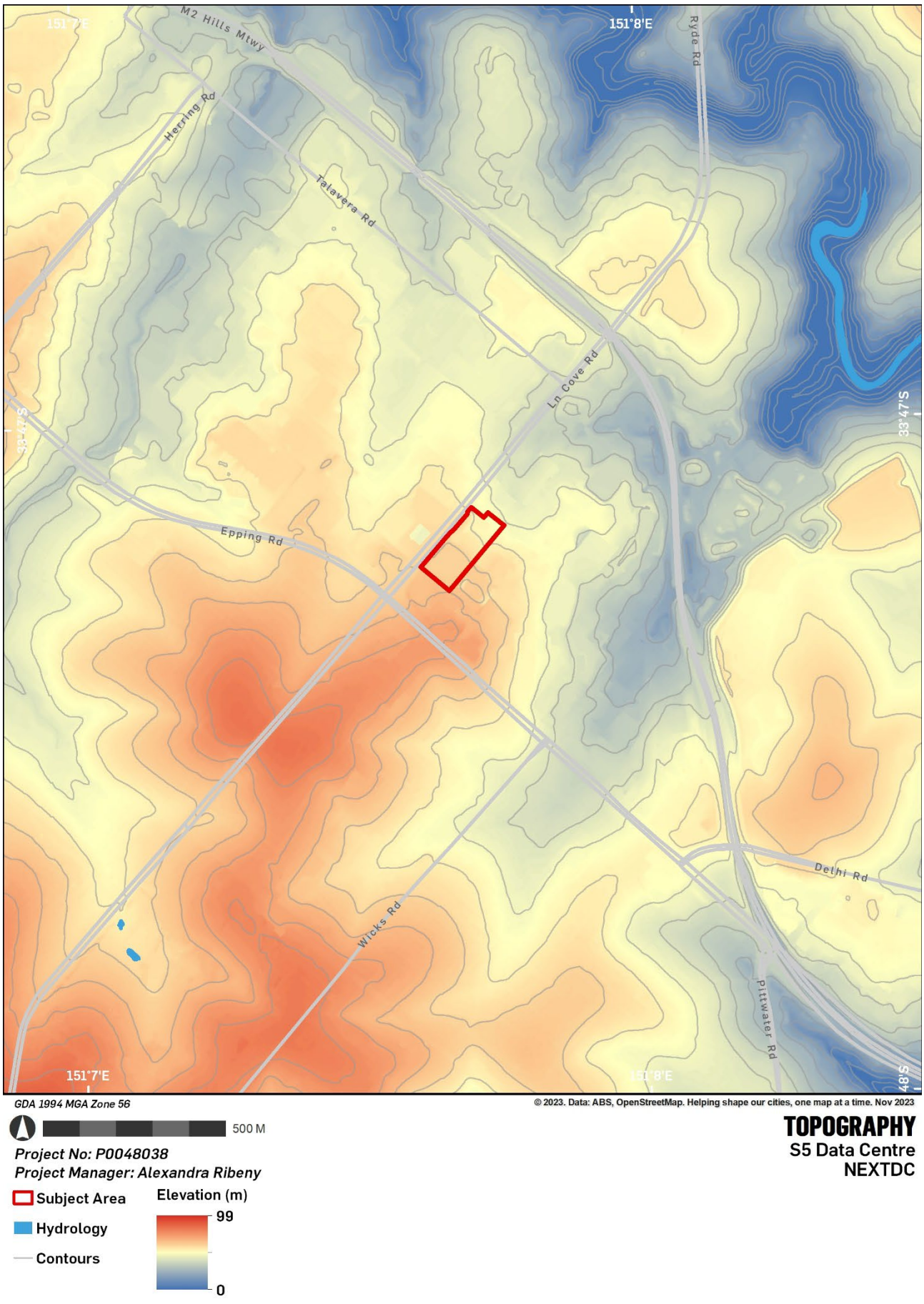


Figure 10 – Topography of the study area

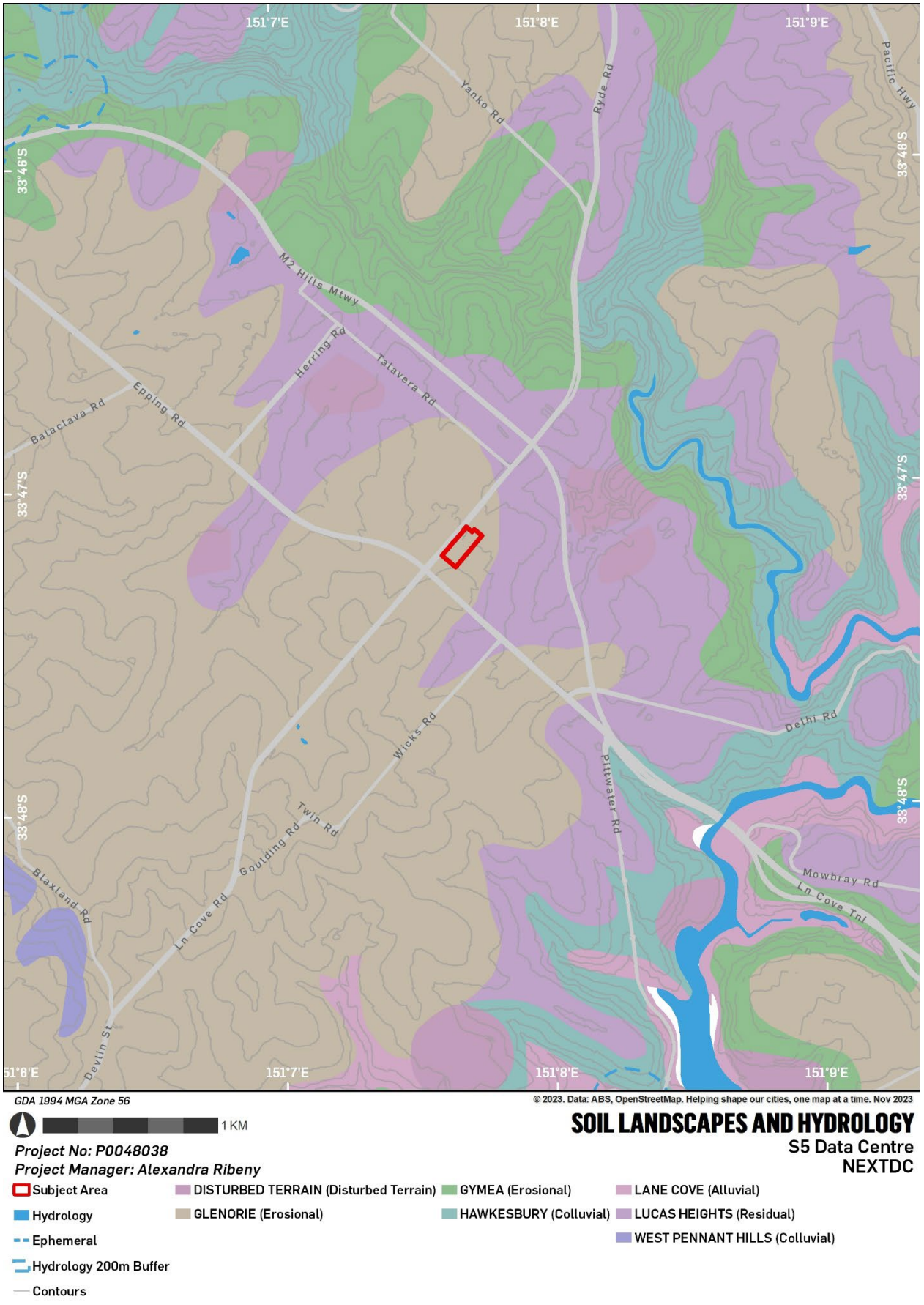


Figure 11 – Soil Landscapes and Hydrology

4.3.5. Historical Ground Disturbance

Historical ground disturbance, either through human activity (e.g. soil ploughing, construction of buildings and clearing of vegetation) or natural processes (e.g. erosion), can reduce the archaeological potential of a site. Ground disturbance may reduce the spatial and vertical integrity of archaeological resources and expose sub-surface deposits.

Development of the Ryde area began as early as 1792, when ex-marines were granted land on the northern banks of the Paramatta River (Phippen 2008). The subject area was part of a common grant allotment which, owing to its military associations, became known as the Field of Mars (Figure 12). Commons throughout the 19th century were exploited to varying degrees and were used for agricultural, grazing and firewood procurement purposes.

In 1874 the Field of Mars Common was resumed by the Crown and subdivided under the *Field of Mars Resumption Act*. By the mid-1880s most of the surrounding area had been sold for small farms and villas.[1] This is evident in the aerial photograph from 1930 (Figure 13) and 1951 (Figure 14).

From 1956 the subject area was developed for the North Ryde Skyline Drive-in which operated until 1986 (Figure 15 and Figure 16) (Cinema Treasures online). Following this period, the subject area was developed for industrial purposes.

Historical aerial photographs provide a visual representation of changes in land use from agriculture to industry since the first half of the 20th century and are summarised below. Photographs can be seen in Figure 13 to Figure 18.

Table 8 – Historical aerials

Year	Description of subject area
1930	The subject area is partially cleared and contains small structures, likely to be residential properties, and appears to be utilised for agriculture. The southern portion of the subject area appears to contain orchard plantings.
1951	The northern portion of the subject area has been further cleared and planted more extensively for agricultural purposes. The structure in the southern portion appears to have been demolished.
1977	The subject area has been amalgamated with adjacent lots and developed into a drive-in cinema. The majority of vegetation appears to have been removed and replaced with regular plantings. The northern portion of the subject area appears to be relatively untouched by this phase of development.
1985	Currently extant structures have been constructed along with hardstand and tree plantings.
2023	The site appears to have undergone only superficial changes in the period from 1985 until present.

Historical aerials reveal that the subject area has been utilised for agricultural, commercial and industrial purposes since at least 1930. It is not likely that construction during agricultural use of the site will have been particularly invasive, however ploughing, tree planting and vegetation clearance will have disturbed the upper soil profile. Ground disturbance is likely to have been moderate to high in association with the drive-in cinema, which would have required the levelling and installation of hardstand and construction of associated facilities. Disturbance associated with the industrial use of the site, however, is likely to have been high, with extensive cut and fill activities and construction of large buildings.

[1] *Field of Mars Common*, The Dictionary of Sydney, accessed 8 December 2023, available at https://dictionaryofsydney.org/place/field_of_mars_common

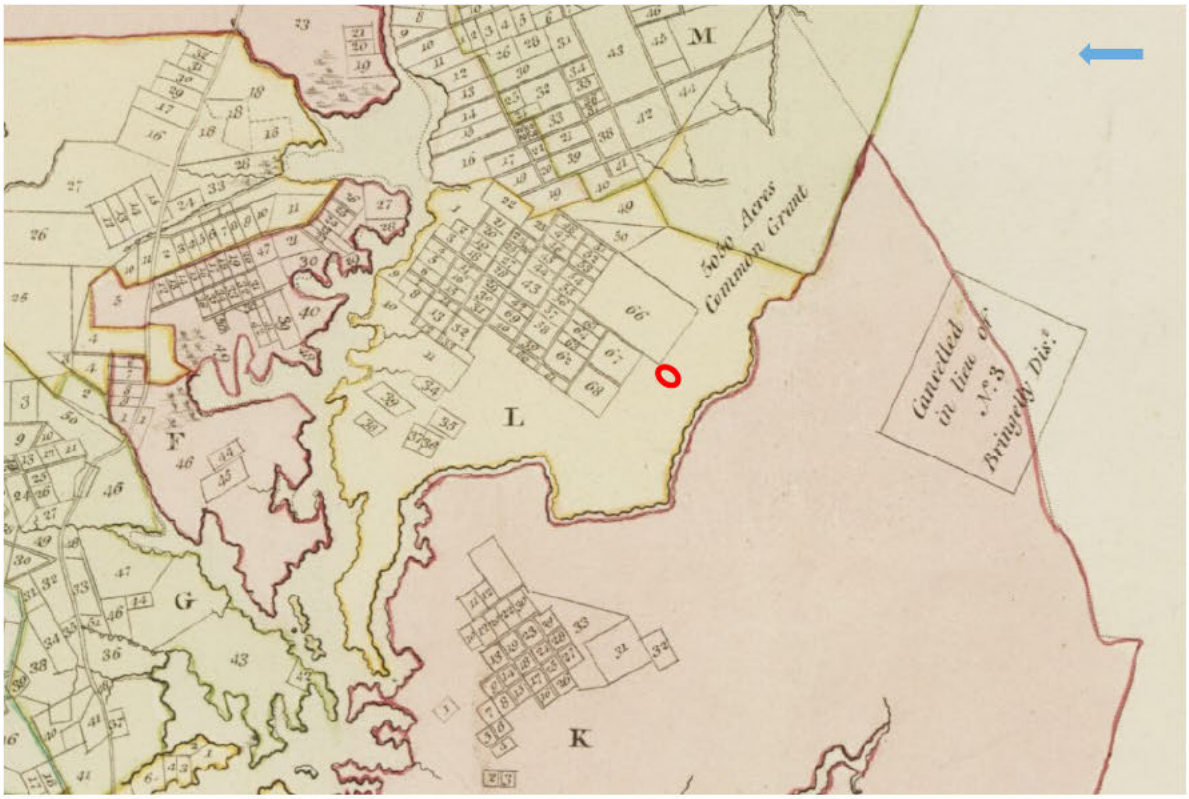


Figure 12 – Early land grants circa 1815. Approximate location of the subject area in red. Blue arrow points north.

Source: State Library NSW, https://collection.sl.nsw.gov.au/record/74VKq23JdjAM



Figure 13 – 1930 aerial photograph of the subject area.



Figure 14 – 1951 aerial photograph of the subject area.

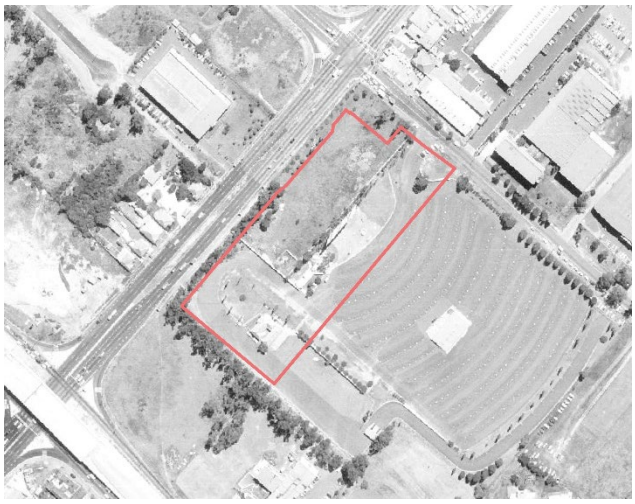


Figure 15 – 1977 aerial photograph of the subject area.

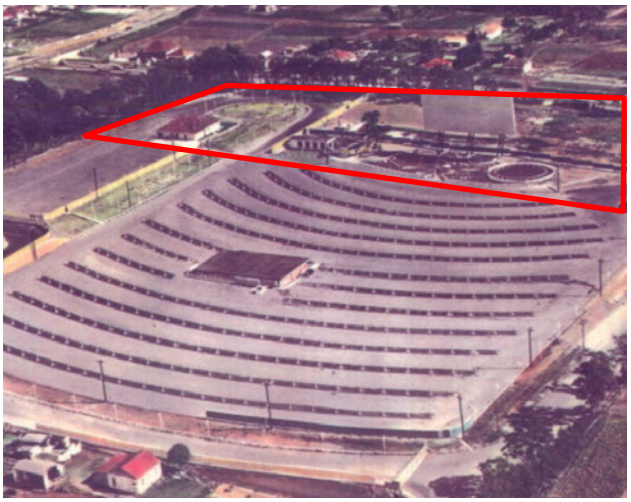


Figure 16 – North Ryde Skyline Drive-in which operated from 1956 to 1986. View west. Approximate location of the subject area marked in red.

Source: https://cinematreasures.org/theaters/53120



Figure 17 – 1985 aerial photograph of the subject area.



Figure 18 – Current aerial photograph of the subject area.

4.4. SUMMARY

The assessments of the regional, archaeological and environmental contexts of the subject area are summarised as follows:

- There are no Aboriginal objects or Places registered within the subject area.
- The nearest registered site was an Isolated Find and PAD approximately 800m north-east of the subject area which consisted of an Aboriginal object located in a disturbed context.
- The majority of recorded Aboriginal sites in the area were in relatively undeveloped land in proximity to the Lane Cove River. The paucity of registered sites in proximity to the subject area, however, may reflect a lack of archaeological investigations.
- The environmental context of the subject area is not indicative of Aboriginal archaeological sensitivity.
- Previous archaeological assessments in the area highlight that modern disturbance, and in particular cut and fill activities for construction, significantly reduce archaeological potential.
- The subject area is located within the Glenorie Soil Landscape, characterised by shallow to moderately deep soils which are susceptible to erosion and disturbance during phases of historical land use.
- Historical land use for agriculture, and subsequent commercial and industrial development will have caused high levels of disturbance. The shallow to moderately deep soil profile in the subject area indicates that this disturbance will have been significant across the majority of the subject area.

5. TECHNICAL INVESTIGATIONS

5.1. SITE INSPECTION

A site inspection of the subject area was undertaken by Alexandra Ribeny (Senior Archaeologist) on 22 December 2023. [redacted]

The field survey was undertaken in semi cloudy conditions. Ground Surface Visibility (GSV) was estimated to be less than 15% across the subject area due to the presence of the extant buildings and hardstand. The survey was confined to external areas only.

The primary frontage of the subject area is on Waterloo Road. This portion of the site steps up relative to street level and contains a large commercial ("WorkArena") building, surrounded by associated hardstand and landscaping (Figure 19 & Figure 20). The subject area is accessed via a driveway entrance off Waterloo Road (Figure 21 & Figure 28), which continues along the south-eastern boundary of the site. Views along the driveway reveal a gradual rise in the topography to the north. The difference in level relative to the adjacent property at 5 Thomas Hold Drive indicates the extent to which the site has been cut and levelled (Figure 22 & Figure 29).

An undercover carpark is situated at the rear of the WorkArena building (Figure 23). There is further evidence in this location of the site having been levelled and cut into the natural terrain to accommodate this structure (Figure 24). Views from the carpark toward a tennis court on the north-western boundary reveal further terracing and levelling (Figure 25 & Figure 26). It was observed by the RAPs that this portion of the subject area has the greatest potential for natural soils.

A footbridge from the roof of the carpark connects with the ground level of the south-western portion of the subject area, where a second commercial structure is located (Figure 27). The site then steps up further at its south-eastern extent (Figure 30).

The north-western boundary of the subject area contains further evidence of cut and fill (Figure 33 & Figure 34). The degree to which the site is built up along Lane Cove Road suggests the redeposition of excavated soils in this location (Figure 33 & Figure 34).

Based on these external observations, evidence of ground disturbance throughout the subject area is high, consisting of a series of level surfaces which have been cut into the naturally sloped terrain which ascends from Waterloo Road.



Figure 19 –Waterloo Road frontage of subject area, view south-east.



Figure 20 – Waterloo Road frontage of subject area, view north-west.



Figure 21 – Driveway entrance to rear of subject area, view south-west.



Figure 22 – Difference in level relative to adjacent property at 5 Thomas Hold Drive.



Figure 23 – Undercover carpark at rear of WorkArena building, view west.



Figure 24 – Difference in level relative to south-western portion of subject area.



Figure 25 – Drop from carpark to tennis court on north-western boundary, view north-east.



Figure 26 – Tennis court on north-western boundary, view north-west. Note how the level surface has been cut into the sloped terrain.



Figure 27 – Hardstand to south-west of carpark, view north-west. Note footbridge connecting with carpark roof level.



Figure 28 – Continuation of driveway along south-eastern boundary of subject area, view south-west.



Figure 29 – Difference in level relative to adjacent property at 5 Thomas Hold Drive.



Figure 30 – South-eastern extent of subject area, view south-east. Note site is cut into sloped terrain.



Figure 31 – North-western boundary of subject area, view south-west.



Figure 32 – North-western boundary of subject area, view south-west. Note how site steps down relative to level of Lane Cove Road.



Figure 33 – North-western boundary of subject area, view east. Note how site is significantly built up in this location, likely the result of redeposited fill.



Figure 34 – North-western boundary of subject area, view south-west.

5.2. GEOTECHNICAL INVESTIGATIONS

Preliminary geotechnical investigations were undertaken at the subject area by JKGeotechnics in March 2024. The location of these investigation is indicated in the below borehole location plan (Figure 35). The results for borehole no's 5, 7, 9, 12, 14, 18, 21, 24, 26, 27, 29, 33 had been provided at the time of writing (Table 9).

BH14, 18, 26, 33 were located within the southernmost and highest portion of the site where Building B is proposed to be constructed. The subsurface profile exposes in these boreholes reveals that bedrock is located at shallow depths, with the shallow natural soil profile (see Section 4.3.1) having been removed completely. BH24 is located further to the north and contains a layer of gravelly silty clay between a depth of 1.2-5m. However, it is not clear whether this soil is also fill as the surrounding area is evidently disturbed.

BH27 and BH29 were located along the north-western boundary of the subject area in the approximate outline of proposed Building A. The subsurface profiles of these boreholes consist of fill at considerable depths (>4m), which supports the observation that the ground level has been built up in this location through the likely redeposition of excavated soils.

BH5, 7, 9,12 and 21 were located within the central and north eastern portion of the subject area. These boreholes contain fill overlying clay, with bedrock recorded at significant depths (>16m). These results also suggest the redeposition of clays for the purpose of levelling and terracing the site.

These geotechnical results corroborate the assessment of historical disturbance (Section 4.3.5) and findings of the site inspection (see Section 5.1), indicating that the site has been subject to extensive cut and fill activities.

Table 9 - Borehole log (JKGeotechnics 2024)

BH#	Depth (m)	Description
5	0-0.030	Asphaltic concrete.
	0.030-0.3	Fill: Gravelly sand, fine to coarse grained, dark grey and grey, fine to medium grained igneous and ironstone gravel, trace of clay nodules.
	0.3-2	Fill: Silty clay, high plasticity, grey, brown and dark grey, with fine to medium grained igneous, ironstone and sandstone gravel, trace of fine to medium grained sand and ash.
	2-2.8	Silty Clay: high plasticity, light grey, orange brown and red brown, with fine to medium grained ironstone gravel.
	2.8-3.5	Extremely weathered siltstone: silty clay, low plasticity, light grey, grey and red brown with fine to medium grained ironstone gravel.
	3.5-8.	Siltstone: grey, dark grey and red brown, with occasional extremely weathered and iron inundated bands.
	8-8.56	As above, with occasional iron indurated bands.
	8.56- 8.66	No core
	8.66-11.6	Siltstone: dark grey and grey, bedded at 0-5°.
	11.6-12.65	Laminite: Siltstone, dark grey and grey, and sandstone, fine grained, light grey, bedded at 0-10°.
	12.65-16.98	Sandstone: fine to medium grained, light grey, with dark grey laminae and occasional siltstone bands, bedded at 0-15°.
7	0-0.050	Asphaltic concrete.
	0.50-0.3	Fill: Gravelly sand, fine to medium grained, grey, fine to medium grained igneous gravel.
	0.3-1.2	Fill: silty clay, high plasticity, light grey and red brown, trace of fine to medium grained ironstone gravel.
	1.2-1.8	Extremely weathered siltstone: silty clay, high plasticity, grey with iron indurated bands.
	1.8-3.2	Siltstone: grey, with iron indurated bands,
	3.2-5.2	As above but with extremely weathered and iron indurated bands.
	5.2-5.42	Siltstone: dark grey, with iron indurated bands.
	5.42-5.89	No core
	5.89-7.8	Siltstone: dark grey, with grey laminar and red brown bands, bedded at 0-10°.
	7.8-12.75	As above, without the red brown bands.
	12.75-15.1	Laminite: Siltstone, dark grey and grey, and sandstone, fine to medium grained light grey, bedded at 0-10°.
	15.1- 16.26	Sandstone: fine to medium grained grey with dark grey laminae, bedded at 0-5°.
9	0-0.035	Asphaltic concrete

BH#	Depth (m)	Description
	0.035- 0.4	Fill: Gravelly silty sand, fine to coarse grained, grey brown, fine to medium grained igneous and ironstone gravel.
	0.4-0.8	as above but dark grey
	0.8-1.65	Fill: Silty clay, low plasticity, grey and brown, trace of fine grained igneous gravel and fine to medium grained sand.
	1.65-3.45	Silty clay: high plasticity, light grey mottled red brown, trace of fine to medium grained ironstone gravel, root fibres and ash.
	3.45-5.1	Extremely weathered siltstone: gravelly silty clay, medium plasticity, grey and red brown, with ironstone bands.
	5.1-7.15	Siltstone: dark grey, with extremely weathered bands and iron indurated bands.
	7.15-13.9	Siltstone: Dark grey, bedded at 0-5°.
	13.9-16.48	Laminite: Siltstone, dark grey, and sandstone, fine to medium grained, light grey, bedded at 0-5°.
12	0-0.050	Asphaltic concrete
	0.050-1.4	Fill: Gravelly sand, fine to medium grained, dark grey and brown, fine to medium grained sandstone, ironstone and igneous gravel, trace of clay nodules.
	1.4-2.4	Fill: Silty clay, high plasticity, orange brown and dark grey, trace of fine to medium grained igneous and ironstone gravel.
	2.4-3.6	Extremely weathered siltstone: silty clay, high plasticity, grey and red brown, with iron indurated bands.
	3.6-4.7	Siltstone: grey, with iron indurated bands.
	4.7-7	As above, but dark grey with extremely weathered bands.
	7-8.1	Siltstone: dark grey, with iron indurated and extremely weathered bands.
	8.1-10.32	Siltstone: dark grey, with iron indurated bands.
	10.32-16	Siltstone: dark grey, with grey laminar, bedded at 0-5°.
	16-17.20	Laminite: Siltstone, dark grey and grey, and sandstone: fine to medium grained, light gey, bedded at 0-15°.
14	0-0.018	Asphaltic concrete.
	0.018-0.3	Fill: Gravelly silty sand, fine to coarse grained, grey, fine to medium grained igneous gravel, trace of slag.
	0.3-1	Gravelly silty clay: low to medium plasticity, grey, light grey and red brown, fine to medium grained siltstone and ironstone gravel.
	1-2.4	Extremely weathered siltstone: gravelly silty clay, high plasticity, light grey and red brown, with very low to low strength siltstone bands.
	2.4-2.55	Laminite: Siltstone, light and dark grey, and sandstone, fine-grained, light grey, with dark grey sandstone laminae.
	2.55-2.9	No core.
	2.9-4.59	Extremely weathered siltstone: gravelly silty clay, low plasticity, light grey and grey, fine to medium grained siltstone and ironstone gravel.
	4.59-4.85	No core.
	4.85-14.3	Siltstone: dark grey with light grey laminar, bedded at 0-10°.
	14.3-15	as above, but with grey, fine grained sandstone bands, bedded at 0-5°.
18	0-0.022	Asphaltic Concrete

BH#	Depth (m)	Description
	0.022-0.25	Fill: Gravelly silty sands, fine to coarse grained, grey to fine medium grained igneous gravel and slag.
	0.25-1.08	Extremely weathered siltstone: gravelly silty clay, low plasticity, red brown, fine to mediu grained siltstone and ironstone gravel.
		Siltstone: grey, with ironstone bands and fine grained sandstone bands,
	1.08-1.15	No core
	1.15-3	Extremely weathered siltstone, gravelly silty clay low plasticity, grey, fine to medium grained siltstone and ironstone gravel with low to medium grained siltstone and ironstone bands.
	3-3.3	No core
	3.3-6.2	Laminite: Siltstone grey, bedded with sandstone fine grained, bedded at 0-5°.
	6.2-9.5	Siltstone, grey with fine grained sandstone laminae, bedded at 0-10°.
	9.5-9.62	No core
	9.62-13.07	Siltstone: grey with fine grained sandstone laminae, bedded at 0-10°.
21	0.0-0.040	Asphaltic concrete.
	0.040-2	Fill: Silty clay with fine to medium grained sand and fine to medium grained igneous and ironstone gravel.
	2-2.8	Silty clay: light grey, orange brown and red brown with fine to medium grained ironstone gravel.
	2.8-4	Extremely weathered siltstone: silty clay, light grey and red brown with fine to medium grained ironstone gravel.
	4-7.6	Siltstone: grey, dark grey and red brown, with occasional extremely weathered and iron indurated bands.
	7.6-8.8	Siltstone: dark grey with red brown bands and grey laminae, bedded at 0-5°.
	8.8-15.7	Siltstone: dark grey with grey laminae, bedded at 0-5°.
	15.7-18.09	Laminite: Siltstone, dark grey and grey, sandstone, fine to medium grained, light grey, bedded at 0-10°.
24	0-0.05	Fill: silty sand, fine to coarse grained, brown with clay nodules, trace of fine grained ironstone, fine to medium grained sandstone gravel, slag, roots and root fibres.
	0.05-1.2	Fill: silty clay, medium plasticity, red brown, dark grey and light grey, trace of fine to medium grained ironstone, sandstone and siltstone gravel, ash and root fibres.
	1.2-5	Gravelly silty clay: low to medium plasticity, light grey and red brown, fine to medium grained siltstone and ironstone gravel.
	5-6.5	Extremely weathered siltstone: gravelly silty clay, low plasticity, grey, fine to medium grained siltstone and ironstone gravel.
	6.5-12.22	Siltstone: grey with grey laminar and extremely weathered bands.
26	0-0.068	Concrete
	0.068-4.2	Extremely weathered siltstone: gravelly silty clay, low plasticity, light grey and orange brown, fine to medium grained siltstone and ironstone gravel
	4.2-5.4	Siltstone: dark grey, with grey laminae, bedded at 0-10° with extremely weathered bands bedded at 0-10°.

BH#	Depth (m)	Description
	5.4-6	Extremely weathered siltstone: gravelly silty clay, low plasticity, dark grey, fine to medium grained siltstone gravel.
	6-13.3	Siltstone: dark grey with grey laminae, bedded at 0-10°.
	13.3-14.2	Sandstone: fine to medium grained, grey, bedded at 0-10°, with dark grey siltstone laminae and siltstone bands.
27	0-0-0.140	Concrete
	0.140-1.5	Fill: Gravelly silty sand, fine to coarse grained, brown, fine to medium grained igneous gravel, trace of plastic fragments.
	1.5-4	Extremely weathered siltstone: silty clay, medium plasticity, light grey mottled red brown, with fine to medium grained siltstone and ironstone gravel, and root fibres.
	4-6	Siltstone: dark grey with iron indurated bands and extremely weathered bands.
	6-14.5	Siltstone: dark grey, with grey laminae.
	14.5-17.84	Laminite: Siltstone, dark grey with sandstone, fine grained, light grey, with fine to medium grained sandstone bands and siltstone lenses, bedded at 0-10°.
29	0-4	Fill: Silty clayey sand, fine to medium grained, grey brown, trace of clay nodules.
	4-5.8	Extremely weathered siltstone: silty clay, low to medium plasticity, light grey and red brown with ironstone bands, trace of fine grained siltstone.
	5.8-9.75	Siltstone: dark grey, with grey laminar, extremely weathered bands and iron indurated bands.
	9.75-17.2	Siltstone: dark grey with grey laminae, bedded at 0-10°.
	17.2-19.24	Laminite: Sandstone, fine to medium grained, light grey, interbedded with siltstone, dark grey, bedded at 0-10°.
33	0-0.018	Asphaltic concrete
	0.018-0.2	Fill: Gravelly silty sand, fine to medium grained, grey, fine to medium grained igneous gravel and slag.
	0.2-4.37	Extremely weathered siltstone: gravelly silty clay, low plasticity, red brown and light grey, fine to medium grained siltstone and ironstone gravel.
	4.37- 11.75	Siltstone: dark grey with light grey laminae, bedded at 0-10°, with clay seams and extremely weathered and iron indurated bands.
	11.75-13.55	Laminite: Sandstone, fine to medium grained, light grey with siltstone, dark grey, bedded at 0-10° and undulating at 10°.

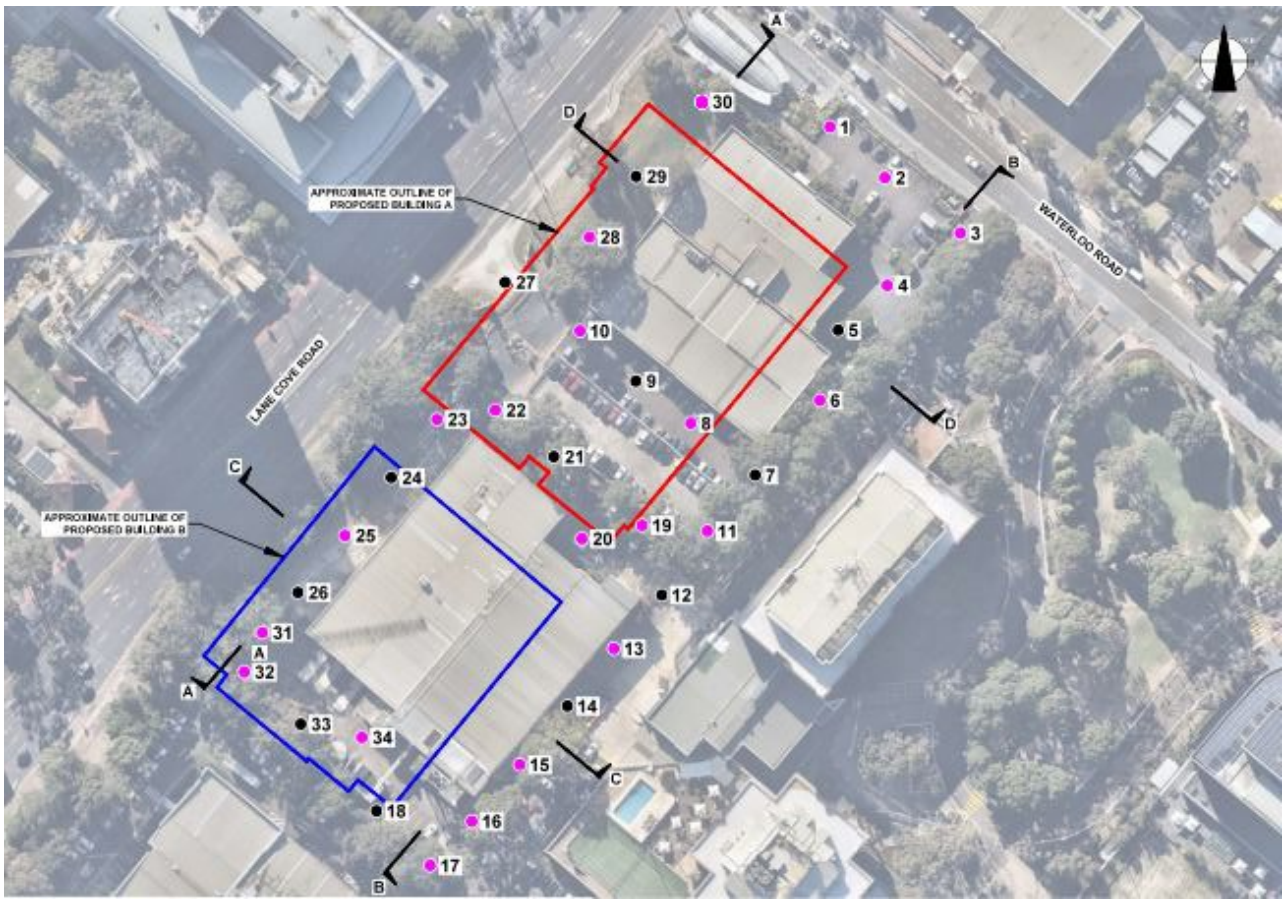


Figure 35 – Borehole location plan.

Source: JKGeotechnics 2024

5.3. SUMMARY

Technical investigations have revealed the following in relation to the historical disturbance of the subject area:

- A visual inspection of the subject area revealed that historical disturbance is high, with a series of level surfaces having been cut into the naturally sloped terrain which ascends from Waterloo Road.
- Geotechnical investigations at the subject area indicate that the site has been subject to extensive cut and fill activities.

6. PREDICTIVE MODEL

A predictive model may be used to estimate the nature and distribution of evidence of Aboriginal land use in a subject area. A predictive model should consider variables that may influence the location, distribution and density of sites, features or artefacts within a subject area. Variables typically relate to the environment and topography, such as soils, landscape features, slope, landform and cultural resources.

The general process archaeologists employ to determine the likelihood of any particular site type (artefact scatter, shelter, midden etc) occurring within a given subject area requires the synthesis of information for general distribution of archaeological sites within the wider area including:

- Detailed analysis of previous archaeological investigations within the same region.
- Presence or absence of landscape features that present potential for archaeological resources (human occupation, use) such as raised terraces adjacent to permeant water.
- Analysis of the geology and soil landscape within the subject area which allows for a determination to be made of the type of raw material that would have been available for artefact production (silcrete, tuff, quartz etc) and the potential for the accumulation of archaeological resource within the subject area.
- Investigation of and determination of the level of disturbance/historical land use within the subject area which may impact on or remove entirely any potential archaeological material.

An indicative process of determining the likelihood of a given site occurring within a subject area is provided in Table 10 below.

Table 10 – Indicative process for determining the potential presence of a site

Likelihood	Indicative subject area context	Indicative action
High	Low level of ground disturbance in combination with at least one archaeologically sensitive landscape feature or Aboriginal object (either registered or newly identified) within the subject area.	Detailed archaeological investigation including but not limited to survey, test excavation and potentially (depending on density and/or significance of archaeological deposit) salvage excavation.
Moderate	Moderate level of ground disturbance in combination with at least one archaeologically sensitive landscape feature or Aboriginal object (either registered or newly identified) within the subject area.	Detailed archaeological investigation including but not limited to survey, test excavation and potentially (depending on density and/or significance of archaeological deposit) salvage excavation.
Low	High level of ground disturbance in combination with at least one archaeologically sensitive landscape feature within the subject area.	Employ chance finds procedure and works can continue without further archaeological investigation.
Nil	Complete ground disturbance (i.e. complete removal of natural soil landscape); or no archaeologically sensitive landscape features and no archaeological sites within subject area.	Employ chance finds procedure and works can continue without further archaeological investigation.

6.1. TYPICAL SITE TYPES

A range of Aboriginal site types are known to occur within New South Wales. Site types that are typically encountered in the Cumberland Plain are described below.

Art sites can occur in the form of rock engravings or pigment on sandstone outcrops or within shelters. An engraving is some form of image which has been pecked or carved into a rock surface. Engravings typically vary in size and nature, with small abstract geometric forms as well as anthropomorphic figures and animals also depicted. In the Sydney region engravings tend to be located on the tops of Hawkesbury Sandstone ridges where vistas occur. Pigment art is the result of the application of material to a stone to leave a distinct impression. Pigment types include ochre, charcoal and pipeclay. Pigment art within the Sydney region is usually located in areas associated with habitation and sustenance.

Artefact Scatters/Camp Sites represent past Aboriginal subsistence and stone knapping activities and include archaeological remains such as stone artefacts and hearths. This site type usually appears as surface scatters of stone artefacts in areas where vegetation is limited, and ground surface visibility increases. Such scatters of artefacts are also often exposed by erosion, agricultural events such as ploughing, and the creation of informal, unsealed vehicle access tracks and walking paths. These types of sites are often located on dry, relatively flat land along or adjacent to rivers and creeks. Camp sites containing surface or subsurface deposit from repeated or continued occupation are more likely to occur on elevated ground near the most permanent, reliable water sources. Flat, open areas associated with creeks and their resource-rich surrounds would have offered ideal camping areas to the Aboriginal inhabitants of the local area.

Bora / Ceremonial Sites are locations that have spiritual or ceremonial values to Aboriginal people. Aboriginal ceremonial sites may comprise natural landforms and, in some cases, will also have archaeological material. Bora grounds are a ceremonial site type, usually consisting of a cleared area around one or more raised earth circles, and often comprised of two circles of different sizes, connected by a pathway, and accompanied by ground drawings or mouldings of people, animals or deities, and geometrically carved designs on the surrounding trees.

Burials of the dead often took place relatively close to camp site locations. This is due to the fact that most people tended to die in or close to camp (unless killed in warfare or hunting accidents), and it is difficult to move a body long distance. Soft, sandy soils on, or close to, rivers and creeks allowed for easier movement of earth for burial; and burials may also occur within rock shelters or middens. Aboriginal burial sites may be marked by stone cairns, carved trees or a natural landmark. Burial sites may also be identified through historic records or oral histories.

Contact Sites are most likely to occur in locations of Aboriginal and settler interaction, such as on the edge of pastoral properties or towns. Artefacts located at such sites may involve the use of introduced materials such as glass or ceramics by Aboriginal people or be sites of Aboriginal occupation in the historical period.

Grinding Grooves are the physical evidence of tool making or food processing activities undertaken by Aboriginal people. The manual rubbing of stones against other stones creates grooves in the rock; these are usually found on flat areas of abrasive rock such as sandstone. They may be associated with creek beds, or water sources such as rock pools in creek beds and on platforms, as water enables wet-grinding to occur.

Isolated Finds represent artefactual material in singular, one-off occurrences. Isolated finds are generally indicative of stone tool production, although can also include contact sites. Isolated finds may represent a single item discard event or be the result of limited stone knapping activity. The presence of such isolated artefacts may indicate the presence of a more extensive, in situ buried archaeological deposit, or a larger deposit obscured by low ground visibility. Isolated artefacts are likely to be located on landforms associated with past Aboriginal activities, such as ridgelines that would have provided ease of movement through the area, and level areas with access to water, particularly creeks and rivers.

Middens are indicative of Aboriginal habitation, subsistence and resource extraction. Midden sites are expressed through the occurrence of shell deposits of edible shell species often associated with dark, ashy soil and charcoal. Middens often occur in shelters, or in eroded or collapsed sand dunes. Middens occur along the coast or in proximity to waterways, where edible resources were extracted. Midden may represent a single meal or an accumulation over a long period of time involving many different activities. They are also often associated with other artefact types.

Modified Trees are evidence of the utilisation of trees by Aboriginal people for various purposes, including the construction of shelters (huts), canoes, paddles, shields, baskets and bowls, fishing lines, cloaks, torches

and bedding, as well as being beaten into fibre for string bags or ornaments. The removal of bark exposes the heart wood of the tree, resulting in a scar. Trees may also have been scarred in order to gain access to food resources (e.g. cutting toeholds so as to climb the tree and catch possums or birds), or to mark locations such as tribal territories. Such scars, when they occur, are typically described as scarred trees. These sites most often occur in areas with mature, remnant native vegetation. The locations of scarred trees often reflect an absence of historical clearance of vegetation rather than the actual pattern of scarred trees. Carved trees are different from scarred trees, and the carved designs may indicate totemic affiliation; they may also have been carved for ceremonial purposes or as grave markers.

Potential Archaeological Deposits (PADs) are areas where there is no surface expression of stone artefacts, but due to a landscape feature there is a strong likelihood that the area will contain buried deposits of stone artefacts. Landscape features which may feature in PADs include proximity to waterways, particularly terraces and flats near third order streams and above; ridge lines, ridge tops and sand dune systems.

Shelters are places of Aboriginal habitation. They take the form of rock overhangs which provided shelter and safety to Aboriginal people. Suitable overhangs must be large and wide enough to have accommodated people with low flooding risk. Due to the nature of these sites, with generic rock over hangs common particularly in areas with an abundance of sandstone, their use by Aboriginal people is generally confirmed through the correlation of other site types including middens, art, PAD and/or artefactual deposits.

6.2. ASSESSMENT OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL POTENTIAL

The likelihood of the site types described in Section 6.1 above occurring within the present subject area is assessed in Table 11 below.

Table 11 – Predictive Model

Site Type	Assessment	Potential
Art	Art is typically associated with shelters, overhangs and rock formations. The subject area does not include any visible rock outcrops or overhangs that would be indicative of the potential for rock art (Sections 4.3.1 and 5.1). The likelihood of any art being present within the subject area is assessed as nil.	Nil
Artefacts	Artefacts may be found in any environment previously used by Aboriginal people. While not featuring heavily within the AHIMS search (Section 4.2.2) there remains potential for Aboriginal objects to be extant within the subject area however this needs to be assessed in the context of site disturbance through historical land use. The subject area has been utilised for agriculture for at least around a century prior to being heavily modified for a drive-in cinema and later industrial uses (Sections 4.3.5 & 5). Although these activities are likely to have removed most, if not all, of the natural soil profile, there is potential for artefacts where this is retained.	Low
Bora / Ceremonial	The high level of historical ground disturbance that has occurred across the subject area (Sections 4.3.5 & 5) is sufficient to have removed any ceremonial sites. The likelihood of ceremonial rings being present within the subject area is negligible.	Nil

Site Type	Assessment	Potential
Burial	Burials are typically associated with caves and rock overhangs, creek banks and soft, sandy soils. The subject area does not include any caves or rock overhangs (Section 5.1), is not located near a creek (Section 5.3) and the Glenorie soil landscape is highly susceptible to ground disturbance (Section 5.1). Furthermore, the high disturbance associated with the industrial development of the site reduces the potential for any burials to be retained. There is therefore nil to low potential for the presence of burials.	Nil-Low
Contact Site	No historical sources have been obtained which demonstrate that the Macquarie Park area was a locality for early interactions between Aboriginal people and the British. Furthermore, high disturbance associated with the industrial development of the site reduces the potential for any Aboriginal objects to be retained (Sections 4.3.5 & 5).	Low
Grinding Grooves	The subject area does not include any visible sandstone outcrops that would be indicative of the potential for grinding groove (Section 5.1). Moreover, the subject area is not characterised by sandstone bedrock (Section 4.3.1). The likelihood of any grinding grooves being present within the subject area is negligible.	Nil
Midden	Shell deposits typically occur in close proximity to resource-bearing water, such as rivers and the ocean. As the subject area is not located near such a water body (Section 4.3.3), the likelihood of any shell deposits being present within the subject area is negligible.	Nil
Modified Trees	Historical development of the subject area has resulted in clearance of all original native vegetation (Section 4.3.5), removing any potential for the presence of modified trees.	Nil
PAD	Artefacts may be found in any environment previously used by Aboriginal people. While not featuring heavily within the AHIMS search (Section 4.2.2) there remains potential for Aboriginal objects to be extant within the subject area however this needs to be assessed in the context of site disturbance through historical land use. The subject area has been utilised for agriculture for at least around a century prior to being heavily modified for current industrial structures (Section 4.3.5). Although these activities are likely to have removed most, if not all, of the natural soil profile, there is potential for artefacts where this is retained.	Low
Shelters	The subject area does not include any visible sandstone outcrops that would be indicative of the potential for Shelters (Section 5.1). Moreover, the subject area is not characterised by sandstone bedrock (Section 4.3.1). The likelihood of any Shelters being present within the subject area is negligible.	Nil

6.3. SUMMARY

The assessment of the Aboriginal archaeological potential of the subject area is summarised as follows. Due to the lack of environmental indicators and high levels of disturbance in historic times, the archaeological potential for the entirety of the subject area is assessed as being:

- **Nil** for Art, Bora / Ceremonial sites, Grinding Grooves, Middens, Modified Trees and Shelters.
- **Low** for Artefacts/ Campsites, Burials, Contact Sites and PADs.

7. SIGNIFICANCE ASSESSMENT

The following is an assessment and discussion of the cultural significance of the subject area, made in consultation with the RAPs. The assessment follows principles and procedures outlined in the Burra Charter the Assessment Guidelines.

The Burra Charter defines cultural significance as being derived from the following values: social or cultural value, historic value, scientific value and aesthetic value. Aesthetic, historic, scientific and social values are commonly interrelated. All assessments of heritage values occur within a social and historic context. Therefore, all potential heritage values will have a social component.

Heritage significance is assessed by considering each cultural or archaeological site against the significance criteria set out in the Assessment Guidelines. The Assessment Guidelines require that the assessment and justification in a statement of significance includes a discussion of whether any value meets the following criteria:

- Does the subject area have a strong or special association with a particular community or cultural group for social, cultural or spiritual reasons? – social value.
- Is the subject area important to the cultural or natural history of the local area and/or region and/or state? – historic value.
- Does the subject area have potential to yield information that will contribute to an understanding of the cultural or natural history of the local area and/or region and/or state? – scientific (archaeological) value.
- Is the subject area important in demonstrating aesthetic characteristics in the local area and/or region and/or state? – aesthetic value.

Assessment of each value should be graded in terms that allow the significance to be described and compared (e.g. high, moderate, or low). In applying these criteria, consideration should be given to:

- Research potential: does the evidence suggest any potential to contribute to an understanding of the area and/or region and/or state's natural and cultural history?
- Representativeness: how much variability (outside and/or inside the subject area) exists, what is already conserved, how much connectivity is there?
- Rarity: is the subject area important in demonstrating a distinctive way of life, custom, process, land-use, function or design no longer practised? Is it in danger of being lost or of exceptional interest?
- Education potential: does the subject area contain teaching sites or sites that might have teaching potential?

7.1. ASSESSMENT OF HERITAGE VALUES

The following assessment of the social or cultural, historic, scientific and aesthetic values of the subject area has been prepared in accordance with the Assessment Guidelines.

In acknowledgment that the Aboriginal community themselves are in the best position to identify heritage values, the assessment is informed by consultation with the Aboriginal community. Consultation with Aboriginal people should provide insight into past events. The RAPs were invited to provide comment and input into this ACHAR and to the assessment of cultural heritage values for the subject area, as documented in this report. Any culturally sensitive values identified have not been explicitly included in the report or made publicly available. Any such values would be documented and lodged with the knowledge holder providing the information.

7.1.1. Social or Cultural Value

Social or cultural value encompasses the qualities for which a place has become a focus of spiritual, political, national or other cultural sentiment for Aboriginal people. Social or cultural value is how people express their connection with a place and the meaning that place has for them. Places of social or cultural value 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 or cultural value be damaged or destroyed. Social or cultural values can therefore only be identified through consultation with Aboriginal people.

No comments relevant to the specific social or cultural values of the subject area were received from RAPs during Stage 2-3 of the consultation process.

7.1.2. Historic Value

Historic value encompasses the history of aesthetics, science and society. A place may have historic value because it is associated with a historic figure, event, phase or activity in an Aboriginal community. The significance of a place 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. Places may also have 'shared' historic values with other (non-Aboriginal) communities.

There is no information known to date that demonstrates the subject area is associated with historically important phase, event or activity to the Aboriginal community. The historical value is considered to be low.

7.1.3. Scientific (Archaeological) Value

Scientific value relates to the importance of a landscape, area, place or object because of its rarity, representativeness and the extent to which it may contribute to further understanding and information. Information about scientific value will be gathered through any archaeological investigation undertaken. Archaeological investigations must be carried out according to the Code of Practice.

The predictive model and information in Section 4 of the report suggest that the subject area has low potential for Artefacts/ Campsites, Burials, Contact Sites and PADs. If any Aboriginal objects are retained within the subject area, they are likely to be in a disturbed context due to historical modification of the site. This disturbance reduces the scientific value of any deposit if present. The scientific value is therefore assessed as being low.

7.1.4. Aesthetic Value

Aesthetic value of a place relates to the sensory, scenic, architectural and creative aspects of a place. It may include visual aspects, such as form, scale, colour, texture and material of the fabric, and the smells and sounds associated with the place and its use.

The subject area is within a highly developed industrial landscape. The subject area and it's surrounds bear little resemblance to any historic landscape that may have been present in the past. It is therefore considered to have nil aesthetic value in regard to Aboriginal cultural heritage.

7.2. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The subject area is considered to have low scientific (archaeological) value due to the low potential for Aboriginal objects to be present within the subject area. If present, these would likely be in a disturbed context.

Based on comments provided in the consultation process, the subject area is assessed as having low social and cultural value to the Aboriginal community apart from its relationship to the wider landscape and Aboriginal sites that may have survived modern development.

No information known to date demonstrates that the subject area is associated with historically important phase event or activity to the Aboriginal community. The subject area is considered to have low historic value due to the absence of information in this respect.

Due to the highly developed nature of the subject area and its surrounds, the subject area does not retain any aesthetic value in relation to Aboriginal heritage.

8. IMPACT ASSESSMENT

The following is an assessment of the potential impact of the proposed development on any Aboriginal objects and/or Aboriginal Places within the subject area and the possible strategies for avoiding or minimising harm to those Aboriginal objects and/or Aboriginal Places.

The potential harm to Aboriginal objects and Aboriginal Places that is likely to be caused by a proposed activity is the effect of that activity on the Aboriginal heritage values identified above. According to the NPW Act, "harm" to an object or place includes any act or omission that:

- Destroys, defaces, or damages the object or place.
- Moves the object from the land on which it had been situated.
- Causes or permits the object or place to be harmed.

Harm does not include something that is trivial or negligible, such as picking up and replacing a small stone artefact, breaking a small Aboriginal object below the surface when you are gardening, crushing a small Aboriginal object when you walk on or off a track, picnicking, camping or other similar recreational activities.

The Assessment Guidelines define harm to Aboriginal objects and Aboriginal Places as being either direct or indirect:

- **Direct harm** may occur as the result of any activity which disturbs the ground including, but not limited to, site preparation activities, installation of services and infrastructure, roadworks, excavation, flood mitigation measures.
- **Indirect harm** may affect sites or features located immediately beyond or within the area of the proposed activity. Examples include, but are not limited to, increased impact on art in a shelter from increased visitation, destruction from increased erosion and changes in access to wild food resources.

The present assessment of potential harm follows the principles of ecologically sustainable development (ESD), in particular the precautionary principle and the principle of inter-generational equity:

- The **precautionary principle** states that full scientific certainty about the threat of harm should never be used as a reason for not taking measures to prevent harm from occurring.
- The **principle of inter-generational equity** holds that the present generation should make every effort to ensure the health, diversity and productivity of the environment, which includes cultural heritage, is available for the benefit of future generations. If a site type that was once common in an area becomes rare, the loss of that site (and site type) will result in an incomplete archaeological record and will negatively affect intergenerational equity.

Consideration of potential harm to Aboriginal objects and Aboriginal Places according to ecologically sustainable development (ESD) principles allows for an understanding of the cumulative impact of the proposed activity and an understanding of how harm can be avoided or minimised, if possible.

8.1. ASSESSMENT OF POTENTIAL HARM

The potential harm to Aboriginal cultural heritage from the proposed works relates to the demolition of existing structures, bulk earthworks, excavation works and construction of a Data centre with ancillary office and innovation space as well as two retail premises at ground level, inclusive of any piling works which will be undertaken.

The desktop assessment undertaken as part of the present ACHA has determined that there are no known Aboriginal objects or Aboriginal places within the subject area. The archaeological potential of the subject area is assessed as low for Artefacts/ Campsites, Burials, Contact Sites and PADs within intact natural soil at depths between approximately 2-2.8 metres below the existing ground surface as demonstrated in geotechnical investigations at the site (Section 5.2). The desktop assessment further determined that there are no archaeologically sensitive landforms within the subject area and no known water sources within proximity which may have been a focus of activity in pre-contact times. Archaeological potential is further reduced by the high level of historical disturbance, which has included significant levelling and cut and fill activities to accommodate the extant structures.

The proposed works therefore have been assessed as having low potential to cause direct harm to unknown Aboriginal objects and places within the subject area.

8.2. AVOIDANCE & MINIMISATION OF HARM

All practicable measures must be taken to avoid harm and conserve any significant Aboriginal objects and/or Aboriginal Places, along with their cultural heritage values. If harm to Aboriginal objects and/or Aboriginal Places is unavoidable, management strategies must be considered to minimise the harm. The type of management strategies proposed must be appropriate to the significance of Aboriginal heritage values, Aboriginal objects and/or Aboriginal Places. Harm avoidance and minimisation measures must be feasible and within the financial viability of the proposed activity.

The proposed works have been assessed as having low potential to cause direct harm to unknown Aboriginal objects and places within the subject area (see previous Section). In view of this, the mitigation measures described below are recommended to be undertaken.

9. CONCLUSIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS

This assessment has concluded the following in relation to the subject area:

- There are no Aboriginal objects or Places registered within the subject area.
- The nearest registered site was an Isolated Find and PAD approximately 800m north-east of the subject area which consisted of an Aboriginal object located in a disturbed context.
- The majority of recorded Aboriginal sites in the area were in relatively undeveloped land in proximity to Lane Cove River. The paucity of registered sites in proximity to the subject area, however, is likely a reflection of a lack of archaeological investigation and/or historical disturbance.
- The subject area is not within 200m of any water way. The hydrology of the subject area is therefore considered to indicate archaeologically sensitivity.
- Previous archaeological assessments in the area highlight that modern disturbance, and in particular cut and fill activities for construction significantly reduce archaeological potential.
- The subject area is located within the Glenorie Soil Landscape, characterised by shallow to moderately deep soils which are susceptible to erosion and disturbance during phases of historical land use.
- Historical land use for agriculture, and subsequent industrial development will have caused high levels of disturbance. The shallow to moderately deep soil profile in the subject area indicates that this disturbance will have been significant across the majority of the subject area.
- A visual inspection of the subject area revealed that historical disturbance is high, with a series of level surfaces having been cut into the naturally sloped terrain which ascends from Waterloo Road.
- Preliminary geotechnical investigations indicate that the site has been subject to extensive cut and fill activities.
- Predictive modelling for archaeological site types suggests there is nil potential for Art, Bora / Ceremonial sites, Grinding Grooves, Middens, Modified Trees and Shelters within the subject area and low potential for Artefact Scatters / Campsites, Burial, Contact Site, Isolated Finds and PAD.
- No comments relevant to the specific social or cultural values of the subject area were received from RAPs during Stage 2-3 of the consultation process.

Based on the above conclusions, Urbis recommends the following:

Recommendation 1 – Submission of report with this SSDA

A copy of this report should be submitted to the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) in support of SSD-63168959.

Recommendation 2 - Continue Consultation until Finalisation

Consultation with RAPs should continue until the finalisation of the proposed development to ensure the opportunity for community input.

Recommendation 3 – Unexpected Finds Protocol

Should any archaeological deposits be uncovered during any site works within this portion of the subject area, the following steps must be followed:

1. All works within the vicinity of the find must immediately stop. The find must not be moved ‘out of the way’ without assessment. The find must be cordoned-off and signage installed to avoid accidental impact.
2. The site supervisor or another nominated site representative must contact either the project archaeologist (if relevant) or Heritage NSW (Enviroline 131 555) to contact a suitably qualified archaeologist.
3. The nominated archaeologist must examine the find, provide a preliminary assessment of significance, record the item and decide on appropriate management measures. Such management may require further consultation with Heritage NSW, preparation of a research design and archaeological

investigation/salvage methodology and registration of the find with the Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System (AHIMS).

4. Depending on the significance of the find, reassessment of the archaeological potential of the subject area may be required and further archaeological investigation undertaken.
5. Reporting may need to be prepared regarding the find and approved management strategies.
6. Works in the vicinity of the find can only recommence upon receipt of approval from Heritage NSW.

Recommendation 4 – Human Remains Procedure

In the unlikely event that human remains are uncovered during any site works, the following protocols must be undertaken:

1. All works within the vicinity of the find must immediately stop. The find must be cordoned-off and signage installed to avoid accidental impact.
2. The site supervisor or other nominated manager must notify the NSW Police and Heritage NSW (Enviroline 131 555).
3. The find must be assessed by the NSW Police, which may include the assistance of a qualified forensic anthropologist.
4. Management recommendations are to be formulated by the NSW Police, Heritage NSW and site representatives.
5. Works are not to recommence until the find has been appropriately managed.

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APPENDIX A BASIC AND EXTENSIVE AHIMS SEARCH RESULTS

AHIMS Web Services (AWS)
Search Result

Your Ref/PO Number : S5 Mac Park 5x5

Client Service ID : 831790

Urbis Pty Ltd - Angel Place L8 123 Pitt Street

Date: 23 October 2023

Level 8 123 Angel Street
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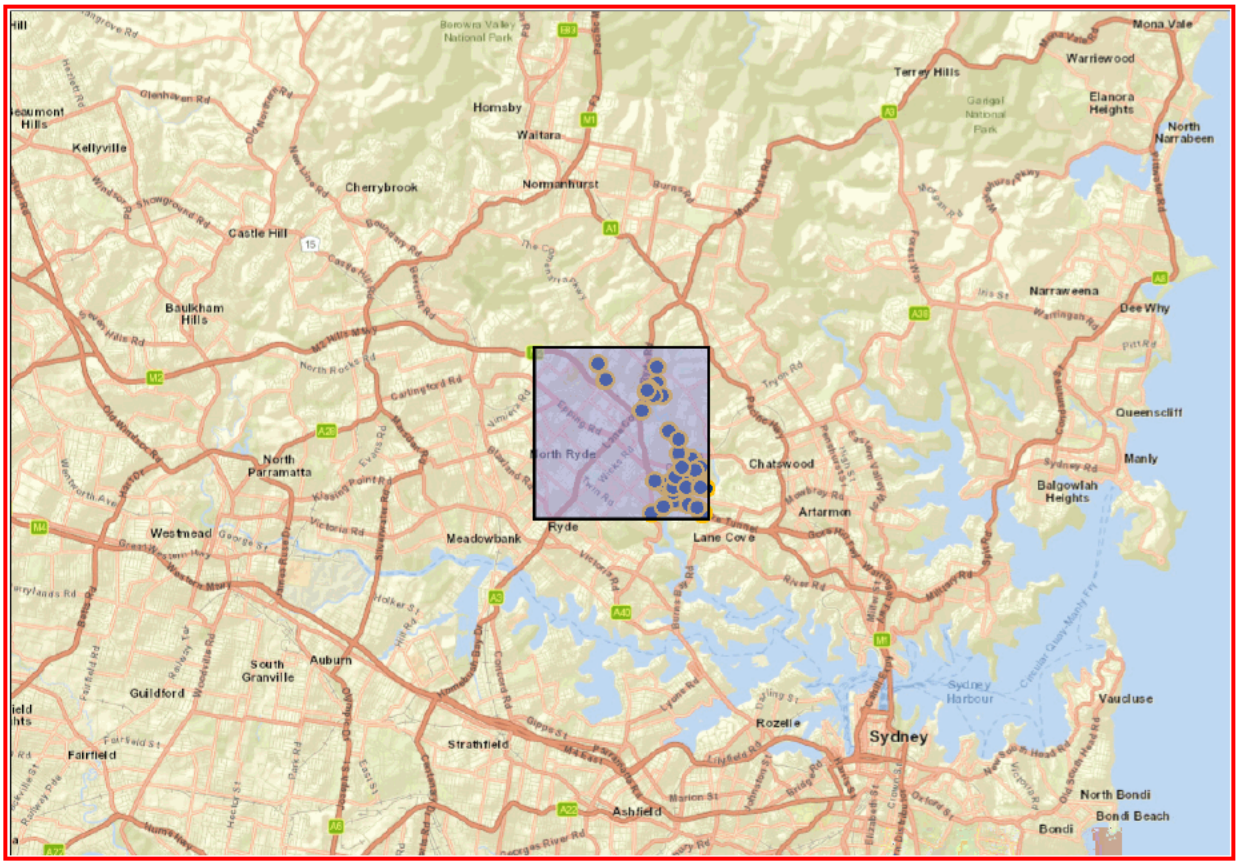
Attention: Owen Barrett

Email: obarrett@urbis.com.au

Dear Sir or Madam:

AHIMS Web Service search for the following area at Datum :GDA, Zone : 56, Eastings : 324201.0 - 329201.0, Northings : 6257456.0 - 6262456.0 with a Buffer of 0 meters, conducted by Owen Barrett on 23 October 2023.

The context area of your search is shown in the map below. Please note that the map does not accurately display the exact boundaries of the search as defined in the paragraph above. The map is to be used for general reference purposes only.



A search of Heritage NSW AHIMS Web Services (Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System) has shown that:

54	**Aboriginal sites are recorded in or near the above location.**
0	**Aboriginal places have been declared in or near the above location. ***

If your search shows Aboriginal sites or places what should you do?

- You must do an extensive search if AHIMS has shown that there are Aboriginal sites or places recorded in the search area.
- If you are checking AHIMS as a part of your due diligence, refer to the next steps of the Due Diligence Code of practice.
- You can get further information about Aboriginal places by looking at the gazettal notice that declared it. Aboriginal places gazetted after 2001 are available on the NSW Government Gazette (https://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/gazette) website. Gazettal notices published prior to 2001 can be obtained from Heritage NSW upon request

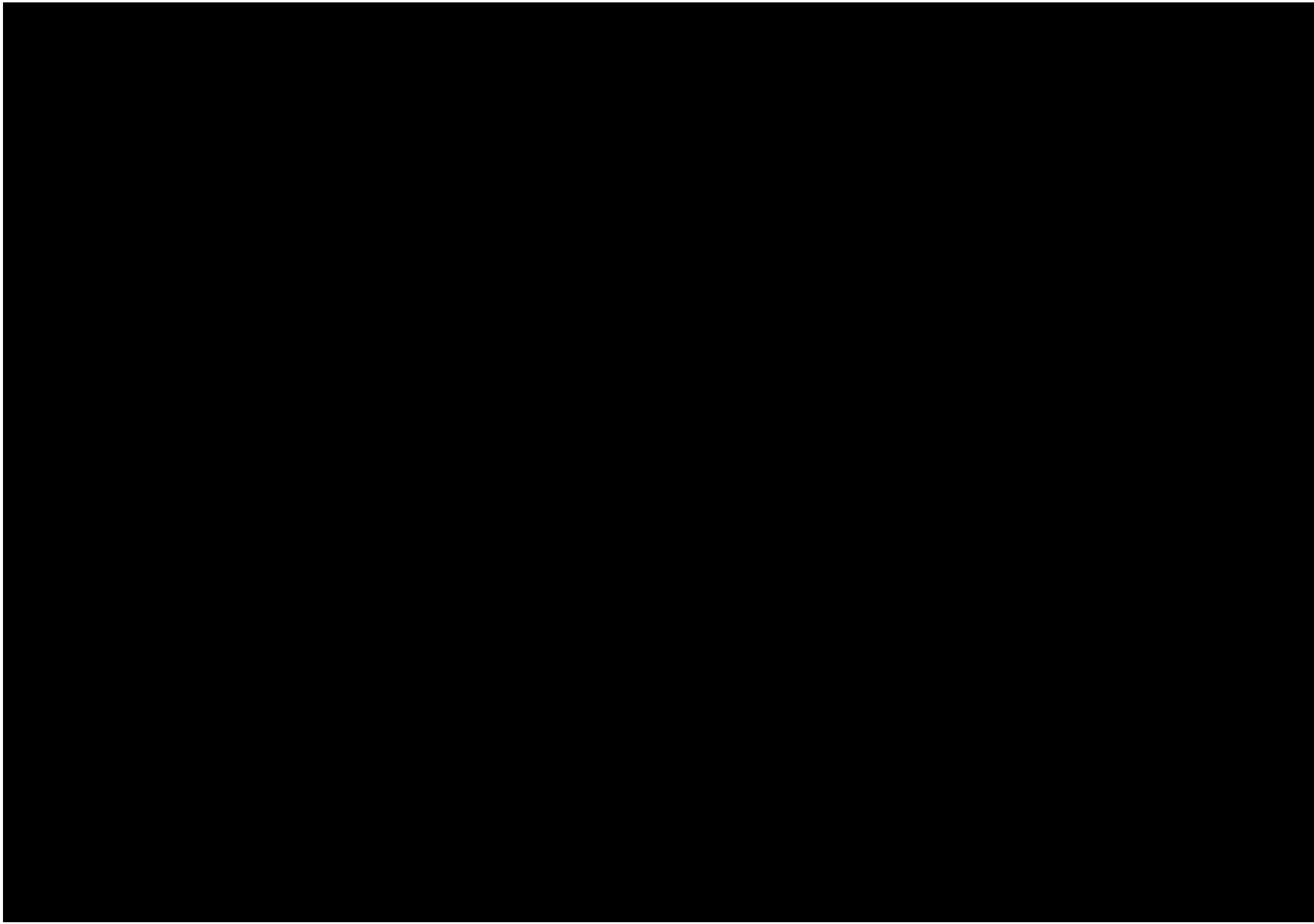
Important information about your AHIMS search

- The information derived from the AHIMS search is only to be used for the purpose for which it was requested. It is not be made available to the public.
- AHIMS records information about Aboriginal sites that have been provided to Heritage NSW and Aboriginal places that have been declared by the Minister;
- Information recorded on AHIMS may vary in its accuracy and may not be up to date. Location details are recorded as grid references and it is important to note that there may be errors or omissions in these recordings,
- Some parts of New South Wales have not been investigated in detail and there may be fewer records of Aboriginal sites in those areas. These areas may contain Aboriginal sites which are not recorded on AHIMS.
- Aboriginal objects are protected under the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974 even if they are not recorded as a site on AHIMS.
- This search can form part of your due diligence and remains valid for 12 months.

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APPENDIX B REGISTERED ABORIGINAL PARTY CONSULTATION LOG

Date	Time	Type	Contacted	Contacted Individual	Contacted by	Contacted by Individual	Subject	Reply
					Stage 1 Agency notice			
16/10/2023	7:11 AM	email	NTT	NA	Urbis	Owen Barrett	native title request	
16/10/2023	3.20PM	email	Urbis	OB	NTT	NA	No Overlap	
19/10/2023	11:38AM	email	Agencies	NA	Urbis	Ginger-Rose Harrington	Stage 1.2 Agency Notice	Requested by 27 October 2023.
24/10/2023	3.45PM	email	Urbis	GH	DPE	Barry Gunther	Stakeholder list	
25/10/2023	1.19PM	email	Urbis	OB	ORALRA	Rachel Rewiri	No registered owners. Please contact MLALC	
					Stage 1 RAP notice/advertisement			
1/11/2023	1.37PM	email	All potential stakeholders	various	Urbis	OB	Invitation to register	reply by COB Nov 15
1/11/2023	2.06PM	email	Urbis	OB	[redacted]	[redacted]	Reeistered	
2/11/2023	1.40PM	email	Urbis	OB			Registered	
2/11/2023	10.42AM	email	Urbis	OB			Registered	
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1/01/2023	6.41PM	email	Urbis	OB			Registered	
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21/11/2023	10:43AM	email	HNSW	N/A	Urbis	AR	Stage 1.6 Notification	
22/11/2023	10:53AM	email	Metropolitan LALC	N/A	Urbis	AR	Stage 1.6 Notification	
					Stage 2 and 3			
21/11/2023	10:16AM	email	All RAPs in register	Various	Urbis	AR	Stages 2-3 Project Information & Methodology	
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11/12/2023	5:31 AM	email	Urbis	AR			Endorsement of ACHAR methodology	
12/12/2023	11:12 AM	email	Urbis	AR			Endorsement of ACHAR methodology	
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					Site Survey			
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18/12/2023	8:52 AM	email	Urbis	AR	[redacted]	[redacted]	Confirmation of attendance	
19/12/2023	8:26 AM	email	Urbis	AR			Confirmation of attendance	
20/12/2023	5:03 PM	email	RAPs who confirmed attendance at site inspection	various	Urbis	AR	Provision of further details for site inspection	
					Stage 4			
17/01/2024	5:51 PM	email	All RAPs in register	various	Urbis	AR	Draft ACHAR	
17/01/2024	6:09 PM	email	Urbis	AR	[redacted]	[redacted]	Endorsement of ACHAR methodology and recommendations	
26/01/2024	5:01 PM	email	Urbis	AR			Acknowledges ACHAR methodology and recommendations and no further comment	
13/02/2024	1:39 PM	email	Urbis	AR			Endorsement of ACHAR recommendations	
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APPENDIX C REGISTERED ABORIGINAL PARTY CONSULTATION DOCUMENTATION

From: Geospatial Search Requests
To: Owen Barrett
Subject: RE: SR23/1668 - Native Title Search - SR23/1668 [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Monday, 16 October 2023 3:20:34 PM
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Your ref: *S5 Data Centre* **Our ref:** *SR23/1668*

Dear Owen Barrett,

Thank you for your search request, please find your results below.

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
- Native Title Determinations
- Indigenous Land Use Agreements (Registered and notified)

Results for overlapping native title matters in NSW:

Feature ID	Tenure	Cadastre Data As At	Feature Area SqKm	Overlapping Native Title Feature			
				NNTT File Number	Name	Category	% Selected Feature
3//DP1129811	FREEHOLD	4/05/2023	0.0226	No overlap			0.00%

For more information about the Tribunal's registers or to search the registers yourself and obtain copies of relevant register extracts, please visit our website.

Information on native title claims and freehold land can also be found on the Tribunal's website here: Native title claims and freehold land .

Please note: There may be a delay between a native title determination application being lodged in the Federal Court and its transfer to the Tribunal. As a result, some native title determination applications recently filed with the Federal Court may not appear on the Tribunal's databases.

The search results are based on analysis against external boundaries of applications only. Native title applications commonly contain exclusions clauses which remove areas from within the external boundary. To determine whether the areas described are in fact subject to claim, you need to refer to the "Area covered by claim" section of the relevant Register Extract or Schedule Extract and any maps attached.

Search results and the existence of native title
Please note that the enclosed information from the Register of Native Title Claims and/or the Schedule of Applications is **not** confirmation of the existence of native title in this area. This cannot be confirmed until the Federal Court makes a determination that native title does or does not exist in relation to the area. Such determinations are registered on the National Native Title Register.

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The enclosed information has been provided in good faith. Use of this information is at your sole risk. The National Native Title Tribunal makes no representation, either express or implied, as to the accuracy or suitability of the information enclosed for any particular purpose and accepts no liability for use of the information or reliance placed on it.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us via GeospatialSearch@NNTT.gov.au

Regards,

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From: Owen Barrett <obarrett@urbis.com.au>
Sent: Monday, October 16, 2023 4:11 AM
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Subject: SR23/1668 - Native Title Search

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Good Morning,

Could you please perform a search for 269 Lane Cove Road Macquariee Park, 3/ /DP1129811.

Thank you

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From:	Ginger-Rose Harrington
To:	Alexandra Ribeny
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Subject:	Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment - Stage 1.2 Agency Notice - S5 Macquarie Park (Our Ref#P0048038)
Date:	Thursday, 19 October 2023 11:38:00 AM
Attachments:	image001.png image002.png image003.png image004.png image005.png image006.png P0048038_NEXTDC_S5__Stage1.2AgencyLetter.pdf

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For further details, please refer to the formal letter attached.

Kind regards,

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19 October 2023

To whom it may concern,

NEXTDC S5 DATA CENTRE – 269 LANE COVE ROAD, MACQUARIE PARK - ABORIGINAL CULTURAL HERITAGE ASSESSMENT – ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY CONSULTATION STAGE 1

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The Proponent can be contacted via:

John Turner
NEXTDC
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In accordance with the *Aboriginal cultural heritage consultation requirements for proponents (DEECW 2010)* (the Consultation Requirements) and Clause 80C of the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Regulation 2009, the Proponent will conduct an Aboriginal community consultation process with registered Aboriginal people to assist with the preparation of the ACHA to identify any Aboriginal cultural heritage values or archaeological materials and mitigate risk of harm.

In accordance with Section 4.1.2 of the Consultation Requirements, Urbis proposes to compile a list of Aboriginal people and organisations who may hold cultural knowledge relevant to determining the significance of Aboriginal objects and/or places that may exist within the subject area. Should you be aware of any Aboriginal persons and/or organisations that may hold an interest in the project, please provide their details at your earliest convenience and preferably **by 27th October 2023** in writing to:

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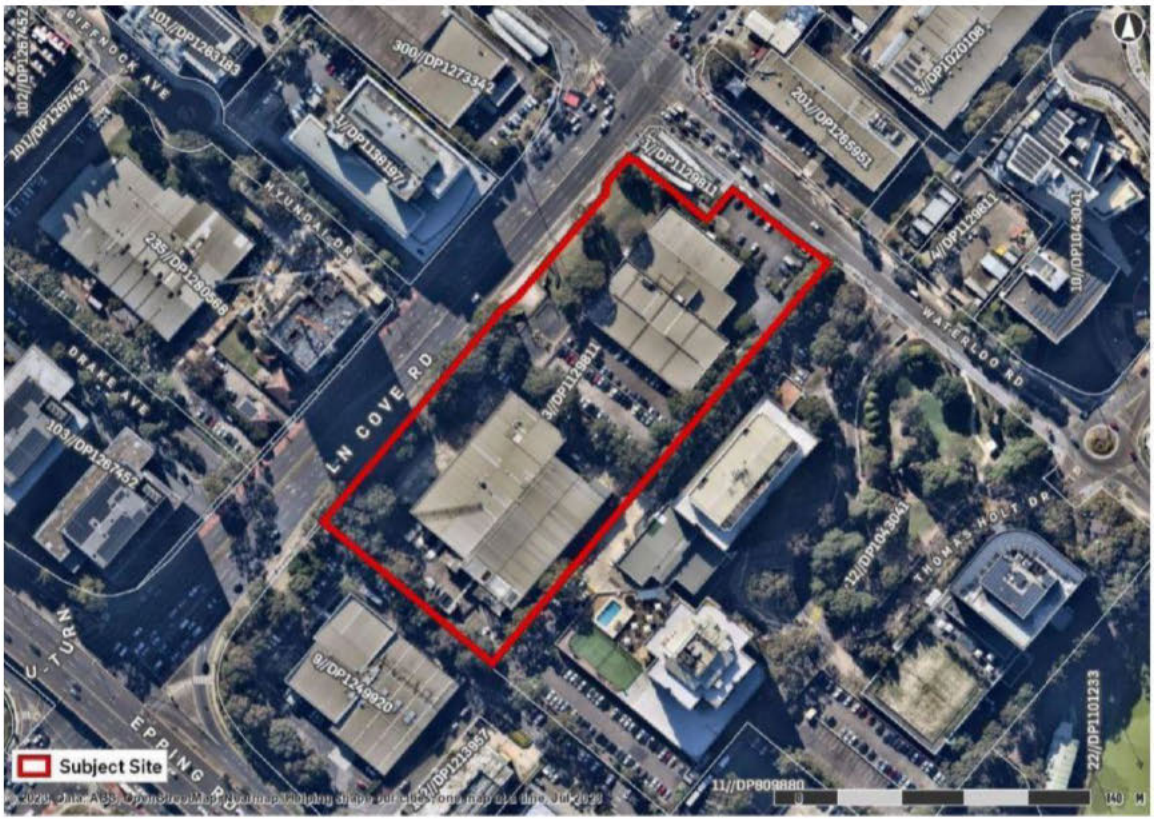
The proponent will write to each Aboriginal person or group whose details are provided to notify them of the proposed project and invite them to register an interest in the community consultation process.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any queries in relation to the provided information.

Yours sincerely,



Alexandra Ribeny
Senior Consultant
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THOMAS HOLT DR
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From:	Ginger-Rose Harrington
To:	Alexandra Ribeny
Cc:	Owen Barrett
Subject:	FW: DPE Aboriginal stakeholder list for NEXTDC S5 DATA CENTRE – 269 LANE COVE ROAD, MACQUARIE PARK.
Date:	Tuesday, 24 October 2023 3:45:35 PM
Attachments:	image001.png image002.png image003.png image004.png image005.png image006.png P0048038_NEXTDC_S5__Stage1.2AgencyLetter.pdf Aboriginal Stakeholder List- Ryde Local Government Area - LIST OF ABORIGINAL STAKEHOLDERS FOR THE DEPARTMENT of PLANNING and ENVIRONMENT.docx

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From: Barry Gunther <Barry.Gunther@environment.nsw.gov.au>
Sent: Tuesday, October 24, 2023 3:35 PM
To: Ginger-Rose Harrington <gharrington@urbis.com.au>
Subject: DPE Aboriginal stakeholder list for NEXTDC S5 DATA CENTRE – 269 LANE COVE ROAD, MACQUARIE PARK.

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Hi Ginger,

Please find attached the DPE Aboriginal stakeholder list for NEXTDC S5 DATA CENTRE – 269 LANE COVE ROAD, MACQUARIE PARK – Ryde LGA.

regards

Barry Gunther, Aboriginal Senior Assessment Officer
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From: Ginger-Rose Harrington <gharrington@urbis.com.au>
Sent: Thursday, 19 October 2023 11:38 AM
To: Alexandra Ribeny <aribeny@urbis.com.au>
Subject: Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment - Stage 1.2 Agency Notice - S5 Macquarie Park (Our Ref#P0048038)

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OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR
ABORIGINAL LAND RIGHTS ACT 1983 (NSW)

25 October 2023

By email: obarrett@urbis.com.au

Urbis
Level 8, 123 Pitt Street
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Owen,

Request - Search for Registered Aboriginal Owners – NEXTDC S5 DATA CENTRE – 269 LANE COVE ROAD, MACQUARIE PARK

We refer to your letter dated 19 October 2023 seeking the identification of Aboriginal organisations and people who may have an interest in the proposed Data Centre and Innovation Hub, located at Macquarie Park, NSW, within the Ryde Local Government Area (LGA).

Under Section 170 of the Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983 (NSW), the Office of the Registrar is required to maintain the Register of Aboriginal Owners (RAO) for New South Wales. A search of the RAO has shown that there are currently no Registered Aboriginal Owners in the project area.

We suggest you contact the Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council on (02) 8394 9666 or via email nmoran@metrolalc.org.au as they may wish to participate.

Yours sincerely

Rachel Rewiri
Project Officer
Office of the Registrar, Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983

Address: Level 3, 2 – 10 Wentworth Street, PARRAMATTA NSW 2150
Post: P.O Box 5068, PARRAMATTA NSW 2124
Phone: 02 8633 1266

NEXTDC S5 Data Centre Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment – Community Consultation Stage 1

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The proponent can be contacted directly via:

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In accordance with Section 4.1.3 of the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents (DECCW, 2010) and Clause 80C of the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Regulation 2009, the Proponent is seeking the registration of Aboriginal persons or groups who may hold cultural knowledge relevant to determining the significance of Aboriginal object(s) and/or place(s) that may be present in the subject area.

The purpose of community consultation with Aboriginal people is to assist the Proponent in the preparation of the ACHA and the assessment of the cultural heritage significance of the subject area.

Please register your interest in writing to the contact details provided below by 5.00pm 15 November 2023.

Owen Barrett
Consultant Urbis
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Please be advised that the Proponent is required to forward the names of Aboriginal persons and groups who register an interest to The Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Regulation Branch- Heritage NSW
- Department of Planning and Environment and the Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council; unless the person or group specifies that they do not want their details released.

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Harbour Trust



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NOTICE TO GRANT MINING TENEMENTS

***NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH)* SECTION 29**

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following tenement applications under the *Mining Act 1978*:

Tenement Type	No.	Applicant	Area*	Locality	Centroid	Shire
Exploration Licence	15/1947	REDSCOPE ENTERPRISES PTY LTD	43BL	54.9km E'ly of Marvel Loch	Lat: 31° 31' S: Long: 120° 3' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE, YILGARN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	15/1972	AMERY HOLDINGS PTY LTD	3BL	14.4km N'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 30° 49' S: Long: 121° 11' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	15/2022	DESTINY LITHIUM PTY LTD	41BL	78.2km SW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat: 31° 26' S: Long: 120° 34' E	COOLGARDIE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	28/3329	LAMBOO OPERATIONS PTY LTD	21BL	74.5km SE'ly of Edjudina	Lat: 30° 16' S: Long: 122° 55' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	28/3330	LAMBOO OPERATIONS PTY LTD	3BL	71.9km SE'ly of Edjudina	Lat: 30° 17' S: Long: 122° 51' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	28/3366	GTT METALS GROUP PTY LTD	1BL	84.6km S'ly of Edjudina	Lat: 30° 34' S: Long: 122° 25' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Exploration Licence	29/1192	REGENT RESOURCES PTY LTD	4BL	97.8km W'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 48' S: Long: 120° 20' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	29/1193	REGENT RESOURCES PTY LTD	2BL	94.2km W'ly of Leonora	Lat: 28° 50' S: Long: 120° 22' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	29/1247	STUBBS, Gregory Wayne	1BL	25.4km NE'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 35' S: Long: 121° 16' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	29/1248	STUBBS, Gregory Wayne	1BL	24.8km NE'ly of Menzies	Lat: 29° 34' S: Long: 121° 15' E	MENZIES SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/2394	MONUMENT EXPLORATION PTY LTD	70BL	43km W'ly of Laverton	Lat: 28° 30' S: Long: 121° 58' E	LAVERTON SHIRE, LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/2422	GALEA, Michael	2BL	68.2km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 11' S: Long: 122° 8' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/2423	GALEA, Michael	1BL	64.2km S'ly of Laverton	Lat: 29° 11' S: Long: 122° 16' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	39/2424	GALEA, Michael	3BL	64.4km N'ly of Edjudina	Lat: 29° 14' S: Long: 122° 16' E	LEONORA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/6122	FIRST WESTERN GOLD PTY LTD	67BL	47.1km E'ly of Goldsworthy	Lat: 20° 29' S: Long: 119° 56' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/6638	FMG PILBARA PTY LTD	38BL	66.3km NE'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 21° 32' S: Long: 120° 38' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	45/6661	WEST AUSTRALIAN PROSPECTORS PTY LTD	8BL	63km NE'ly of Nullagine	Lat: 21° 35' S: Long: 120° 37' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE
Exploration Licence	57/1236	ROX (MURCHISON) PTY LTD	7BL	57.4km SW'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 28° 22' S: Long: 118° 54' E	SANDSTONE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	57/1237	ROX (MURCHISON) PTY LTD	2BL	76.9km SW'ly of Sandstone	Lat: 28° 31' S: Long: 118° 48' E	SANDSTONE SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/2831	YALGOO EXPLORATION PTY LTD	40BL	13km NW'ly of Yalgoo	Lat: 28° 14' S: Long: 116° 36' E	YALGOO SHIRE
Exploration Licence	59/2832	YALGOO EXPLORATION PTY LTD	52BL	32km N'ly of Yalgoo	Lat: 28° 3' S: Long: 116° 45' E	YALGOO SHIRE
Exploration Licence	70/6515	MOLLERIN MINERALS PTY LTD	45BL	82.6km NW'ly of Mukinbudin	Lat: 30° 20' S: Long: 117° 38' E	KOORDA SHIRE, MOUNT MARSHALL SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2876	CRATONIX PTY LTD	7BL	131.6km N'ly of Southern Cross	Lat: 30° 2' S: Long: 119° 13' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/2945	GOLDZONE INVESTMENTS PTY LTD	28BL	104.1km N'ly of Southern Cross	Lat: 30° 17' S: Long: 119° 17' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/3116	KULA GOLD LIMITED	60BL	18.5km NE'ly of Southern Cross	Lat: 31° 6' S: Long: 119° 27' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Exploration Licence	77/3125	GOLDZONE INVESTMENTS PTY LTD	4BL	116.3km N'ly of Southern Cross	Lat: 30° 11' S: Long: 119° 8' E	YILGARN SHIRE
Prospecting Licence	24/5683-5685	MCAULIFFE, Bernard James	586.29HA	11.8km SW'ly of Ora Banda	Lat: 30° 25' S: Long: 120° 57' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	24/5691-5693	STEHN, Anthony Paterson	575.79HA	5.9km NE'ly of Broad Arrow	Lat: 30° 24' S: Long: 121° 21' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	26/4710-4711	NORTHERN STAR RESOURCES LTD	203.50HA	26km S'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 58' S: Long: 121° 31' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	28/1408	BASTOW, Anthony Brian	3.89HA	75.6km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat: 30° 30' S: Long: 122° 12' E	KALGOORLIE-BOULDER CITY
Prospecting Licence	45/3189-3190	STREAM, Kevin Ross	19.64HA	48.5km SE'ly of Marble Bar	Lat: 21° 25' S: Long: 120° 7' E	EAST PILBARA SHIRE

Nature of the act: Grant of prospecting licences which authorises the applicant to prospect for minerals for a term of 4 years from date of grant. Grant of exploration licences, which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals for a term of 5 years from the date of grant.

Notification day: 1 November 2023

Native title parties: Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)*, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to applications. The 3 month period closes on **1 February 2024**. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)*. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100.

Expedited procedure: The State of Western Australia considers that these acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure. Each licence may be granted unless, within the period of 4 months after the notification day (i.e. **1 March 2024**), a native title party lodges an objection with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of the licence is an act attracting the expedited procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 5, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, or GPO Box 9973, Perth, WA 6848, telephone (08) 9425 1000.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3518.

* - 1 Graticular Block = 2.8 km²

DMIRS 18477

From: Owen Barrett
To: Alexandra Ribeny
Cc: Sam Richards
Bcc: [redacted]
Subject: NEXTDC S5 Data Centre - Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment - Community Consultation Stage 1 - Invitation to register
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Good afternoon,

Please be advised that your contact details have been provided Heritage NSW in accordance with Section 4.1.2 of the Aboriginal cultural heritage consultation requirements for proponents (DECCW, 2010) (hereafter referred as the Consultation Requirements) as a potential Aboriginal stakeholder who may have interest in registering to the abovementioned project.

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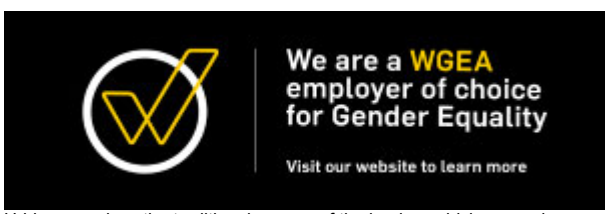
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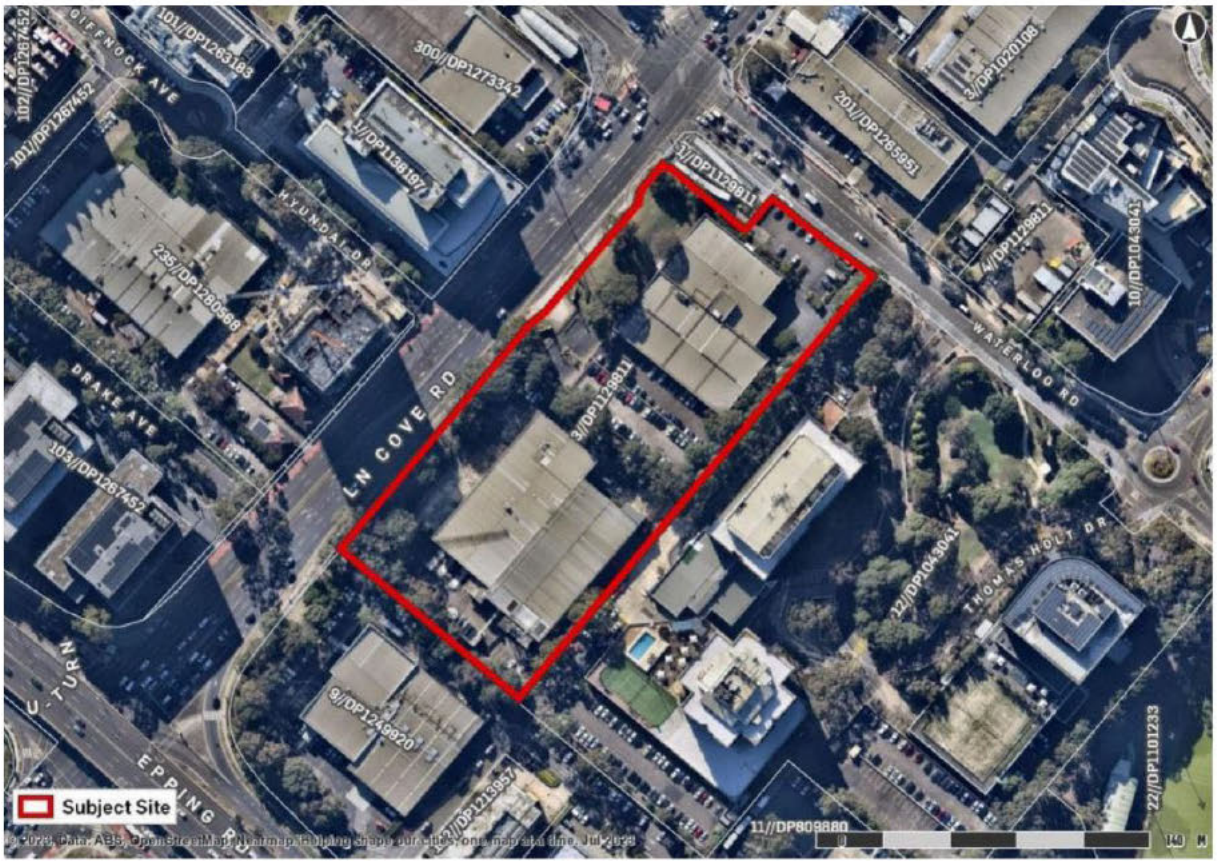
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Attached is my current insurance

If you need anything else please don't hesitate to contact me

Have a great day
[redacted]

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[redacted] would like to register an interest into NEXTDC S5 Data Centre project

Kind regards
[redacted]

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From: [redacted]
To: Wade Goldwyer; Owen Barrett
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This is our registration of interest with the subject area and wish to be kept informed on any further developments, please.

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Regards

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As a senior Aboriginal person for the past 50yrs, I actively participate in the protection of the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage throughout the Sydney Basin, & particularly throughout Western Sydney, on behalf of [redacted] I wish to provide to you my organisation's registration of interest.

I wish to be involved & participate in all levels of consultation/project involvement. I wish to attend all meetings, participate in available field work & receive a copy of the report.

I have attached a copy of [redacted]

Should you wish me to provide further information, please do not hesitate to contact me on [redacted]

Kind Regards

[redacted]



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Good evening Owen,
[redacted]
Thank you for your email, I'm a proud Gamilaroi man that's grown up in Western Sydney with 7+ years of experience in this field of work.
I've worked for many RAP groups in the past but I've started up my own.

It would be a pleasure to work with you again Owen.
Thank you for your email and I look forward to hearing from you very soon.

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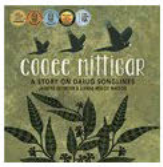
Warami Owen

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Attention : Urbis Date:08/11/23

Subject: NEXTDC S5 Data Centre

Dear Owen

We have received and reviewed NEXTDC S5 Data Centre.

Our group is a non- profit organisation that has been active for over forty years in Western Sydney, we are a Darug community group with over three hundred members. The main aim in our constitution is the care of Darug sites, places, wildlife and to promote our culture and provide education on the Darug history.

The Macquarie Park area is an area our group has a vast knowledge of, we have worked and lived in for many years, this area is highly significant to the Darug people due to the connection of sites and the continued occupation. Our group has been involved in all previous assessments and works in this area as a traditional owner Darug group for the past 40 plus years.

> *"Aboriginal peoples are the oldest continued culture...the land may have been taken from us for many tens of years and disturbed. However, they still have cultural values, as a culture we have had to adapt to a forever changing landscape, allowance for culture, way of practicing these cultures and even our language is forever changing and adapting."*

Key priorities of the development are to use sustainable materials, plant native plants that are from the area, using correct terminology, do not use the past tense and ensure that it is clear throughout the development that this is always has been and always will be Aboriginal land.

Our Darug land can only be assessed by Darug people, we have our song lines and creation places that only our people can identify, our connection to our nura is part of us and our country.

Our histories are held by our people and places, when we are looking for cultural aspects of an area they are not only seen but felt, our spiritual connections are our culture and heritage that connect us to our old people through the evidence that we see on our site visits.

People from other mobs should be respectful of our country and people if they are not respectful that the Darug are the knowledge holders then they are not cultural, therefore should not be involved on cultural heritage on Darug land.

Please register [redacted] for this project.

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Please contact us with all further enquiries on the above contacts.

Regards

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I look forward to hearing from you soon! Take care.

Thank you.

Regards
[redacted]

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Sent: Wednesday, 1 November 2023 1:38 PM
To: Alexandra Ribeny <aribeny@urbis.com.au>
Cc: Sam Richards <sam.richards@urbis.com.au>
Subject: NEXTDC S5 Data Centre - Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment - Community Consultation Stage 1 - Invitation to register

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Hi Owen,

Please register [redacted] for the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment for NEXTDC S5 Data Centre Macquarie Park.

In order for our members to provide professional cultural responses to the Methodology and ACHAR, we would like to be involved in all aspects of fieldwork to assist our understanding of the cultural values for the project area.

Your understanding is appreciated.

Please find attached relevant insurances for future reference.

regards

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I hope you are well.

Thank you for the invite.

I would like to register an interest as a RAP please.

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Thank you and have a great week.

Kind regards

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Good afternoon,

Thank you for registering in the above project. We will be providing more information shortly.

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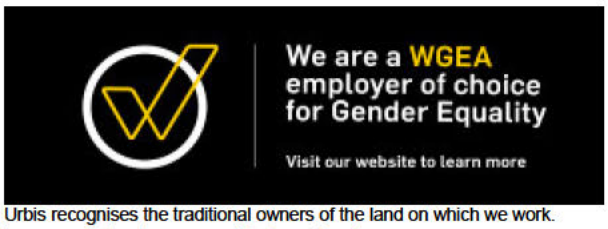
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Heritage NSW
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Subject: Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment - Stage 2-3: Project Information & Methodology - S5 Macquarie Park (Our Ref#P0048038)

Good morning

Thank you for registering your interest in the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment (ACHA) to support a State Significant Development Application (SSDA) for 269 Lane Cove Road, Macquarie Park NSW.

In accordance with Section 4.2 and 4.3 of the *Aboriginal cultural heritage consultation requirements for proponents 2010*, please find attached a letter which provides information on the project and methodology to be employed.

You will note we have included a request for specific information in the form of a questionnaire (Appendix B of attached letter). We would appreciate your response to that questionnaire as soon as possible.

If you wish to provide any comments in relation to the attached document, please do so in writing, preferably by email by **5pm, 19 December 2023** to:

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Please let us know if you have any questions.

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NEXTDC S5 DATA CENTRE – 269 LANE COVE ROAD MACQUARIE PARK NSW – ABORIGINAL CULTURAL HERITAGE ASSESSMENT – ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY CONSULTATION STAGES 2 & 3 – PRESENTING & GATHERING INFORMATION

Thank you for your interest in the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment (ACHA) of S5 Data Centre, 269 Lane Cove Road, Macquarie Park, NSW, legally referred to as Lot 3 in DP1129811 (Figure 1 and Figure 2).

Urbis has been commissioned by NEXTDC Limited ('the Proponent') to undertake the ACHA to support a State Significant Development Application (SSD-63168959) that seeks consent for the redevelopment of the subject area for the demolition of existing structures, site preparation works and construction and operation of a new Data Centre and Innovation Hub with an urban plaza and the delivery of new roads.

The Proponent can be contacted via:

John Turner
Head of Site Development
John.Turner@nextdc.com

In accordance with Regulations 60(5)-(6) of the *National Parks and Wildlife Regulation 2019* ('NPW Reg') and Section 4.2 and 4.3 of the *Aboriginal cultural heritage consultation requirements for proponents 2010* (Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water NSW) ('the Consultation Requirements') this present communication aims to provide all Registered Aboriginal Parties (RAPs) with the proposed project information and a process to facilitate the following:

- Contribute to culturally appropriate information gathering and the research methodology.
- Provide information that will enable the cultural significance of Aboriginal objects and/or places on the proposed project area to be determined.
- Have input into the development of any cultural heritage management options.

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SUBJECT AREA

The subject area is located at 269 Lane Cove Road, Macquarie Park, within the block bounded by Lane Cove Road to the north-west, Waterloo Road to the north-east, Epping Road to the south-west and Wicks Road to the south-east. The subject area is legally referred to as Lot 3 in DP1129811 ('the subject area').

The subject area is located within the Ryde Local Government Area (LGA), and within the administrative bounds of the Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council (LALC) on the traditional land of the Gadigal.

The subject area comprises a large commercial lot with an area of 2.26 hectares. Existing development includes a two-storey office furniture store (Work Arena) at the northern end of the site and offices and studios associated with Foxtel in the southern portion of the site.

PROPOSED WORKS

The project is for the construction and 24-hour operation of a data centre including:

- site preparation works,
- bulk earthworks and infrastructure,
- construction of buildings,
- ancillary facilities and
- associated site works.

In accordance with the requirements of the Ryde Development Control Plan the project also includes the construction of two new internal roads and an urban plaza adjacent to Waterloo Road and the Macquarie Park Metro Station entrance.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL & ENVIRONMENTAL CONTEXT

The archaeological and environmental contexts of the subject area is summarised below:

- A search of the Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System (AHIMS) identified no registered Aboriginal sites or Aboriginal places with the subject area. The wider search area identified a total of 54 Aboriginal sites within a 5km x 5km area centred upon the subject area.
- The environmental context of the subject area is not considered to be archaeologically sensitive due to the absence of landscape features with potential for Aboriginal objects.
- The subject area is located within the Glenorie soil landscape. This consists of shallow to moderately deep soil profiles which are susceptible to erosion and disturbance.
- The subject area has experienced high levels of disturbance due to its location within a highly urbanised environment. Current structures required significant modification to the landscape for their construction.

The relevance of the archaeological and environmental contexts to the archaeological potential of the subject area will be considered during the ACHA process.

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METHODOLOGY

The proposed impact assessment process for the ACHA, including the input points into the investigation and assessment activities for RAPs, is outlined below, in accordance with Reg. 60(6) of the NPW Reg and Section 4.2.2(b) of the Consultation Requirements.

The ACHA will be conducted in accordance with Part 6 of the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974* ('NPW Act') and Part 5 of the NPW Reg. It will further adhere to the following guidelines:

- *Aboriginal cultural heritage consultation requirements for proponents 2010* (DECCW, 2010).
- *Code of Practice for Archaeological Investigation of Aboriginal Objects in New South Wales* (DECCW, 2010).
- *Guide to Investigating, Assessing and Reporting on Aboriginal Cultural Heritage in New South Wales* (OEH, 2011).
- *The Burra Charter: The Australia ICOMOS Charter for Places of Cultural Significance, 2013.*

The ACHA will follow the general methodology described in Table 1 below.

Table 1 – Aboriginal cultural heritage assessment methodology

Process Method	Description
Desktop assessment	Collection and evaluation of background information, including archaeological and historical resources and environmental conditions, to develop a predictive model for archaeological potential.
Consultation with RAPs	Providing information on the project to RAPs and gathering information about the proposed methodology and the Aboriginal cultural heritage values and significance of the subject area.
Preparation of draft ACHA report	Synthesis of all information collected during the ACHA process to prepare a draft assessment report and provision of the draft report to the Proponent and the RAPs for comments. The report will include an assessment of significance of any Aboriginal objects or Aboriginal cultural heritage values that may exist within the subject area, an impact assessment and provide management and mitigation measures.

Process Method	Description
Finalisation of ACHA report	Incorporation of all comments from the Proponent and RAPs into ACHA report and finalisation.

Urbis welcomes input and information from the RAPs at any stage throughout the entire process of the ACHA. Consistent with the Consultation Requirements, the formal input points for the consultation are the following:

- During Stage 2 and 3 – Following review of the current communication which presents information about the proposed project and ACHA methodology.
- During Stage 2 and 3 – During or following the site visit and meeting.
- During Stage 4 – Following review of the draft ACHA.

CRITICAL TIMELINES

The critical timelines and milestones for the completion of the ACHA and delivery of reports are presented in Table 2 below, in accordance with Section 4.22 (c) of the Consultation Requirements. Please note the presented timeframes are estimates only and are intended as a guide to allow forward planning of personnel and resources.

Table 2 – Critical timelines.

Project Stage	Anticipated Timeframe
Stage 2 and 3: Provision of comments on the provided information and proposed methodology (this document).	Within 28 days of the document (ie. By 18th December 2023).
After Stage 3; Site Inspection.	Within 1 week of the completion of Stage 2 and 3 (Week of the 18th December 2023).
Stage 4: Provision of the draft ACHA report (including the proposed management and mitigation measures) to the RAPs.	Within 2 weeks of completion of the site inspection and allowing for the 2-week Christmas break (approximately 15 January 2024).
Stage 4: Provision of comments on the draft ACHA report.	Within 28 days of delivery of the draft ACHA report to the RAPs.
Stage 4: Finalisation of the ACHA report including the consideration of all comments and feedback.	Within own week of the closing of the comment period for the draft ACHA report.

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ROLES, FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILILTIES

The roles, functions and responsibilities of the proponent and RAPs are defined below, in accordance with Section 4.2.2(d) of the Consultation Requirements.

The roles, functions and responsibilities of the Proponent, Urbis (acting on behalf of the Proponent), RAPs and any other parties involved in the consultation process are those defined in Section 5 of the Consultation Requirements.

Please note that, in accordance with Section 3.4 of the Consultation Requirements, consultation does not include the employment of Aboriginal people to assist in field assessment and/or site monitoring. Furthermore, there is no obligation on the Proponent to employ Aboriginal people registered for consultation. Aboriginal people may provide services to the Proponent through a contractual arrangement separate to the consultation process. Consultation will continue irrespective of potential or actual employment opportunities for Aboriginal people.

GATHERING CULTURAL INFORMATION

Urbis is providing the opportunity for RAPs to identify, raise and discuss their cultural concerns, perspectives and assessment requirements (if any), in accordance with Section 4.2.2(e) of the Consultation Requirements.

Urbis is actively seeking information on the cultural heritage and cultural significance of the subject area. Such information includes the existence of any Aboriginal objects of cultural value to Aboriginal people in or near the subject area (whether declared under s.84 of the NPW Act or not), including places of social, spiritual and cultural value, historic places with cultural significance and potential places/areas of historic, social, spiritual and/or cultural significance.

Please also consider the following when providing information:

- Do you have information on any Aboriginal objects within or near the subject area?
- Do you or somebody you know have information of cultural values, stories in relation to the subject area and if that information can be shared?

If you or your organisation has sensitive or restricted public access information for determining or managing the heritage values of the subject area, it is proposed that the proponent will manage this information (if provided by the Aboriginal community) in accordance with a sensitive cultural information management protocol. It is anticipated that the protocol will include making note of and managing the material in accordance with the following key limitations as advised by Aboriginal people at the time of the information being provided:

- Any restrictions on access of the material.
- Any restrictions on communication of the material (confidentiality).
- Any restrictions on the location/storage of the material.
- Any cultural recommendations on handling the material.
- Any names and contact details of persons authorised within the relevant Aboriginal group to make decisions concerning the Aboriginal material and degree of authorisation.
- Any details of any consent given in accordance with customary law.

- Any access and use by the RAPs of the cultural information.

Please consider the above list when providing your recommendations regarding any culturally sensitive information.

QUESTIONNAIRE

To streamline information gathering during Stage 2 and 3, and to inform the proponent for any field inspection component, Urbis requests the following information from you:

- **Cultural connection:** Please describe the nature of your cultural connection to the country on which the subject area is situated. Please include any relevant cultural knowledge or knowledge of Aboriginal objects or places within the subject area. Have you ever lived in or near the subject area? If you are a Traditional Owner, please state this clearly.
- **Representing your community members:** Please state who you or your organisation represents. Do you or your organisation represent other members of the Aboriginal community? If so, please describe how information is provided to the other members, and how their information and knowledge may be provided back to the proponent and Urbis.
- **Previous experience:** Please list your relevant (for example, in the area of the proposed project) previous experience in providing cultural heritage advice and survey participation.
- **Schedule of Rates:** Please provide your Certificate of Currency including Product and Public Liability Insurance and Worker's Compensation. Please also include a schedule of rates (hourly/half day/day) for fieldwork participation, and include any expenses you may expect to incur, and these will be sought to be reimbursed. *Please note that it is for the discretion for the proponent to decide if they invite RAPs for site works and the consultation process does not guarantee paid employment.*

The above questions are provided as a questionnaire in Appendix B for your convenience. Please complete the questionnaire and return it to:

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Please provide the requested information by **Close of Business, 19th of December 2023.** Comments received after this date might be excluded from the draft ACHAR. Please provide your comments in writing to the above contact.

Kind regards,



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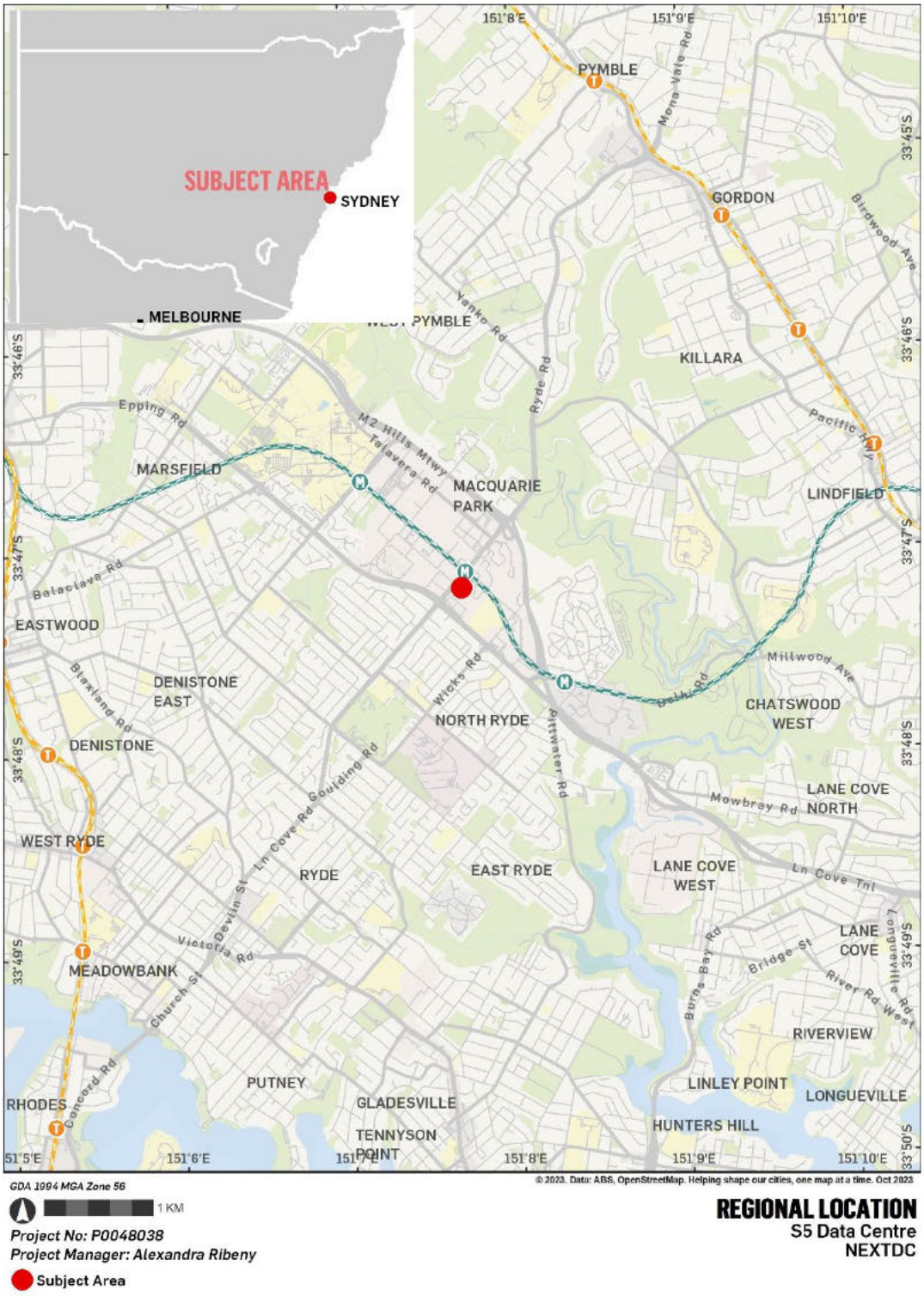


Figure 1 – Regional location of the subject area



Figure 2 – Location of the subject area

APPENDIX A AHIMS BASIC AND EXTENSIVE SEARCH

APPENDIX B ACHA QUESTIONNAIRE

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From:	[redacted]
To:	Alexandra Ribeny
Subject:	Re: Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment - Stage 2-3: Project Information & Methodology - S5 Macquarie Park (Our Ref#P0048038)
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Hi Alexandra,
Please register our company for the above project, we have lived in the area all our lives and have done many projects in and around the project area, our [redacted].
Kind regards
[redacted]

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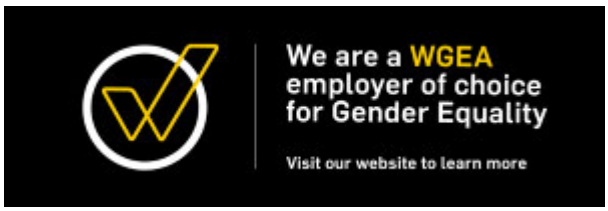
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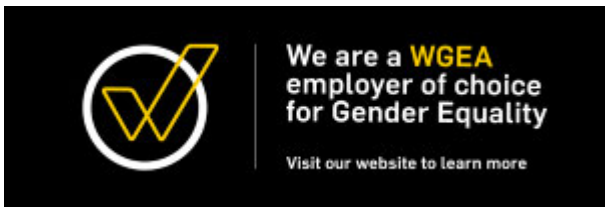
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Hi Alexandra

[redacted] agrees with methodology and would like to be apart of field work if possible if attached rates and insurances

[redacted]

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[redacted]

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From: [redacted]
[redacted] Alexandra Ribeny
Subject: RE: Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment - Stage 2-3: Project Information & Methodology - S5 Macquarie Park (Our Ref#P0048038)
Date: Tuesday, 16 January 2024 12:27:51 PM
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Hi Alexandra,

Thank you for your report, we agree and support your methodology to investigate the site further in the way of a walk over. We look forward to working alongside on this project.

Kind Regards

[redacted]



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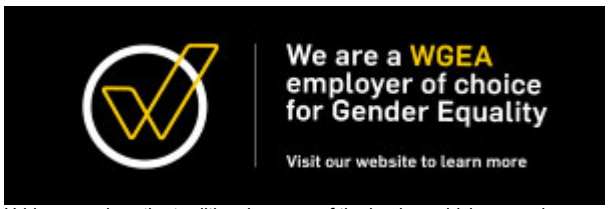
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From: [redacted]
To: Alexandra Ribeny
Cc: [redacted] am.richards@urbis.com.au; Owen Barrett
Subject: Fw: Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment - Stage 2-3: Project Information & Methodology - S5 Macquarie Park (Our Ref#P0048038)
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Again, thanks for your time this morning.

Appreciate you registering [redacted] Interest for **S5 Macquarie Park (Our Ref#P0048038).**

Kind Regards,
[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, November 22, 2023 3:41 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: FW: Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment - Stage 2-3: Project Information & Methodology - S5 Macquarie Park (Our Ref#P0048038)

Kind Regards,

[redacted]



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From: Alexandra Ribeny <aribeny@urbis.com.au>
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From: Alexandra Ribeny
Bcc: [redacted]
Subject: S5 Macquarie Park ACHA - Invitation to Site Visit
Date: Monday, 18 December 2023 8:30:00 AM
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Good morning

Thank you for your involvement with the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment (ACHA) for the proposed development at 269 Lane Cove Road, Macquarie Park.

Urbis invites you on behalf of NEXTDC (the Proponent) to register your interest in attending an on-site meeting and inspection of the subject area. The meeting will provide the opportunity to familiarise yourself with the subject area, to discuss the cultural heritage approach and raise any cultural heritage information or concerns.

The site visit will take place at **10:00 am, Friday 22 December 2023**.

The Proponent has agreed to remuneration for one representative from each registered organisation for the site visit. Please note that the Proponent will not cover any additional time required for travel to and from the site.

If you wish to attend the site visit, **please respond** accordingly and provide the following no later than **close of business Wednesday 20 December 2023**.

1. Name and mobile phone number of the nominated site officer.
2. Insurances (if not already provided).

Please provide your registration of interest and associated documentation to:
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Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any queries in relation to the provided information.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2023 7:03 PM
To: Alexandra Ribeny <aribeny@urbis.com.au>
Subject: Re: S5 Macquarie Park ACHA - Site Inspection Details

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Good evening Alexandra,

Just confirming that I'll be in tomorrow for the meeting.

Kind regards,

[redacted]

On Wed, 20 Dec 2023, 5:03 pm Alexandra Ribeny, <aribeny@urbis.com.au> wrote:

> Good afternoon
>
> Thank you for confirming your attendance at our site inspection for the S5 Macquarie Park ACHA. Please find details below.
>
> **Time:** 10:00 am, Friday 22 December
>
> **Location:** Please meet outside the WorkArena building at 34 Waterloo Road (and immediately south-east of Macquarie Park Station), as indicated with red arrow below.
>
> **Parking:** Parking is located onsite but we will need to swipe you in. If you arrive early, you will need to find parking elsewhere.
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> **PPE Requirements:** There are no PPE requirements for this site, however, it is recommended to wear sturdy shoes.
>
> We look forward to seeing you on Friday. Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions in the meantime.
>
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[redacted] [redacted]
Subject: FW: S5 Macquarie Park ACHA - Invitation to Site Visit
Date: Thursday, 14 March 2024 11:00:31 AM

From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, December 19, 2023 8:26 AM
To: Alexandra Ribeny <aribeny@urbis.com.au>
Subject: Re: S5 Macquarie Park ACHA - Invitation to Site Visit

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Hi Alexandra

[redacted] will be on site, I will send insurances shortly, we appreciate you including our company in this project.

Thanks

[redacted]

> On 18 Dec 2023, at 8:30 am, Alexandra Ribeny <aribeny@urbis.com.au> wrote:
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Subject: ACHA (Stage 4) - "S5" 269 Lane Cove Rd, Macquarie Park (Our Ref#P0048038)
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Subject: Re: ACHA (Stage 4) - "S5" 269 Lane Cove Rd, Macquarie Park (Our Ref#P0048038)

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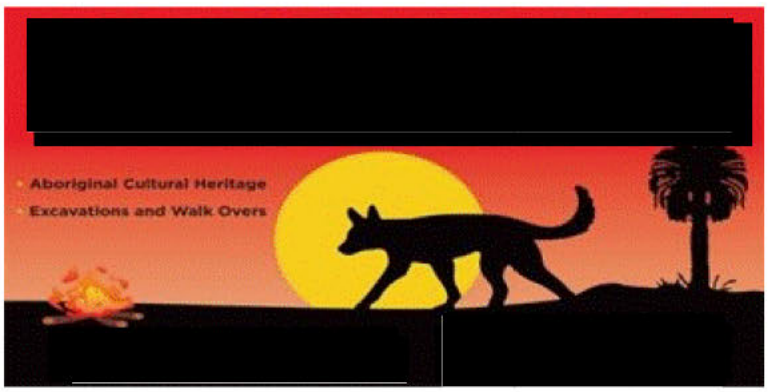
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Hi Alexandria,

Thank you for your ACHA (stage 4), we agree and support your recommendations relating to "S5" 269 Lane Cove Rd, Macquarie Park. We look forward to working alongside you on this project.

Kind Regards

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From: Alexandra Ribeny <aribeny@urbis.com.au>
Sent: Wednesday, January 17, 2024 5:51:25 PM
Cc: Sam Richards <sam.richards@urbis.com.au>
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Good Afternoon

Thank you for registering your interest in the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment (ACHA) for "S5" 269 Lane Cove Road, Macquarie Park.

In accordance with Section 4.4 of the *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents 2010*, please find attached copy of the draft cultural heritage assessment report for your review and comment.

From: [redacted]
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HI Alexandra

[redacted] agrees with draft cultural heritage assessment report

Kind Regards
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On Wed, Jan 17, 2024 at 5:52 PM Alexandra Ribeny <aribeny@urbis.com.au> wrote:

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> If you wish to provide any comments in relation to the attached document, please do so in writing, preferably by email by 14 February **2024**, to:
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