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ABORIGINAL CULTURAL HERITAGE ASSESSMENT

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Walgett Solar Pty Ltd proposes to establish a solar farm ~3km north of Walgett in northern NSW. Access Archaeology and Heritage Pty Ltd (AAH) was engaged by Walgett Solar Pty Ltd to prepare an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report (ACHAR) for the proposed development

The total assessment area for this report is ~85 hectares. Installation of solar panels requires minimal ground preparation as they are supported by legs that are drilled into the ground. Apart from establishment of the panel supports on ground screws the main ground disturbance would be from the establishment of cables in trenches and access tracks.

Consultation with Aboriginal stakeholders was undertaken in accordance with clause 80C of the *National Parks and Wildlife Amendment (Aboriginal Objects and Aboriginal Places) Regulation 2010*. The notification phase resulted in the Walgett Local Aboriginal Land Council expressing interest in the project, and with their nominated project representative being Mr Ted Fields.

A total of five Aboriginal archaeological sites were recorded during the field survey, these being:

- 1 Isolated artefact, and
- 4 culturally modified trees

The culturally modified trees were observed on the periphery of the study area and none need be disturbed by the development. In addition, two trees exhibiting surveyors blazes and inscriptions were observed.

THE DEVELOPMENT GENERALLY

1. The development proposal should proceed with no further archaeological assessment. No areas of Potential Archaeological Deposit were identified that would warrant test excavation and the significance of the Aboriginal heritage objects within the study area is low.
2. Where the development footprint is extended beyond the area currently assessed, the additional area should be subject to further archaeological survey in association with the registered Aboriginal Parties.

MANAGEMENT OF KNOWN ABORIGINAL SITES AND OBJECTS

3. The isolated artefact WSF-2 should be found and relocated to the periphery of the subject area directly south of its current location, and its new location marked with a steel star post to avoid further disturbance. The new location should be recorded on the AHIMS database through submission of an updated AHIMS recording.
4. When undertaking redevelopment of the creek crossing the proponent must take note of the location of the scarred tree WSF-3 and avoid widening the crossing to the east.

MANAGEMENT OF SITES RECORDED DURING DEVELOPMENT AND/OR OPERATION

5. Section 89A of the National Parks and Wildlife (NSW) 1974 requires that any person who is aware of the existence of an Aboriginal Object is required to notify the Chief Executive of the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage. To ensure compliance with Section 89A the proponent should undertake the following:
 - a. Prepare an information poster for site staff that describes the most likely site occurrences that might be observed and how to recognise them. A face to face heritage induction may be considered.

- b. Where a flaked ISOLATED ARTEFACT is discovered,
 - i. Record the location with a GPS using Eastings and Northings based on the GDA 94 Zone 55 Datum
 - ii. Take a photograph of the artefact with a scale (eg ruler) and a photograph of the general location noting the orientation (eg, 'looking north' or 'looking east' etc)
 - iii. Move the artefact during work that may harm it and return it to the location immediately the work has concluded.
 - c. Where an ISOLATED IMPLEMENT (eg, hammer, hatchet, grindstone, etc) is discovered,
 - i. Record the location with a GPS using Eastings and Northings based on the GDA 94 Zone 55 Datum
 - ii. Take a photograph of the artefact with a scale (eg ruler) and a photograph of the general location noting the orientation (eg, 'looking north' or 'looking east' etc)
 - iii. Collect the artefact and store securely on site along with labelling that includes the Eastings and Northings.
 - d. Where any other form or cluster of Aboriginal Objects is discovered,
 - i. Record the location with a GPS using Eastings and Northings based on the GDA 94 Zone 55 Datum
 - ii. Take a photograph of the artefacts with a scale (eg ruler) and a photograph of the general location noting the orientation (eg, 'looking north' or 'looking east' etc)
 - iii. Isolate the area with a ~50m buffer and contact a qualified archaeologist for further information/advice on the most appropriate strategy
 - e. Within three months of making a discovery Walgett Solar should inform OEH of its existence through a qualified archaeologist submitting an AHIMS recording form for each discovery. The person submitting the information will need to be supplied with the information recorded at the time of field recording and/or collection.
8. Although very unlikely, if any object is found suspected to be human remains work at the location must cease and the following must be contacted immediately:
- a. NSW Police – Walgett Police Station
 - b. NSW OEH – Dubbo Office
- The location is to be made secure to prevent unauthorised access. Work on the Walgett Solar Farm project may continue at a suitable distance from the potential human remains – not closer than 100m.

The proponent, their employees, contractors and agents are reminded that it is an offence under the National Parks and Wildlife Act (NSW) 1974 to destroy, deface or otherwise disturb an Aboriginal Object without first obtaining the consent of the Director General of the NSW NPWS.

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background

Walgett Solar Pty Ltd proposes to establish a solar farm ~3km north of Walgett in the north west of NSW. Access Archaeology and Heritage Pty Ltd (AAH) was engaged by Walgett Solar Pty Ltd to prepare an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report (ACHAR) for the proposed development.

The proposed development site incorporates Lot 1 DP 822477; Lot 49 DP 752271; Lot A DP 418888 and Lot 21 DP 752271, with grid connection through Crown Land, Lot 92 DP 752271

Establishing a solar farm would involve ground disturbance with potential to disturb Aboriginal heritage objects which are protected under the NSW *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*. The proposed development has been determined to be State Significant Development, and as such is exempt from the requirement to obtain an Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit to harm Aboriginal objects, but it is a requirement that Aboriginal heritage be assessed in a manner consistent with:

- *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents 2010*
<http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/resources/cultureheritage/commconsultation/09781ACHconsultreq.pdf>
- *Code of Practice for Archaeological Investigations*
<http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/resources/cultureheritage/10783FinalArchCoP.pdf>
- *Guide to Investigating, Assessing and Reporting on Aboriginal Cultural Heritage in NSW*
<http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/resources/cultureheritage/20110263ACHguide.pdf>

This report documents the assessment of Aboriginal heritage in a manner consistent with an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment (ACHA).

It details the proposed methods for that ACHA and records input from registered Aboriginal parties regarding information relating to the known cultural values of the area, and/or comments on the proposed assessment methods. It provides registered Aboriginal parties with information about the project in accordance with the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage's (OEH) *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents 2010*.

1.2 The Nature of the Development

The total property area being considered for the solar farm is ~85 hectares. Installation of solar panels requires minimal ground preparation as they are supported by legs that are drilled into the ground. There would be ground disturbance from the establishment of cables in trenches and access tracks, and other ancillary development. The primary access to the proposed development would be off Castlereagh Highway. This access will require an upgrade to the intersection where the access road meets the highway, and for ~3km of access track through an existing crown road reserve.

1.3 Project Objectives

The objectives of this project were:

- Undertake a search of the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) Aboriginal Heritage Management System (AHIMS) database to determine if there had been any archaeological material recorded in the subject land (Appendix 1).
- Consult the local Aboriginal community to standards prescribed in *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents 2010*.
- To undertake an archaeological survey to determine if there are landforms with a high potential to contain Aboriginal objects and whether Aboriginal object occur within the study area.
- Assess the nature and level of disturbance of these landforms and the integrity of any Aboriginal objects.

- Complete a report on assessment and present recommendations for management of Aboriginal heritage in the study area.

1.4 Participants

Heritage Advisor – Doug Williams Bachelor of Arts – Honours (ANU) Graduate Diploma of Applied Science (University of Canberra).

Doug Williams has been a professional archaeologist and heritage manager since 1992 and has undertaken large-scale complex archaeological projects in New South Wales, ACT, Western Australia, Victoria and South Australia. He has qualifications in Australian Aboriginal archaeology and post graduate qualifications in Cultural Heritage Management. In particular, in recent years Doug has overseen several large excavation projects, as well as having implemented and managed field survey of several thousand square kilometres of development area in WA, NSW, ACT, Victoria and SA. In the course of this work he has worked on sites of local, regional, state, national and international significance.

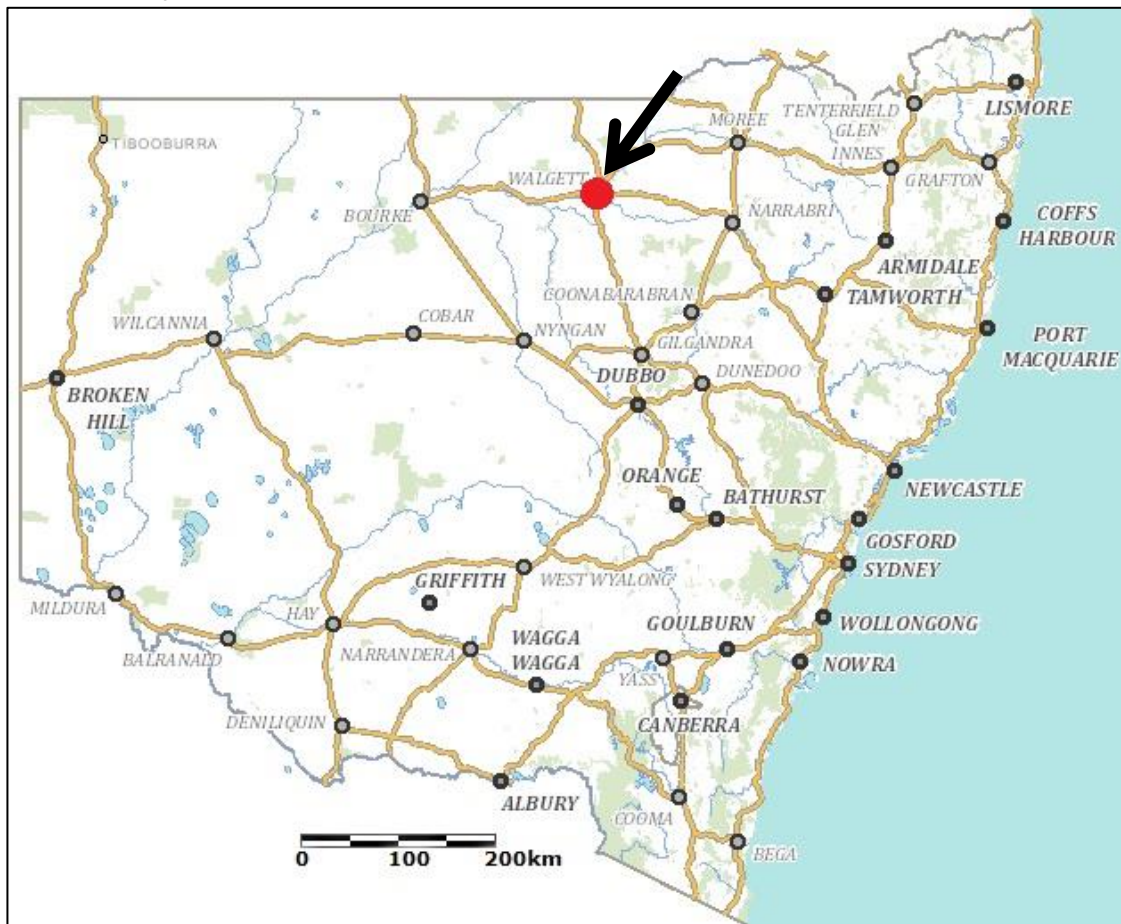


Figure 1. Location of the Study Area



Figure 2. The Study Area.

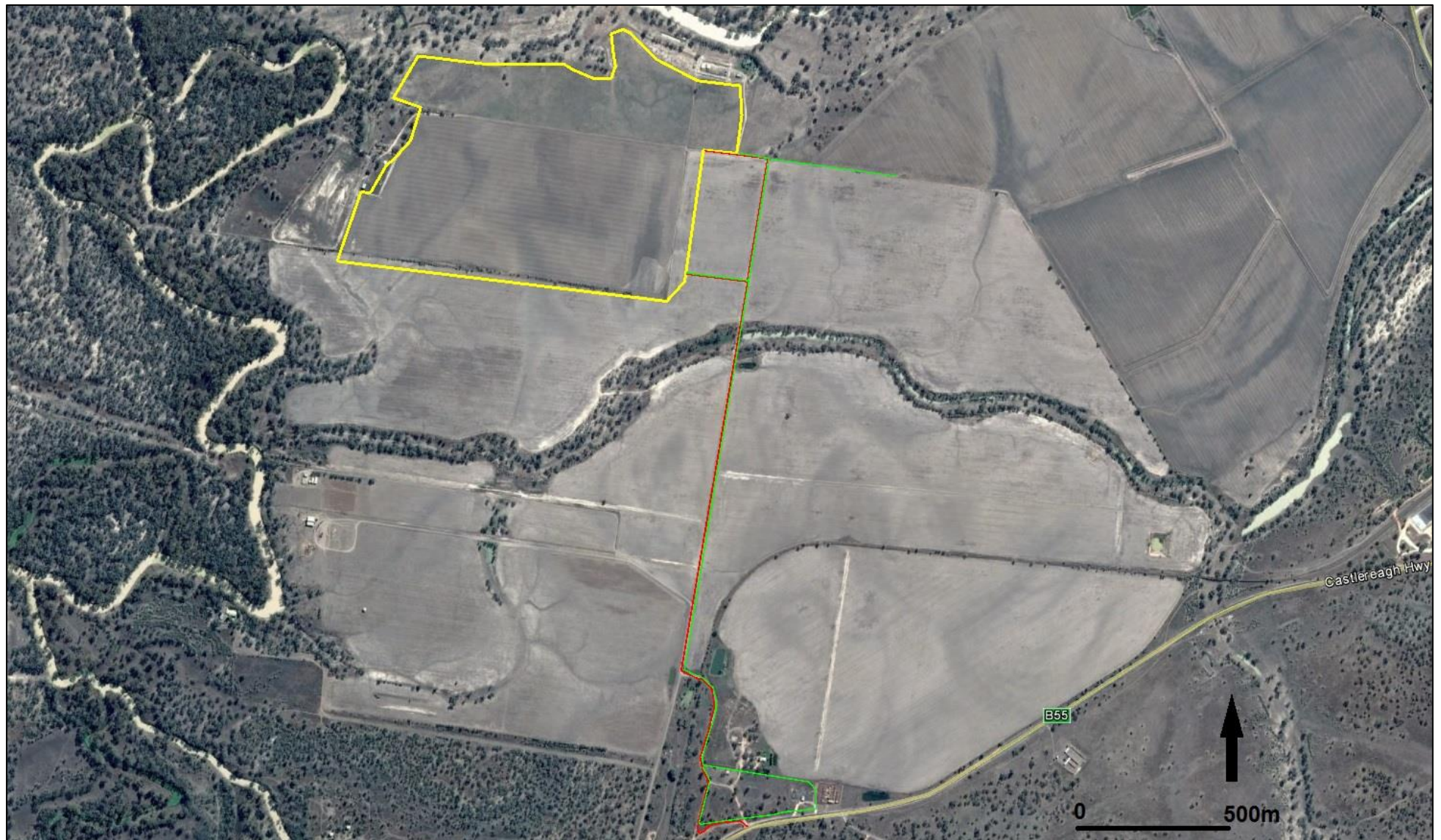


Figure 3. Study Area, Aerial

2. LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK

2.1 The National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974 (NSW)

In NSW, Aboriginal heritage objects and places are protected mainly by the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974 (NSW) (NPWA) which contains provisions making it illegal to harm Aboriginal objects and Aboriginal places without appropriate defence or permission. The NPWA is presently administered by the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH). Under definitions provided in the Act:

- **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.

Individuals or corporations may be prosecuted against two levels of offence. Knowingly or deliberately harming or desecrating Aboriginal places/objects is the higher of the two levels. Lower level offences are known as 'strict liability' offences - offences regardless of whether or not the offender knows they are harming an Aboriginal object or desecrating an Aboriginal place. A person or corporation may have a defence against such prosecution where they have:

- An Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit (AHIP) authorising the harm (s.87(1))
- Exercised due diligence to establish Aboriginal objects will not be harmed (s.87(2))
- Otherwise complied with legislative requirements.

Due diligence may be demonstrated by following requirements described in the National Parks and Wildlife Regulation 2009 (the Regulation) or a code of practice adopted or prescribed by the NPW Regulation (s.87(3)).

2.2 The Environment Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (NSW)

The Environment Planning & Assessment Act (NSW) 1979 (EPAA) establishes a planning structure that requires consideration of environmental impacts of new projects, including impact to Aboriginal cultural heritage. Proposals classified as State Significant Development (SSD) or State Significant Infrastructure (SSI) under the EPAA are exempt from the requirement to obtain AHIPs to undertake works that may harm Aboriginal Objects. Definitions of harm outlined in the NPWA are obviated once a development is classified as SSD or SSI and permission instead rests with the Secretary of the Department of Planning and Environment.

In this process the EPAA requires consideration of possible impact to cultural heritage that may arise from development activities and while formal AHIPs are not required a formal assessment process must be documented and it is current practice for this process to follow standards and guidelines established by NSW OEH for these purposes, in particular those steps outlined in *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents 2010*.

3. CONSULTATION

Consultation with Aboriginal stakeholders was undertaken in accordance with clause 80C of the *National Parks and Wildlife Amendment (Aboriginal Objects and Aboriginal Places) Regulation 2010*.

A four step process of consultation with Aboriginal stakeholders was undertaken in accordance with clause 80C of the *National Parks and Wildlife Amendment (Aboriginal Objects and Aboriginal Places) Regulation 2010*. The consultation steps, listed below, are outlined in the *OEH Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents 2010 (ACHCRP 2010)* guide.

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

Consultation Step 1 – NOTIFICATION

Notification letters were sent to the relevant bodies/agencies listed in section 4.1.2 of the *ACHCRP 2010*, requesting details of any parties with a known interest, or who hold knowledge related to the subject area (Attachment 1). Notification of the Aboriginal heritage project was undertaken via the placement of a newspaper notice in the *Walgett Spectator* on Weds 16 November 2016.

Following receipt of a list of potential Aboriginal stakeholders from the OEH, notification letters were sent to these organisations and individuals on the 6th of December 2016.

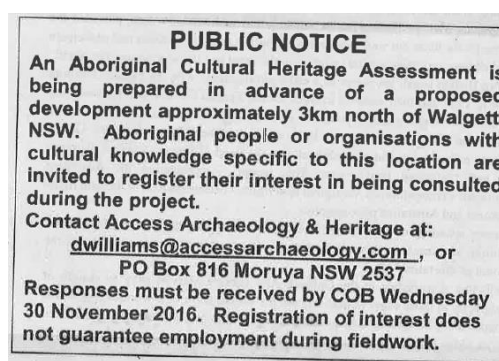


Figure 4. Copy of advertisement

The notification phase resulted in the following groups expressing interest in the project:

- Walgett Local Aboriginal Land Council
- Dharriwaa Elders Group

Consultation Step 2 INFORMATION TO RESPONDENTS

A *Project Proposal Information* document for the assessment was forwarded to respondents. The document provided details of the project and the proposed heritage assessment methodology and invited comments from interested respondents. The document also sought any information regarding known Aboriginal cultural significance values associated with the subject area and/or any Aboriginal objects contained therein (Attachment 2)

Consultation Step 3 GATHERING INFORMATION ABOUT CULTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

The field inspection was attended by Mr Ted Fields. General discussion was had regarding local Aboriginal heritage and the potential cultural significance of the area. No particular or immediate concerns were raised regarding the study area from the perspective of non-tangible cultural heritage.

Consultation Step 4 REVIEW

The draft report for this project was provided to the registered Aboriginal parties on 23 December 2016. Ted Fields undertook a review of the draft report and endorsed its findings (see Attachment 2).

4. ENVIRONMENTAL BACKGROUND

4.1 Geology and Topography

The study area is located in the northern reaches of the Darling Riverine bioregion of NSW, which is a hot, dry semi arid climatic zone (Stern et al 2000). Overall, the landscape is flat with river channel and floodplain features dominant. The subject area sits on a very gently undulating plain, specifically, a Quaternary channelized backplain of unconsolidated grey sandy clayey silt with minor carbonate, and crossed by anastomosing channels. This group of plains belongs to the Marra Formation (Burton 2011).

There is very little topographic variation in the study area where construction of the solar farm is proposed. Soil in the study area is as predicted by reference to the Angledool 1:250,000 Geological map sheet – a grey sandy, clayey silt, exhibiting significant cracking when dry. No stone crops out in the subject area suitable for manufacture of stone artefacts.

4.2 Vegetation

The study area has been cleared of virtually all native vegetation and is currently used for grazing and cropping. Isolated native trees were present, scattered across the paddocks. The original vegetation of the area was open Eucalyptus woodland dominated by Coolbah (*Eucalyptus coolabah*).

4.3 Landuse

European grazing and agricultural activities have had an impact on the study area for a long period. Clearing practices will have disturbed the soil profile as will cultivation. Undertaking these activities has ramifications for the potential survival of Aboriginal archaeological material in its original location. Aboriginal scarred trees, for example, would not be expected to survive broadscale clearing activities. Likewise sites like shell middens suffer a drastic loss of integrity after being cultivated. However, the effect of cultivation on sites like clusters of stone artefacts is less dramatic and spatial clustering can still be discerned even after multiple cultivation events (cf Williams 2007).

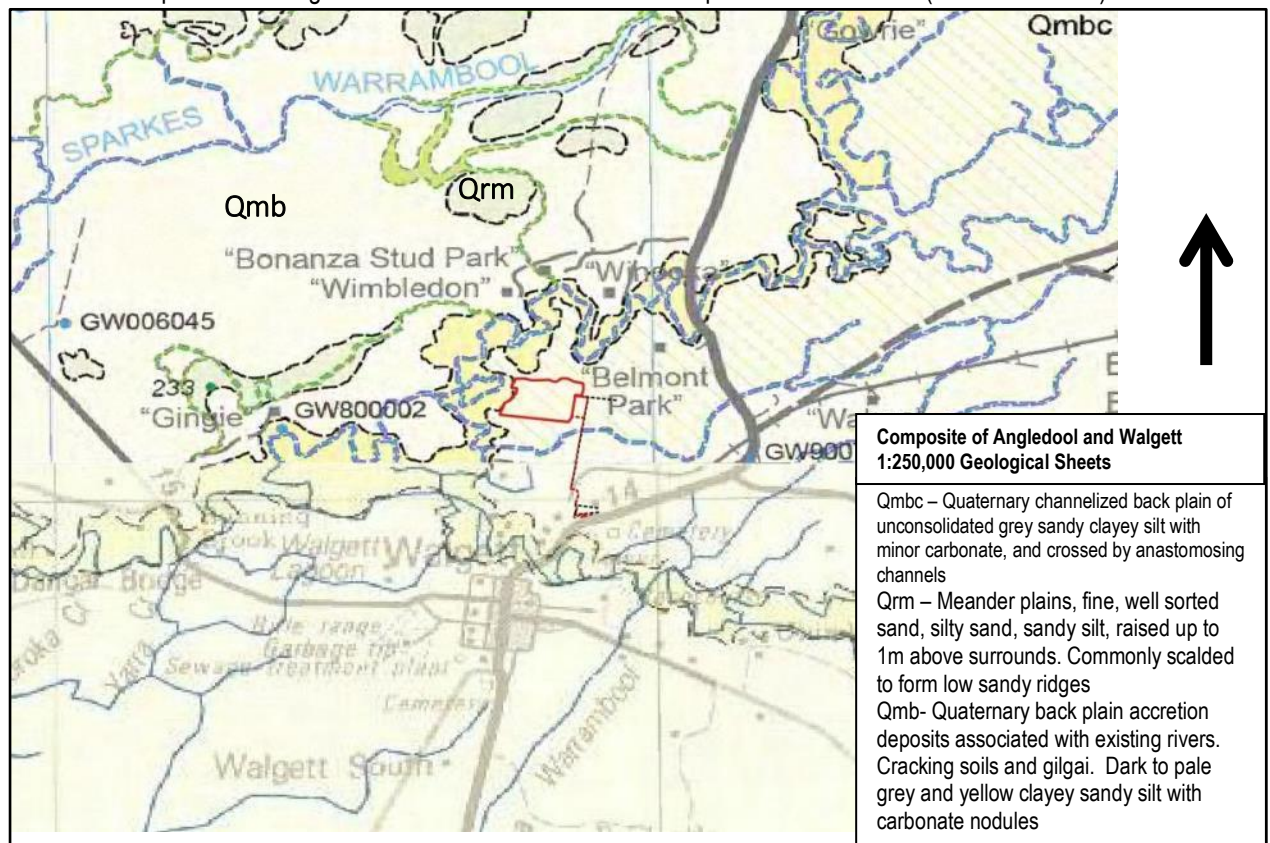


Figure 4. Local Geology

5. ARCHAEOLOGY OF THE LOCAL AREA

5.1 Ethnohistoric Setting

Ethnohistorical records are documentary pieces of evidence that record the contemporary observations of Aboriginal people by early European explorers and settlers. They are often useful in the reconstruction of the picture of Aboriginal life before the European settlement. For the purposes of this study, ethnohistorical records are informative in terms of predicting the sorts of sites that might occur in the study area, analysing archaeological material that might be found, and in assessing significance.

The Barwon and Namoi Rivers have a rich history of Indigenous occupation, once occupied by the Kamilaroi/Gomeri people (Mitchell 1939, Howitt 1867, Ferry 1978, Tindale 1974). Southwest of Walgett, Cuddie Springs is the oldest dated site in the region, with cultural material at ~28,000BP (Furby 1992: 3, Field and Dodson 1999). Stone artefacts at this site were found a metre below surface and included chert, silcrete, quartzite, sandstone, quartz and conglomerate stone materials.

5.2 Local Archaeology

In 1986 Balme reported on a broad regional study of the North Central Rivers region. Balme divided the region into four major zones based on similarities in material culture and site distribution patterns, both features of which she attributed to preservation conditions within the landscape and to the relative abundance of raw materials for stone tool manufacture.

The current study area falls into Balme's Area (b), a "complex mosaic of depositional and erosional surfaces in areas with abundant raw materials" (Balme 1986). From her analysis of previously recorded sites and a limited survey program, Balme predicted that campsites would be found in Area (b) along rivers, creeklines and swamps, with larger campsites being found in areas with the greatest food and/or stone material resources. She further predicted that scarred trees would be confined to river or lake edges. In terms of raw materials, silcrete, which crops out north of the Barwon River was the most prolific stone material in assemblages to the north of the River, while quartz dominated to the south.

Several archaeological surveys have been undertaken in the vicinity of the study area. Donovan (1976) undertook research on bora rings, ceremonial sites and carved trees; and Kelly (1976) on burial grounds.

In 1982-1983 Silcox and Bowdler undertook a survey of a proposed transmission line between Walgett and Narrabri. The project was undertaken and reported in three stages, commencing with an 87km section starting at Walgett (Silcox and Bowdler 1982:1). The survey recorded archaeological material at 15 locations in this section of the route, the group comprising four scarred trees, two artefact scatters, two scatters of baked clay heat retainers and seven isolated artefacts – a core, a grindstone and flakes. Three of the four scarred trees were dead, and all were located close to major water sources.

Haglund (1985) undertook an assessment of the work area associated with rebuilding of the Dangar Bridge, west of Walgett. She recorded twenty seven scarred trees including twelve within the proposed project area (Haglund 1985: 8).

Geering (1988) recorded and analysed a burial exposed during road works in the Brewon area, southwest of Walgett. The remains were assessed to be the secondary burial of an Aboriginal man ~45 years old. The location of the burial was noteworthy in that it was in black soil, rather than a more common sandy location. The report suggests the burial dates to between 200 and 2000 years ago (Geering 1989).

In 1989 Silcox undertook a survey of a transmission line easement between Walgett and Brewarrina. Four sites were recorded, of which all were open artefact scatters with one large site located near the Barwon River.

Also in 1989 Gaynor collected a sample of this large site as part of a salvage in advance of a new bridge. 1163 artefacts were collected over a 40m x 92m area (0.32 artefacts/m²). Silcrete formed 90% of the assemblage with minor proportions of quartz, chert, and quartzite (Gaynor 1989). Blades, adzes, core tools and grindstones were among the artefact types and several glass artefacts were identified (Gaynor 1994:17).

In 1990 Roberts undertook further survey of the Walgett to Brewarrina transmission line route, sampling twelve units. Roberts identified three broad landscape types: close to permanent water; near ephemeral water and more than 3km distant from any water source (Roberts 1990:9). All sites were found close to permanent or ephemeral water, although the selection of sample units was heavily weighted towards areas close to water sources therefore presenting a potentially biased result. Twenty scarred trees and four open campsites were recorded, the largest of the latter extending 800m from the river channel. An artefact sample was recorded at one location, yielding ~1 artefact/m² with evidence of subsurface flaked artefacts at the site (Roberts 1990:9-15).

In 1998 Kelton undertook a survey for 50km of proposed optical fibre cable between Walgett and Cumborah. Kelton recorded seven scarred trees and three open camp sites, although he considers two scarred trees were updates of prior recordings (Kelton 1998:1).

Gaynor undertook Indigenous heritage assessment for a proposed feedlot approximately 60 km east of Walgett in 1994. This study recorded nine sites, one large open camp site and eight scarred trees, all either Coolibah or Poplar Box (Gaynor 1994).

In 2001, an archaeological survey to identify sites within a proposed road realignment route leading to the new Dangar Bridge identified twenty-four scarred trees (seventeen south of the Barwon River and seven to the north) (Ford 2001). Although no open camp sites were recorded, Ford concluded that this was due to the recent/intermittent inundation events that had obscured ground surface visibility, and thus declared areas of PAD on either side of the river in the proposed new bridge location. This declaration was supported by Aboriginal community knowledge of a camp site at Gingie to the north which had been occupied until c. 60 years ago (Ford 2001: 22). These PADS underwent test excavation in 2002 by ERM. Excavations revealed no artefacts, although one surface site previously unrecorded was identified (ERM 2002: i).

In 2012 Noyer undertook a survey of proposed upgrade works to water and sewage supply for Walgett, including the Namoi Village Aboriginal community (Noyer 2012). The study recorded three scarred trees in close proximity to the Barwon River (Naylor 2012:22-25).

5.3 Previously Recorded Sites

A search of the AHIMS register was undertaken over ~140 square kilometres, centred on the subject area (Attachment 1). This search showed that Aboriginal cultural material had been recorded at 91 locations. This material comprised:

- 84 Scarred Trees
- 1 Open Camp Site (Artefact Scatter)
- 3 Isolated Artefacts
- 4 Burials
- 1 Potential Archaeological Deposits (PADs)

One of the previously recorded sites was a composite recording of a burial and scarred tree at the same location, and another was a composite recording of two scarred trees. Locations of these previously recorded sites are shown in Figure 5.



Figure 5. Location of previously recorded sites

5.4 Summary

Based on the results of prior archaeological studies the following model of site occurrence and location can be proposed.

Open Artefact Scatters (more accurately called stone artefact 'clusters') may be found across the landscape, but are more likely to be more common, dense and diverse in proximity to water, and in association with a topographic feature that may have served to focus occupation, drawing people to camp repeatedly in the same location.



Plate 1. Flags mark locations of surface stone artefacts, Crace ACT.

Isolated Artefacts may also be found across the landscape, but are found at such a distance from other artefacts that 'clustering' cannot be reasonably inferred. These artefacts are more likely to be found in areas of low surface visibility, or in topographic/environmental locations less conducive to larger gatherings of people. The type of artefact found may be a useful indicator as to the likelihood of other nearby artefacts concealed from view.

Culturally Modified Trees are relatively common in the local area and may occur wherever mature occur. The tree must be old enough to have supported Aboriginal scarring in the mid to late 19th Century. Scars are most likely to be the result of removing bark for everyday purposes like containers, shields or canoes.



Plate 2a. Canoe Scar, Murray River NSW.

Stone Quarries are any locations where Aboriginal people sourced material for making stone tools (Hiscock and Mitchell 1993:19-23, 32). The type of quarry is dependent on the stone source exposed and we should not be unduly influenced by western notions of the nature of a quarry, with large holes in the ground, or whole hills removed from the landscape. Aboriginal stone quarries may range from large, well organised sites and cover many hectares (eg the Mount William greenstone quarries, McBryde 1984) to simply locations of cobbles or pebbles which can be easily

collected as required (cf. Gould 1977:162-8, Jones and White 1988:57-8). Where material has to be extracted and reduced at the quarry the resulting debris can be dense. It is very unlikely for the solar farm footprint to contain Aboriginal stone quarries.

Human burials are most likely to be found in soft sandy deposits such as sand dunes, or in association with water courses. Dunes do not occur in the subject area, although ephemeral watercourses are nearby. It is rare to find human remains as part of surface surveys.

Shell Middens are accumulations of cultural refuse, the most obvious of which is shell from shell fish, but other cultural remains are often present. In the inland rivers and lakes of NSW shell middens are composed mainly of freshwater mussel *Velasuunio ambiguous*. The presence of a shell accumulation may be expected close to water courses.



Plate 3. Freshwater shell midden, far west NSW

6. METHODS

The Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System (AHIMS) site register was consulted to determine if any sites had been previously recorded in, and near, the subject area.

Previous archaeological studies were reviewed to familiarise the consultant with local archaeology, and recent investigations in the area.

A field inspection was undertaken by one experienced archaeologist (Williams), and one Aboriginal representative surveying pedestrian transects in the subject area. As the area was either under crop or pasture, both of which constrained surface visibility, survey transects were selected to maximise visibility conditions. This included utilising farm tracks and areas of erosion where they were encountered, as well as transects through pasture and crop. The formal survey area had few identifiable topographic divisions, those being watercourse margins and undifferentiated alluvial plains.

Site locations and attributes were recorded on a hand held GPS-enabled data recorder running QGIS 2.10.1 software. Site names were given the prefix 'WSF', being an abbreviation of Walgett Solar Farm, with sites being labelled WSF-1, through to WSF 7.

7. REGISTER AND FIELD SEARCHES

7.1 AHIMS Search

The search of the AHIMS database is described in Section 5 above (Attachment 1). A detailed search of the AHIMS register over ~140 km² centred approximately on the subject area showed 91 sites recorded within 20km of the subject area. These are noted and described in section 5.3.

7.2 Coverage and Visibility

The effectiveness of archaeological survey is greatly affected by the ability to see cultural material on the ground. Any form of ground cover such as pasture, leaf litter will impede the ability to see artefacts. The subject area had overall moderate visibility, with bare ground visible between wheat stubble rows. This resulted in what is considered to be an effective series of north-south and east-west oriented transects, in addition to some ad hoc survey trajectories which examined other visibility opportunities, or were en route to examine isolated trees for evidence of scarring. Table 2 summarises approximate archaeological visibility and effective coverage of the study area.

Table 2. Survey Coverage

Survey Unit	Topography	Distance (m)	Transect Width	Area Examined (m ²)	% of study area	Visibility	Effective Coverage (m ²)	Effective Coverage (%)
Farm Track	Plains	915	3	2,745	0.32	90	2,470	0.29
Farm Track	Plains	270	2.5	675	0.08	90	607	0.07
Farm Track	Plains	95	2	190	0.02	50	95	0.01
Non track transects	Plains	12,150	2.5	30,375	3.57	60	18,225	2.14
Access Track	Plains	965	3	2,895	0.34	75	2,171	0.26
Creek Bank	Creek Bank	600	5	3,000	0.35	40	1,200	0.14
TOTALS				39,880	4.68		24,768	2.91

This analysis shows that of the ~85 hectare development area 3.988 hectares (4.68%) was examined and of that ~2.48 hectares (2.91%) was effectively covered. This is comparable to most surface archaeological surveys in agricultural settings in all but the most dry conditions.

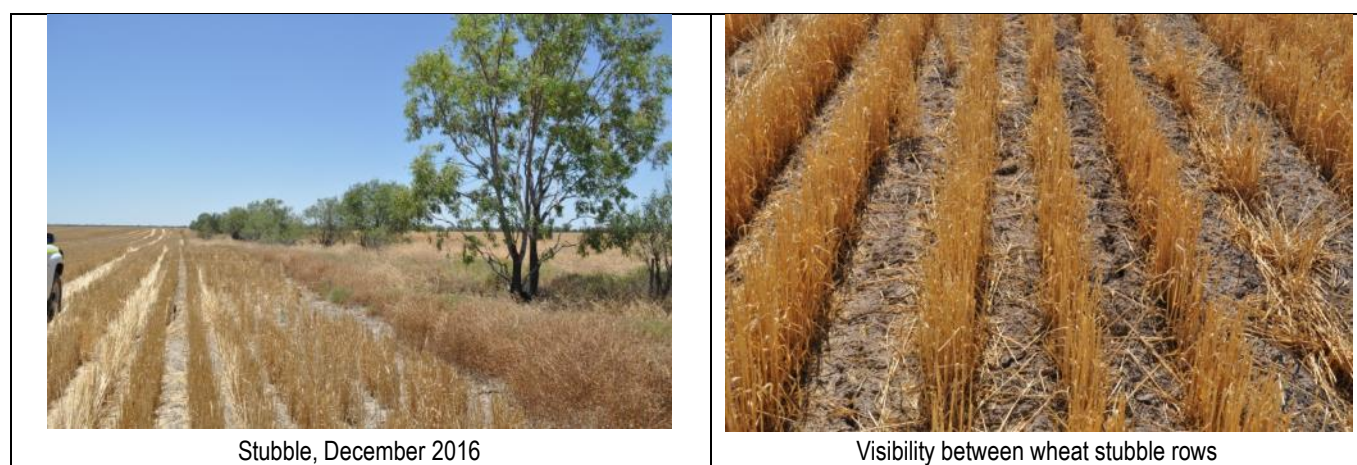


Plate 4. Surface Visibility

7.2 Study Results

7.2.1 Intangible Heritage.

Discussion and correspondence with the Aboriginal Parties participating in this process did not reveal the existence of known intangible Aboriginal heritage. Mr Fields considered the landscape highly modified and the lack of water sources and variation in topography suggested no strong indication of the locality being particularly noteworthy (T.Fields, pers.com during survey).

7.2.2 Tangible Heritage

A total of five Aboriginal archaeological sites were recorded during the field survey, these being:

- 1 Isolated artefact, and
- 4 culturally modified trees

The culturally modified trees were observed on the periphery of the study area and none need be disturbed by the development. In addition, two trees exhibiting surveyors blazes and inscriptions were observed.

The locations of these sites are shown in Figure 6 below, and details are provided in Attachment 3.

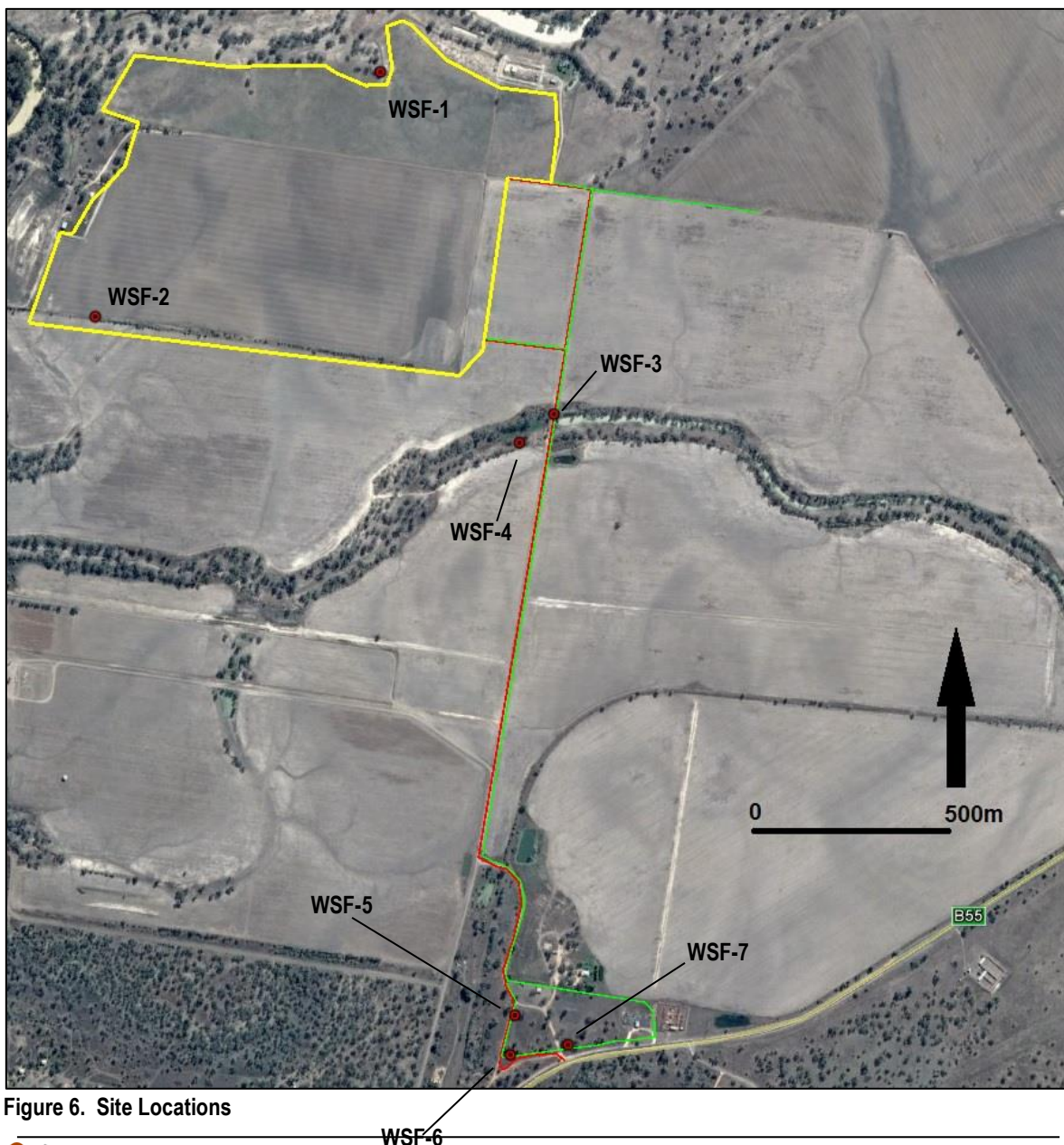


Figure 6. Site Locations

Table 4. Site Summary

Site Name	Site Type	Grid Ref (centroid)	Site Area (m)	Landform	Description
WSF-1	Scarred Tree	608401E 6682433N	100	Gully	South oriented scar on Coolabah tree located in re-entrant gully. Top regrowth 400mm, side regrowth 400mm. Height off ground 280mm. Trunk diameter 1.2m.
WSF-2	Isolated Artefact	6076509E 66681811N	1	Plain	Isolated grindstone fragment on plain. 40mm x 38mm x 18mm
WSF-3	Scarred Tree	608849E 6681545N	9	Creek Bank	Located on east side of access track, at north east corner of creek crossing. Scarred tree that has had top part of trunk removed, tree has since regrown from below scar. L=650mm, W=260mm, Depth = 70mm. Top regrowth = damaged, Bottom regrowth = 300mm, side regrowth = 300mm,. Trunk diameter = 1000mm, H above ground = 1000mm. Tree Height = ~15m, Canopy diameter = ~10m
WSF-4	Scarred Tree	608756E 6681472N	100	Creek Bank	Located on south bank of ephemeral creek. L=1880mm, W=90mm, Depth = 130mm. Top regrowth = 390mm, side regrowth = 320mm,. Trunk diameter = 500mm, H above ground = 200mm. Tree Height = ~10m, Canopy diameter = ~10m
WSF-5	Scarred Tree	608730E 6679983N	100	Plain	South oriented scar on mature eucalypt. L=490mm, W=80mm, Depth = 120mm. Top regrowth = 200mm, Bottom regrowth = 170mm, side regrowth = 180mm,. Trunk diameter = 1.2m, H above ground = 520mm. Tree Height = ~15m, Canopy diameter = ~10m
WSF-6	Surveyors Blaze	608797E 6679881N	50	Plain	Surveyors blaze in eucalypt trunk. L=680mm, W=180mm, Depth = 60mm. Top regrowth = 90mm, Bottom regrowth = 160mm, side regrowth = 220mm,. Trunk diameter = 560mm, H above ground = 1020mm. Tree Height = ~10m, Canopy diameter = ~7m. Surveyors scars very faint but arrow marks point to galvanised nail in trunk at top of scar.
WSF-7	Surveyors Blaze	608867E 6679904N	100	Plain	Site Description: Surveyors blaze in eucalypt trunk. L=470mm, W=70mm, Depth = 80mm. Top regrowth = 240mm, Bottom regrowth = 170mm, side regrowth = 260mm,. Trunk diameter = 560mm, H above ground = 980mm. Blaze partly obscured by regrowth.

8. CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUES AND SIGNIFICANCE

8.1. Social or Cultural Value

Local Aboriginal people value evidence of their ancestors' occupation of the land extremely highly. Any evidence of occupation activity is afforded high cultural value. More complex or rare artefacts tend to be highly regarded. Discussion held during fieldwork illustrated a widely held deep and genuine regard for heritage sites and objects within the local Aboriginal community.

8.2. Scientific (Archaeological) Value

The scientific value of the occupation sites recorded during this study, while interesting, is limited due to overall low artefact numbers and sparse distribution. The archaeological value has largely been realised through the recording undertaken for this study.

8.3. Research Potential

8.3.1 Rarity

The sites recorded during this study are not rare. Scarred trees are the most commonly recorded site type in the region and isolated grindstone fragments are common.

8.3.2 Representativeness

The sites and objects recorded during this study are representative of their type and class in the region, being very widespread in the local and regional landscape.

8.3.3 Overall

Overall, the archaeological remains of occupation sites recorded during this project have low research potential beyond this current recording.

8.4. Aesthetic Value

The sites recorded during this study have low aesthetic value within the meaning attributed in a heritage assessment.

8.5. Historic Value

The study area in question is not directly associated with an important individual or identifiable historic event. Objects in the study area will not have 'historic value' within the meaning attributed by a heritage assessment.

8.6. Statement of Significance

As a group of objects the Aboriginal artefacts recorded during this project have overall low significance in that their ability to inform on Aboriginal life-ways and technology is limited, and largely realised during this recording. They are common and widespread elements that are to be found across the entire region.

9. THE PROPOSED ACTIVITY

9.1. Assessment of Harm

The establishment of the proposed Walgett Solar Farm will have a low impact on the archaeological resources of the study area. The installation of the framework to support the panels does not require substantial ground disturbing works and the vast majority of the land surface will remain undisturbed, and as a consequence there is low potential to cause significant harm to any recorded or unrecorded scatter of artefacts. It could be argued that establishment of the Walgett Solar Farm could have a net beneficial effect on the conservation of the integrity of Aboriginal heritage objects by breaking the semi-annual cycle of cultivation.

The proposed development, as currently configured, will not affect Aboriginal scarred trees but it will be important for the proponent to take account of their existence in managing the land into the future.

9.2. Impacts on Values

9.2.1. Social and Cultural Values

The proposed development would not diminish social or cultural values of any site located wholly or partially on the study area. Local Aboriginal people will continue to hold any evidence in the study area in high value.

9.2.2. Scientific (Archaeological) Values

The proposed development would not significantly diminish the scientific value of the archaeology of the landscape. Indeed, overall it could be argued that the change of land use, accompanied by disturbance to a small proportion of the area, halts processes that incrementally degrade the integrity of the archaeological resource.

10. RECOMMENDATIONS.

THE DEVELOPMENT GENERALLY

1. The development proposal should proceed with no further archaeological assessment. No areas of Potential Archaeological Deposit were identified that would warrant test excavation and the significance of the Aboriginal heritage objects within the study area is low.
2. Where the development footprint is extended beyond the area currently assessed, the additional area should be subject to further archaeological survey in association with the registered Aboriginal Parties.

MANAGEMENT OF KNOWN ABORIGINAL SITES AND OBJECTS

3. The isolated artefact WSF-2 should be found and relocated to the periphery of the subject area directly south of its current location, and its new location marked with a steel star post to avoid further disturbance. The new location should be recorded on the AHIMS database through submission of an updated AHIMS recording.
4. When undertaking redevelopment of the creek crossing the proponent must take note of the location of the scarred tree WSF-3 and avoid widening the crossing to the east.

MANAGEMENT OF SITES RECORDED DURING DEVELOPMENT AND/OR OPERATION

5. Section 89A of the National Parks and Wildlife (NSW) 1974 requires that any person who is aware of the existence of an Aboriginal Object is required to notify the Chief Executive of the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage. To ensure compliance with Section 89A the proponent should undertake the following:
 - a. Prepare an information poster for site staff that describes the most likely site occurrences that might be observed and how to recognise them. A face to face heritage induction may be considered.
 - b. Where a flaked ISOLATED ARTEFACT is discovered,
 - i. Record the location with a GPS using Eastings and Northings based on the GDA 94 Zone 55 Datum
 - ii. Take a photograph of the artefact with a scale (eg ruler) and a photograph of the general location noting the orientation (eg, 'looking north' or 'looking east' etc)
 - iii. Move the artefact during work that may harm it and return it to the location immediately the work has concluded.
 - c. Where an ISOLATED IMPLEMENT (eg, hammer, hatchet, grindstone, etc) is discovered,
 - i. Record the location with a GPS using Eastings and Northings based on the GDA 94 Zone 55 Datum
 - ii. Take a photograph of the artefact with a scale (eg ruler) and a photograph of the general location noting the orientation (eg, 'looking north' or 'looking east' etc)
 - iii. Collect the artefact and store securely on site along with labelling that includes the Eastings and Northings.
 - d. Where any other form or cluster of Aboriginal Objects is discovered,
 - i. Record the location with a GPS using Eastings and Northings based on the GDA 94 Zone 55 Datum
 - ii. Take a photograph of the artefacts with a scale (eg ruler) and a photograph of the general location noting the orientation (eg, 'looking north' or 'looking east' etc)
 - iii. Isolate the area with a ~50m buffer and contact a qualified archaeologist for further information/advice on the most appropriate strategy

- f. Within three months of making a discovery Walgett Solar should inform OEH of its existence through a qualified archaeologist submitting an AHIMS recording form for each discovery. The person submitting the information will need to be supplied with the information recorded at the time of field recording and/or collection.
- 9. Although very unlikely, if any object is found suspected to be human remains work at the location must cease and the following must be contacted immediately:
 - a. NSW Police – Walgett Police Station
 - b. NSW OEH – Dubbo OfficeThe location is to be made secure to prevent unauthorised access. Work on the Walgett Solar Farm project may continue at a suitable distance from the potential human remains – not closer than 100m.

The proponent, their employees, contractors and agents are reminded that it is an offence under the National Parks and Wildlife Act (NSW) 1974 to destroy, deface or otherwise disturb an Aboriginal Object without first obtaining the consent of the Director General of the NSW NPWS.

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Attachment 1.

AHIMS Register Search

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MORUYA New South Wales 2537

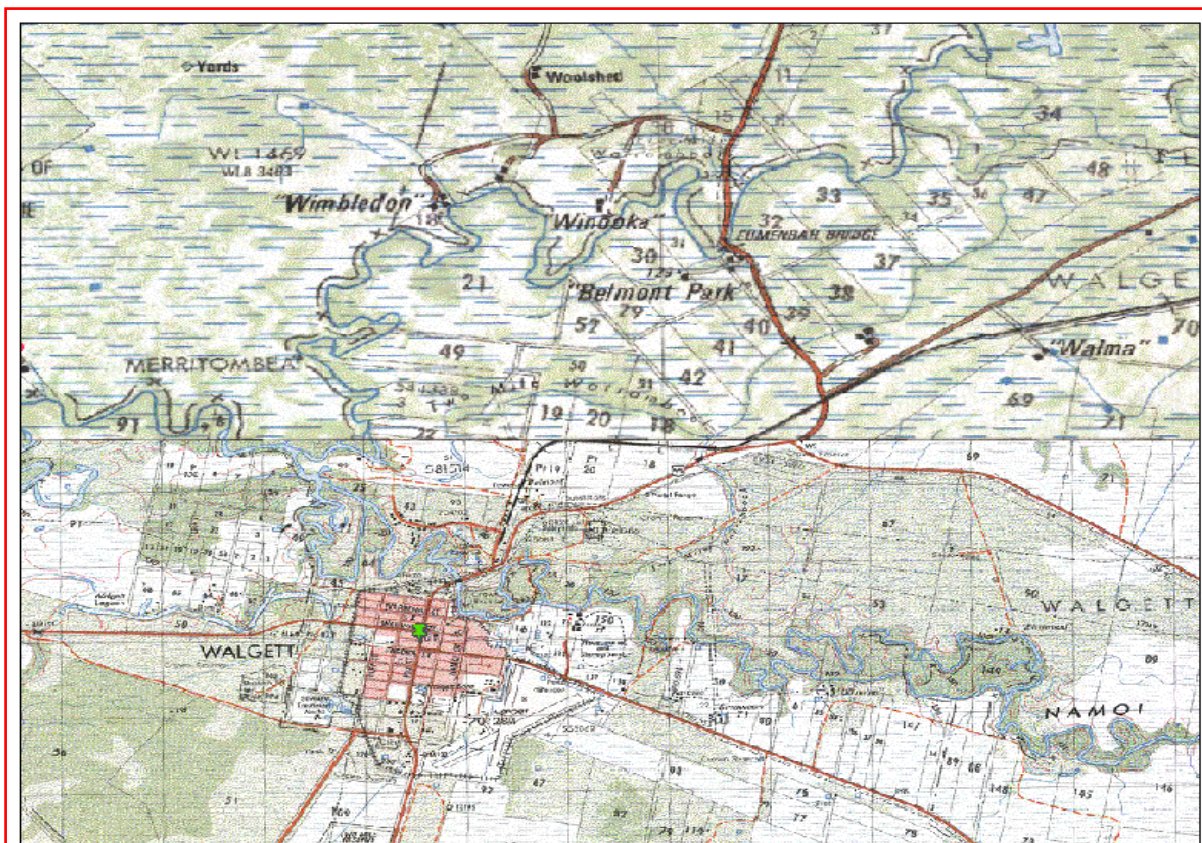
Attention: Doug Williams

Email: dwilliams@accessarchaeology.com

Dear Sir or Madam:

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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 the Office of the Environment and Heritage AHIMS Web Services (Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System) has shown that:

91	Aboriginal sites are recorded in or near the above location.
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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.
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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 Office of Environment and Heritage 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,
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- 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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09-6-0028	Five mile warrambool 7;	AGD	55	610700	6684240	Open site	Valid	Modified Tree (Carved or Scarred) : -	Scarred Tree	
	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Recorders</u>	Katrina Geering,G Larkin					<u>Permits</u>		
09-6-0029	Five mile warrambool 6;	AGD	55	610700	6684220	Open site	Valid	Modified Tree (Carved or Scarred) : -	Scarred Tree	
	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Recorders</u>	Katrina Geering,G Larkin					<u>Permits</u>		
18-3-0005	Walgett Canoe Tree	AGD	55	609213	6677039	Open site	Valid	Modified Tree (Carved or Scarred) : -	Scarred Tree	
	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Recorders</u>	Ted Fields					<u>Permits</u>		
18-3-0006	Scarred Trees;	AGD	55	606647	6677839	Open site	Valid	Modified Tree (Carved or Scarred) : -	Scarred Tree	
	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Recorders</u>	Albert Dennison					<u>Permits</u>		

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18-3-0015	Barwon River 1;	AGD	55	607000	6680250	Open site	Valid	Modified Tree (Carved or Scarred) : -	Scarred Tree	2026
	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Recorders</u>	Colin Roberts,Greg Carney					<u>Permits</u>		
18-3-0016	Barwon River ST 2;	AGD	55	607000	6680260	Open site	Valid	Modified Tree (Carved or Scarred) : -	Scarred Tree	2026
	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Recorders</u>	Colin Roberts,Greg Carney					<u>Permits</u>		
18-3-0019	Two Mile Warrambool 1;See Z55, 18-3-0019;	AGD	55	610400	6680440	Open site	Valid	Modified Tree (Carved or Scarred) : -	Scarred Tree	
	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Recorders</u>	Katrina Geering,Colin Roberts					<u>Permits</u>		
18-3-0020	Two Mile Warrambool 2;See Z55, 18-3-0020;	AGD	55	610400	6680430	Open site	Valid	Modified Tree (Carved or Scarred) : -	Scarred Tree	
	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Recorders</u>	Katrina Geering,Colin Roberts					<u>Permits</u>		
18-3-0021	Two Mile Warrambool 3;See Z55, 18-3-0021;	AGD	55	610400	6680420	Open site	Valid	Modified Tree (Carved or Scarred) : -	Scarred Tree	
	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Recorders</u>	Katrina Geering,Colin Roberts					<u>Permits</u>		
18-3-0023	Nichols Island;	AGD	55	606700	6679100	Open site	Valid	Burial : -	Burial/s	102698
	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Recorders</u>	Ted Fields,Colin Roberts					<u>Permits</u>		
09-6-0135	Pepper Tree Bend;	AGD	55	611900	6683500	Open site	Valid	Burial : -	Burial/s	
	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Recorders</u>	Katrina Geering					<u>Permits</u>		
09-6-0030	Five mile warrambool 5;	AGD	55	610700	6684200	Open site	Valid	Modified Tree (Carved or Scarred) : -	Scarred Tree	
	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Recorders</u>	Katrina Geering,G Larkin					<u>Permits</u>		
09-6-0031	Five mile warrambool 4;	AGD	55	610700	6684180	Open site	Valid	Modified Tree (Carved or Scarred) : -	Scarred Tree	
	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Recorders</u>	Katrina Geering,G Larkin					<u>Permits</u>		
09-6-0147	Pagan ST1	AGD	55	611250	6681850	Open site	Valid	Modified Tree (Carved or Scarred) : -	Scarred Tree	
	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Recorders</u>	Archaeological Consulting Services					<u>Permits</u>		
18-2-0006	Barwon Wier?;	AGD	55	605850	6680560	Open site	Valid	Modified Tree (Carved or Scarred) : -	Scarred Tree	84,102698
	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Recorders</u>	Mr.Neville Baker					<u>Permits</u>		

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18-3-0025	Nichol Island;?	AGD	55	606770	6679100	Open site	Valid	Modified Tree (Carved or Scarred) : -, Burial : -	Burial/s,Scarred Tree	102698
	Contact							Permits		
18-3-0029	BR-OS-1 - Yarra Creek (Walgett-Cumborah Road)	AGD	55	603820	6678110	Open site	Valid	Artefact : -	Open Camp Site	97957
	Contact							Permits		
18-3-0030	BR-ST-3 - Yarra Creek (Walgett-Cumborah Road)	AGD	55	603820	6678110	Open site	Valid	Modified Tree (Carved or Scarred) : -	Scarred Tree	97957
	Contact							Permits		
09-6-0050	Pagan Creek 1;	AGD	55	611500	6682200	Open site	Valid	Modified Tree (Carved or Scarred) : -	Scarred Tree	
	Contact							Permits		
09-6-0129	Five mile Warrambool 1A;	AGD	55	610800	6684400	Open site	Valid	Modified Tree (Carved or Scarred) : -	Scarred Tree	
	Contact							Permits		
18-3-0033	TMM-Burial	AGD	55	610277	6680248	Open site	Valid	Burial : 1		
	Contact							Permits		
09-6-0149	2 MILE ST1	AGD	55	610500	6681030	Open site	Valid	Modified Tree (Carved or Scarred) : -		4673
	Contact							Permits		
18-3-0087	RB-ST1	AGD	55	604189	6680049	Open site	Valid	Modified Tree (Carved or Scarred) : 1		
	Contact							Permits		
18-3-0088	RB-ST2	AGD	55	604178	6680042	Open site	Valid	Modified Tree (Carved or Scarred) : 1		
	Contact							Permits		
18-3-0089	RB-ST3	AGD	55	604080	6679809	Open site	Valid	Modified Tree (Carved or Scarred) : 1		
	Contact							Permits		
09-6-0151	Wim-IF1	AGD	55	604480	6682649	Open site	Valid	Artefact : 1		
	Contact							Permits		
09-6-0152	wIM-OS1	AGD	55	604551	6682587	Open site	Valid	Artefact : 1		

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	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Recorders</u>						<u>Permits</u>		
18-3-0024	Walgett Bush Reserve	AGD	55	608560	6678860	Open site	Valid	Modified Tree (Carved or Scarred) : -	Scarred Tree	
	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Recorders</u>						<u>Permits</u>		
18-3-0026	Walgett "Lake" Site	AGD	55	607830	6679310	Open site	Valid	Modified Tree (Carved or Scarred) : -	Scarred Tree	
	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Recorders</u>						<u>Permits</u>		
18-3-0027	Walgett Racecourse	AGD	55	609300	6678500	Open site	Valid	Modified Tree (Carved or Scarred) : -	Scarred Tree	
	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Recorders</u>						<u>Permits</u>		
18-3-0028	Walgett Caravan Park Site	AGD	55	608230	6678500	Open site	Valid	Modified Tree (Carved or Scarred) : -	Scarred Tree	
	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Recorders</u>						<u>Permits</u>		
18-3-0008	WN1, Walgett	AGD	55	609649	6679328	Open site	Valid	Modified Tree (Carved or Scarred) : -	Scarred Tree	84
	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Recorders</u>						<u>Permits</u>		
18-3-0009	WN2, Walgett	AGD	55	615141	6678279	Open site	Valid	Modified Tree (Carved or Scarred) : -	Scarred Tree	84
	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Recorders</u>						<u>Permits</u>		
09-6-0153	Wim-ST1	AGD	55	604489	6682748	Open site	Valid	Modified Tree (Carved or Scarred) : 1		
	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Recorders</u>						<u>Permits</u>		
18-3-0102	Walgett Levee Scarred Tree 14	GDA	55	606927	6678155	Open site	Valid	Modified Tree (Carved or Scarred) : 1		
	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Recorders</u>						<u>Permits</u>		
18-3-0103	Walgett Levee Scarred Tree 13	GDA	55	606975	6678498	Open site	Valid	Modified Tree (Carved or Scarred) : 1		
	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Recorders</u>						<u>Permits</u>		
18-3-0104	Walgett Levee Scarred Tree 12	GDA	55	606921	6678797	Open site	Valid	Modified Tree (Carved or Scarred) : 1		

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	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Recorders</u>	Doctor.Jodie Benton,Mr.Phillip Cameron					<u>Permits</u>		
18-3-0105	Walgett Levee Scarred Tree 11	GDA	55	606830	6678809	Open site	Valid	Modified Tree (Carved or Scarred) : 1		
	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Recorders</u>	Doctor.Jodie Benton,Mr.Phillip Cameron					<u>Permits</u>		
18-3-0106	Walgett Levee Scarred Tree 10	GDA	55	606939	6678850	Open site	Valid	Modified Tree (Carved or Scarred) : 1		
	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Recorders</u>	Doctor.Jodie Benton,Mr.Phillip Cameron					<u>Permits</u>		
18-3-0107	Walgett Levee Scarred Tree 9	GDA	55	606978	6678822	Open site	Valid	Modified Tree (Carved or Scarred) : 1		
	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Recorders</u>	Doctor.Jodie Benton,Mr.Phillip Cameron					<u>Permits</u>		
18-3-0108	Walgett Levee Scarred Tree 8	GDA	55	607044	6678810	Open site	Valid	Modified Tree (Carved or Scarred) : -		
	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Recorders</u>	Doctor.Jodie Benton,Mr.Phillip Cameron					<u>Permits</u>		
18-3-0109	Walgett Levee Scarred Tree 7	GDA	55	607401	6678870	Open site	Valid	Modified Tree (Carved or Scarred) : 1		102698
	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Recorders</u>	Doctor.Jodie Benton,Mr.Phillip Cameron					<u>Permits</u>		
18-3-0110	Walgett Levee Scarred Tree 6	GDA	55	606544	6678914	Open site	Valid	Artefact : 1		102698
	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Recorders</u>	Doctor.Jodie Benton,Mr.Phillip Cameron					<u>Permits</u>		
18-3-0111	Walgett Levee Scarred Tree 5	GDA	55	605980	6678595	Open site	Valid	Modified Tree (Carved or Scarred) : 1		
	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Recorders</u>	Doctor.Jodie Benton,Mr.Phillip Cameron					<u>Permits</u>		
18-3-0113	Walgett Levee Scarred Tree 3	GDA	55	605938	6677799	Open site	Valid	Modified Tree (Carved or Scarred) : 1		
	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Recorders</u>	Doctor.Jodie Benton,Mr.Phillip Cameron					<u>Permits</u>		
18-3-0114	Walgett Levee Scarred Tree 1	GDA	55	606629	6678034	Open site	Valid	Modified Tree (Carved or Scarred) : 1		
	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Recorders</u>	Doctor.Jodie Benton,Mr.Phillip Cameron					<u>Permits</u>		
18-3-0115	Walgett Levee Scarred Tree 2	GDA	55	606518	6678003	Open site	Valid	Modified Tree (Carved or Scarred) : 1		
	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Recorders</u>	Doctor.Jodie Benton,Mr.Phillip Cameron					<u>Permits</u>		

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18-3-0100	Walgett Levee Open Site 1 with PAD	GDA	55	608499	6678099	Open site	Valid	Potential Archaeological Deposit (PAD) : 3		102698
	<u>Contact</u>									
		<u>Recorders</u>		Doctor.Jodie Benton,Mr.Phillip Cameron					<u>Permits</u>	
18-3-0101	Walgett Levee Scarred Tree 15	GDA	55	606818	6678013	Open site	Valid	Modified Tree (Carved or Scarred) : 2		
	<u>Contact</u>									
		<u>Recorders</u>		Doctor.Jodie Benton,Mr.Phillip Cameron					<u>Permits</u>	
18-3-0116	WP-ST 1	GDA	55	607066	6678354	Open site	Valid	Modified Tree (Carved or Scarred) : 1		
	<u>Contact</u>									
		<u>Recorders</u>		OzArk Environmental and Heritage Management,Mr.Joshua Noyer					<u>Permits</u>	
18-3-0117	Walgett Waterplant Scar Tree 2	GDA	55	605847	6680657	Open site	Valid	Modified Tree (Carved or Scarred) : 1		
	<u>Contact</u>									
		<u>Recorders</u>		OzArk Environmental and Heritage Management					<u>Permits</u>	
18-3-0118	Walgett Waterplant Scar Tree 3	GDA	55	607166	6678259	Open site	Valid	Modified Tree (Carved or Scarred) : 1		
	<u>Contact</u>									
		<u>Recorders</u>		OzArk Environmental and Heritage Management					<u>Permits</u>	
18-3-0120	WWU-ST2	GDA	55	605973	6680833	Open site	Valid	Modified Tree (Carved or Scarred) : -		
	<u>Contact</u>									
		<u>Recorders</u>		Mr.Nicholass Harrop					<u>Permits</u>	
18-3-0121	WWU-ST3	GDA	55	606021	6680815	Open site	Valid	Modified Tree (Carved or Scarred) : -		
	<u>Contact</u>									
		<u>Recorders</u>		Mr.Nicholass Harrop					<u>Permits</u>	
18-3-0122	WWU-ST1	GDA	55	605973	6680822	Open site	Valid	Modified Tree (Carved or Scarred) : -		
	<u>Contact</u>									
		<u>Recorders</u>		Mr.Nicholass Harrop					<u>Permits</u>	

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Notifications and Consultation Summary

Date	Entity Contacted	Person/Position Contacted	Contacted by	Contact Method	Subject
10/11/2016	Dept Aboriginal Affairs	The Registrar	Doug Williams, AAH	Letter, by email	Seeking to identify Aboriginal persons/organisations with an interest in the project
10/11/2016	Walgett LALC	Chair	Doug Williams, AAH	Letter, by email	Seeking to identify Aboriginal persons/organisations with an interest in the project
10/11/2016	North West Local Land Services Board	Not Specified	Doug Williams, AAH	Letter, by email	Seeking to identify Aboriginal persons/organisations with an interest in the project
10/11/2016	National Native Title Tribunal	Not Specified	Doug Williams, AAH	Letter, by email	Seeking to identify Aboriginal persons/organisations with an interest in the project
10/11/2016	Native Title Services Corporation Ltd	Not Specified	Doug Williams, AAH	Letter, by email	Seeking to identify Aboriginal persons/organisations with an interest in the project
10/11/2016	NSW Office of Environment & Heritage - Dubbo	Paul Houston	Doug Williams, AAH	Letter, by email	Seeking to identify Aboriginal persons/organisations with an interest in the project
10/11/2016	Walgett Shore Council	General Manager	Doug Williams, AAH	Letter, by email	Seeking to identify Aboriginal persons/organisations with an interest in the project
14/11/2016	AAH	Doug Williams	Kelli Randall, Walgett LALC	email	Advises contact Ted Fields on 0431 796 381
14/11/2016	AAH	Doug Williams	Stephen Ruttle, Walgett Shire Council	Phone call	Advises contact Ted Fields on 0431 796 381
14/11/2016	AAH	Doug Williams	National Native Title Tribunal	email	No Registered claimants for freehold title blocks
2/12/2016	NSW Office of Environment & Heritage - Dubbo	Philip Purcell	Doug Williams, AAH	Letter, by email	Sent notification on 10/11/16, but received no response. Notification period expired, but still asking if OEH knows of potentially interested parties
2/12/2016	AAH	Doug Williams	Micheele Howarth	Letter, by email	Apologises for delay in response, attached list of registered stakeholders for Walgett Shire.
6/12/2016	Walgett LALC	CEO	Doug Williams, AAH	Phone call	To discuss Aboriginal contacts in Walgett. No Answer, left message
6/12/2016	Ted Fields	Ted Fields	Doug Williams, AAH	Phone call	To discuss availability for field inspection. No Answer, left message
6/12/2016	National Native Title Tribunal	Not Specified	Doug Williams, AAH	email	Request additional search
7/12/2016	AAH	Doug Williams	National Native Title Tribunal	email	Gomeroi People Native Title Claim over crown land in the area. Tribunal No. NC2011/006
9/12/2016	Ted Fields	Ted Fields	Doug Williams, AAH	Letter, by email	Method Statement
9/12/2016	Brenda McBride	Brenda McBride	Doug Williams, AAH	Letter, by email	Method Statement, no response
9/12/2016	Collarenabri LALC	Chair	Doug Williams, AAH	Letter, by email	Method Statement, no response
9/12/2016	Dhariwaa Elders	Chair	Doug Williams, AAH	Letter, by email	Method Statement, no response
9/12/2016	Jason Wilson	Jason Wilson	Doug Williams, AAH	Letter, by email	Method Statement, no response

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9/12/2016	Kevin Sampson	Kevin Sampson	Doug Williams, AAH	Letter, by email	Method Statement, no response
9/12/2016	Lightning Ridge LALC	Chair	Doug Williams, AAH	Letter, by email	Method Statement, no response
9/12/2016	Lorraine Towney	Lorraine Towney	Doug Williams, AAH	Letter, by email	Method Statement, no response
9/12/2016	Natasha Rogers	Natasha Rogers	Doug Williams, AAH	Letter, by email	Method Statement, no response
9/12/2016	Piliga LALC	Chair	Doug Williams, AAH	Letter, by email	Method Statement, no response
9/12/2016	Purfleet/Taree LALC	Chair	Doug Williams, AAH	Letter, by email	Method Statement, no response
9/12/2016	Ron Smith	Ron Smith	Doug Williams, AAH	Letter, by email	Method Statement, no response
9/12/2016	Roslyn Smith	Roslyn Smith	Doug Williams, AAH	Letter, by email	Method Statement, no response
9/12/2016	Scott Smith	Scott Smith	Doug Williams, AAH	Letter, by email	Method Statement, no response
9/12/2016	NTS Corp	M.Holt	Doug Williams, AAH	Letter, by email	Please distribute this notice/method statement to Gomeroi People Native Title Claim - no response received
12/12/2016	Epuron	Jessica Picton	Wendy Spencer, Dhariwaa Elders Group	Phone call	Noted development in media, expressed interest in project.
26/12/2016	Ted Fields	Ted Fields	Doug Williams, AAH	Letter, by email	Draft report for comment
26/12/2016	Dhariwaa Elders	Wendy Spencer	Doug Williams, AAH	Letter, by email	Draft report for comment
3/01/2017	AAH	Doug Williams	Ted Fields	email	Report looks good, having trouble printing, will print and comment
11/01/2017	AAH	Doug Williams	Ted Fields	Letter, by email	Provides letter endorsing report
25/01/2017	Dhariwaa Elders	Wendy Spencer	Doug Williams, AAH	email	Does DEG have any comment on the draft?
25/01/2017	AAH	Doug Williams	Wendy Spencer, Dhariwaa Elders Group	email	Elders Group has not discussed report, but may do so late next week (NB. outside statutory period for comment)
26/01/2017	Dhariwaa Elders	Wendy Spencer	Doug Williams, AAH	email	Please try asap, would like comment to finalise report
29/01/2017	Dhariwaa Elders	Wendy Spencer	Doug Williams, AAH	email	Need to finalise report Tuesday 31/1/17, please try to comment by COB Monday 30/1/17
30/01/2017	AAH	Doug Williams	Wendy Spencer, Dhariwaa Elders Group	email	DEG can consider report at meeting on 3/2/2017
3/02/2017	AAH	Doug Williams	Wendy Spencer, Dhariwaa Elders Group	Letter, by email	Endorsing report and recommendations

Our reference: WLGT_ACHA_20161110_LALC

Your Reference:

Date: 10/11/2016

The Chairperson
Walgett LALC,
Po Box 459
WALGETT NSW 2832

Dear Sir/Madam

Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation for proposed solar farm development, Walgett NSW.

Access Archaeology & Heritage Pty Ltd is seeking to identify Aboriginal persons or organisations who wish to be consulted in relation to an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment of a proposed solar farm development approximately 3km north of Walgett, NSW. The location of the study is indicated with a red star in Figure 1, and is approximately 85Ha in area.

FIGURE 1. SITE LOCATION



If the Walgett LALC would like to be consulted regarding this project please contact me at your earliest convenience, preferably by email. If you are aware of any Aboriginal people who may hold cultural knowledge relevant to determining the significance of Aboriginal objects and/or places specific to this area, it would be appreciated if could you forward contact details. Your assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely

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PO Box 816
MORUYA NSW 2537

Our reference: WLGT_ACHA_20160511_ALA

Your Reference:

Date: 10/11/2016

Mr Stephen Wright
The Registrar,
Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983
PO Box 112
GLEBE NSW 2037

Dear Mr Wright

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Sydney NSW 2000

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If you are aware of any Aboriginal people who may hold cultural knowledge relevant to determining the significance of Aboriginal objects and/or places, could you please forward contact details at your earliest convenience. Your assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated. I attach an request for information form, and would be pleased to receive results via email.

Yours sincerely

DOUG WILLIAMS

0412 997 177

dwilliams@accessarchaeology.com

PO Box 816
MORUYA NSW 2537



Request for Search of Tribunal Registers

*mandatory fields are marked with an asterisk

1. Your details*

NAME:	Doug Williams
POSITION:	Director
COMPANY/ORGANISATION:	Access Archaeology & Heritage Pty Ltd
POSTAL ADDRESS:	PO Box 816, MORUYA NSW 2537
TELEPHONE:	0412997177
EMAIL:	dwilliams@accessarchaeology.com
YOUR REFERENCE:	WLGT_ACHA_20161110
DATE OF REQUEST:	10/11/2016

2. Reason for your request - please complete either Part A OR Part B*

Part A - Are you a party to a native title proceeding? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Please provide Federal Court/Tribunal file number/

or application name: _____

OR

Part B - Do you need to identify existing native title interests to comply with the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) or other State/Territory legislation? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Please provide brief details of these obligations here: NSW Aboriginal Community Consultation Guidelines

3. Identify the area to be searched – please complete either Part A OR Part B*

Part A - Mining tenure

Tenement ref/s:	_____
State/Territory:	_____

OR

Part B - Other tenure type

☐ Crown Land, crown reserve	
☐ Agricultural/pastoral lease	
☒ Freehold (privately owned)**	
State/Territory:	NSW
Local Government Area:	WALGETT

4. Description (please provide as many details as possible)

Provide any additional details, including maps with landmarks clearly shown	Lot and plan details:	Part Lot 49 DP752271
		Part Lot 21 DP752271
		Part Lot 1 DP822477

	Property name:	_____
	Pastoral Lease number or name:	_____
	County:	_____
	Parish:	_____
	Town:	Walgett
	Section:	_____

Hundred:

Northern Territory Portion:

5. Submit your request

NNTT Office	Search jurisdiction	Email address	Fax
Perth	WA searches	waenquiries@nntt.gov.au	(08) 9425 1193
Melbourne	VIC, TAS searches SA, NT searches	vicandasenquiries@nntt.gov.au sa_and_ntenquiries@nntt.gov.au	(03) 9606 0680 (03) 9606 0680
Sydney	NSW, ACT searches	nswenquiries@nntt.gov.au	(02) 9227 4030
Brisbane	QLD searches	qldenquiries@nntt.gov.au	(07) 3307 5050

Or post to: National Native Title Tribunal, GPO Box 9973 (Perth 6848, Melbourne 3001, Sydney 2001, Brisbane 4001)

- There is no charge for conducting searches of the Tribunal's databases.
- Timeframe for providing results is generally 3-5 business days.
- Register and schedule extracts, plus map attachments will be provided with your results. Technical coordinates may be omitted.

Did you know?

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- a geospatial view of the Tribunal's registers and databases
- overlays of administrative regions, non-freehold land parcels and resources tenure.

To obtain a NTV user account visit the [Geospatial section](#) on our website.

**Native title & freehold tenure

Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth), the valid grant of a freehold estate (other than certain types of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander land) on or before 23 December 1996 is known as a 'previous exclusive possession act'. This means that native title has been extinguished over the area.

The Tribunal is not the custodian of the data for freehold estates. To determine whether a particular parcel of land is freehold land, you may wish to seek such information from the relevant state/territory government custodian.

Our reference: WLGT_ACHA_20161110_OEH

Your Reference:

Date: 10/11/2016

Mr Paul Houston
Office of Environment and Heritage
DUBBO NSW 2830

Dear Mr Houston

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Our reference: WLGT_ACHA_20161110_WSC

Your Reference:

Date: 10/11/2016

The General Manager
Walgett Shire Council
PO Box 31
WALGETT NSW 2832

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To: dwilliams@accessarchaeology.com; Ted Fields
Subject: Fw: Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment
Attachments: WLGT_ACHA_20161110_WSC.pdf

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Cheers

Kelli Randell

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Cc: 'Walgettlalc RAM'
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Doug Williams

From: Enquiries <Enquiries@nntt.gov.au>
Sent: Monday, 14 November 2016 4:10 PM
To: dwilliams@accessarchaeology.com
Cc: Enquiries
Subject: RE: Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment, Walgett NSW
Attachments: 20161114_sr1869_WalgettLGA_Overlap_Reports.xls

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Native title search – *NSW Freehold Parcels within Ballina Shire Council LGA*
Certificate of Title Volume Lot 49; 21; 1 **Folio** DP 752271; 752271; 822477 (**Freehold**)
Your ref: WLGT_ACHA_20161110 - **Our ref:** SR1869

Dear Mr Williams,

Thank you for your search request received on 10 November 2016 in relation to the above area.

Please note: Based on the records held by the National Native Title Tribunal as at 14 November 2016, the three (3) identified parcels appear to be freehold, and freehold tenure extinguishes native title. For confirmation of freehold data, NSW's Land and Property Information office. However, on the basis that the study area appears to be located within the Walgett Shire Council Local Government Area ('Walgett LGA'), the National Native Title Tribunal has provided native title overlap results for Walgett LGA. All overlaps shown have been verified as real.

Search Results

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Parcel/Tenement ID	Tribunal file number	Name	Type	Percent Selected Feature (approx)
These items not found in tenements or non freehold data:				
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If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me on the number below or on the free call number 1800 640 501.

Regards,

[Enquiries](#)

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From: Doug Williams [<mailto:dwilliams@accessarchaeology.com>]

Sent: 10 November 2016 12:38

To: Enquiries

Subject: FW: Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment, Walgett NSW

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Doug Williams

From: Michelle Howarth <Michelle.Howarth@environment.nsw.gov.au>
Sent: Friday, 2 December 2016 3:18 PM
To: dwilliams@accessarchaeology.com
Subject: Proposed Solar Farm near Walgett - ACH consultation
Attachments: Response - List of Registered Aboriginal Stakeholders for proposed solar farm near walgett.pdf

Hi Doug

Please find attached OEH's response to your request.

I apologise for the delay in responding to your request.

Thanks

Michelle Howarth (nee Crawford)
A/Senior Coordination & Planning Officer
Regional Operations Group
Office of Environment and Heritage
48-52 Wingewarra Street (Po Box 2111) Dubbo NSW 2830
T: 02 6883 5339 F: 6884 8675
W: www.environment.nsw.gov.au

From: Doug Williams [<mailto:dwilliams@accessarchaeology.com>]
Sent: Friday, 2 December 2016 10:52 AM
To: Phil PURCELL <Phil.Purcell@environment.nsw.gov.au>
Subject: FW: ACHA, Walgett

Hi Phil,
I sent this a couple of weeks ago, but have had no reply from OEH as yet (by email). Do you know if there was a response? I'd like to get the methodology out to potential parties today.

Regards

Doug



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From: Doug Williams [<mailto:dwilliams@accessarchaeology.com>]
Sent: Thursday, 10 November 2016 3:24 PM
To: paul.houston@environment.nsw.gov.au
Cc: 'Phil PURCELL'
Subject: ACHA, Walgett

Dear Paul and Phil,

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Mr Doug Williams
Access Archaeology & Heritage
PO Box 816
MORUYA NSW 2537

Dear Mr Williams

WRITTEN NOTIFICATION AS REQUIRED UNDER OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE (OEH) ABORIGINAL CULTURAL HERITAGE REQUIREMENT FOR PROPONENTS 2010 – Proposed Solar Farm near Walgett

I refer to your letter dated 10 November 2016 to the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) regarding the above matter.

A list of known Aboriginal parties that OEH considers is likely to have an interest in this development is attached as Attachment 1 (overleaf). Please note this list is not necessarily an exhaustive list of all interested Aboriginal parties and receipt of this list does not remove the requirement of a proponent/consultant to advertise in local print media and contact other bodies seeking interested Aboriginal parties, in accordance with the requirements of Section 80C of the National Parks and Wildlife Regulation 2009.

Should you require further information regarding issues that are the responsibility of the OEH please contact Michelle Howarth, Conservation Planning Officer on (02) 6883 5339.

Yours sincerely



STEVEN COX
Senior Team Leader Planning North West
Regional Operations Group

2 December 2016

Contact officer: MICHELLE HOWARTH
02 6883 5339

ATTACHMENT 1

Table 1: List of aboriginal stakeholder groups within the Walgett Local Government Area - that may have an interest in the project; provided as per the “OEH aboriginal cultural heritage requirement for proponents 2010”.

Organisation/Affiliation	Name/Title	Address
	Brenda McBride	17 Pandora Street, Lightning Ridge, NSW 2834
Collarenebri LALC	Chairperson	PO Box 122, Collarenebri NSW 2833
	Dharriwa Elders	PO Box 174, Walgett NSW 2832
	Jason Wilson	23 Clews Street, Dubbo NSW 2830
	Kevin Sampson	1 Martyn Street, Breeza NSW 2381
Lightning Ridge LALC	Chairperson	PO Box 219, Lightning Ridge NSW 2834
	Lorraine Towney	32 Dewhurst Street, Quirindi NSW 2343
	Natasha Rodgers	7 Toy Court, Wodonga VIC 3690
Pilliga LALC	Chairperson	PO Box 42, Pilliga NSW 2388
Purfleet/Taree LALC	Chairperson	PO Box 384, Forster NSW 2428
	Ron Smith	Flat 8, 6 Hasting River Drive, Port Macquarie NSW 2444
	Roslyn Smith	Unit 4, 122 Upper Street, Tamworth NSW 2340
	Scott Smith	Unit 4, 122 Upper Street, Tamworth NSW 2340
	Ted Fields Jnr	3/38 Sutherland Street, Walgett NSW 2832

Doug Williams

From: Doug Williams <dwilliams@accessarchaeology.com>
Sent: Monday, 5 December 2016 11:34 AM
To: 'Walgett LALC'
Subject: RE: Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment
Attachments: WLGT_ACHA_20161202_Method.pdf

Dear Kelli,

Thanks again for Ted's contact. Do you think you could get a copy of the attached method statement to him for comment, and if the LALC has any comment on it please do let me know.

Regards

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To: 'Walgett LALC'
Subject: RE: Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment

Hi again Kelli,

The NSW OEH in Dubbo have recommended I include the Dharriwa Elders in the consultation for this project. Could you describe whether membership of this group is associated with or overlaps that of the Walgett LALC? If so, do you have a phone number or email address of someone in that group?

Regards

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Doug Williams

From: Enquiries <Enquiries@nntt.gov.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 7 December 2016 6:49 PM
To: dwilliams@accessarchaeology.com
Cc: Enquiries
Subject: RE: Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment, Walgett NSW

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Native title search – NSW

Your ref: WLGT_ACHA_20161206 - Our ref: SR1974

Dear Mr Williams,

Thank you for your search request received on 6 December 2016 in relation to the above area, please find your results below. Please note that the identified parcel is separately classified as an Infrastructure/Government Service as well as a Travelling Stock Route/Facility.

Search Results

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

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Parcel/Tenement ID	Tribunal number	file	Name	Type	Percent Selected Feature (approx)
7002//D1056105	NC2011/006		Gomeroi People	Applications (RNTC)	99.99%
7002//D1056105	NC2011/006		Gomeroi People	Applications (RNTC)	99.99%

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Regards,

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From: Doug Williams [<mailto:dwilliams@accessarchaeology.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, 6 December 2016 12:40 PM
To: Enquiries
Subject: RE: Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment, Walgett NSW

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find attached an additional search request for an area of Land near Walgett, NSW.

Regards

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Sent: 10 November 2016 12:38

To: Enquiries

Subject: FW: Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment, Walgett NSW

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Doug Williams

From: Enquiries <Enquiries@nntt.gov.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 7 December 2016 6:58 PM
To: dwilliams@accessarchaeology.com
Cc: Enquiries
Subject: RE: Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment, Walgett NSW

UNCLASSIFIED

Native title search – NSW Freehold Parcels within **Walgett** Shire Council LGA
Certificate of Title Volume Lot 49; 21; 1 Folio DP 752271; 752271; 822477 (Freehold)
Your ref: WLGT_ACHA_20161110 - Our ref: SR1869 follow-up

Dear Mr Williams,

Thank you for your further request in relation to the above area. We confirm that Walgett Shire Council is the correct LGA, as per the email and attachment provided on 14 November 2016. The search subject was inadvertently titled *NSW Freehold Parcels within Ballina Shire Council LGA*.

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Sent: Tuesday, 6 December 2016 12:42 PM
To: Enquiries
Subject: RE: Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment, Walgett NSW

Dear Sir/madam,

I note your sub heading refers to NSW Freehold Parcels within Ballina Shire Council LGA whereas this search is within the Walgett Shire LGA. Could you confirm this is a case of inadvertently not updating a template?

Regards

Doug Williams



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From: Enquiries [<mailto:Enquiries@nntt.gov.au>]
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To: dwilliams@accessarchaeology.com
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Doug Williams

From: Doug Williams <dwilliams@accessarchaeology.com>
Sent: Friday, 9 December 2016 11:22 AM
To: 'mari_daen@yahoo.com'
Subject: Proposed Solar Farm
Attachments: WLGT_ACHA_20161202_Method_TedFields.pdf

Hi Ted,

Attached the letter with maps. Looking forward to seeing you on Monday,

Regards

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FIGURE 1. SITE LOCATION



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If you are aware of any cultural knowledge specific to determining the significance of Aboriginal objects and/or places in the area we would be interested in including it in the assessment. I may be contacted at the addresses provided in this letter, but preferably by email.

Yours sincerely

DOUG WILLIAMS

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Doug Williams

From: Doug Williams <dwilliams@accessarchaeology.com>
Sent: Friday, 9 December 2016 12:34 PM
To: 'mholt@ntscorp.com.au'
Subject: Cultural Heritage assessment Notice
Attachments: WLGT_ACHA_20161202_Method_NTCs.pdf

Dear Ms Holt,

Following a recent search of the Register of native title claimants in NSW I note you are the contact for the Gomeroi People Native Title Claim.

Please find attached a notice of an upcoming Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment within the Gomeroi People Native Title Claim Area. I would be appreciative if you might be able to distribute this notice to relevant parties.

Regards

Doug

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Our reference:
WLGT_ACHA_20161202_Method_GPNT

Your Reference:

Date: 06/12/2016

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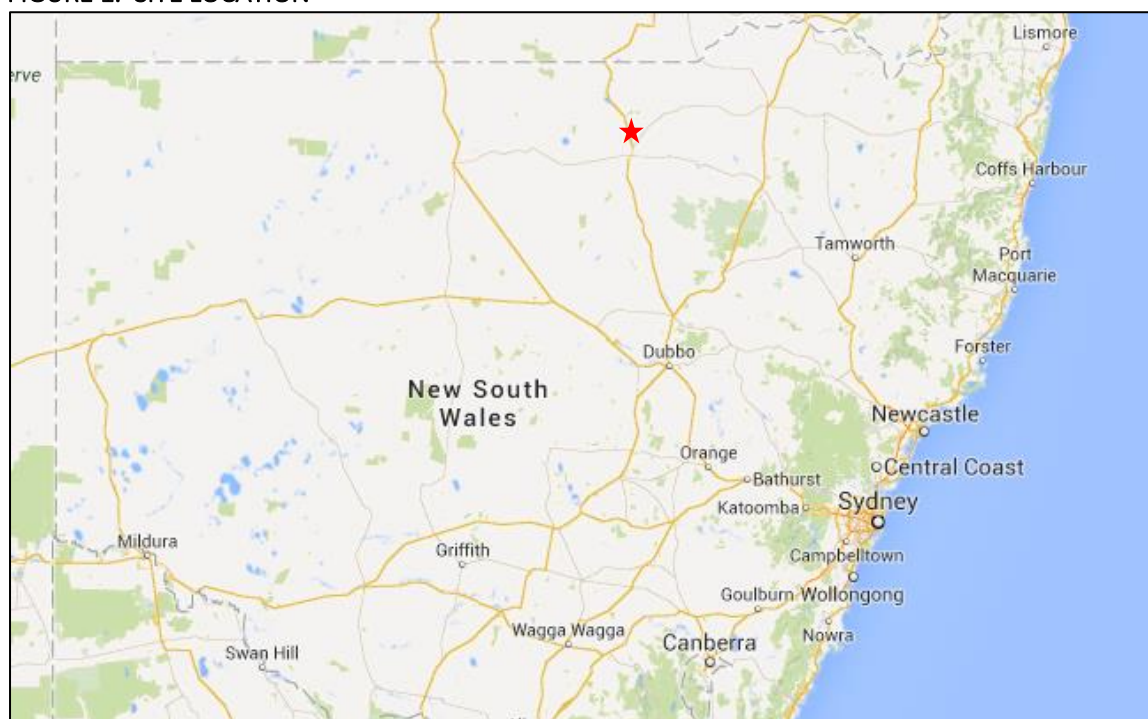


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Alternatively there may be people residing in your LALC area who may have such specific cultural knowledge, and if so I would be pleased if you passed on this invitation to register their interest. I may be contacted at the addresses provided in this letter, but preferably by email.

Yours sincerely



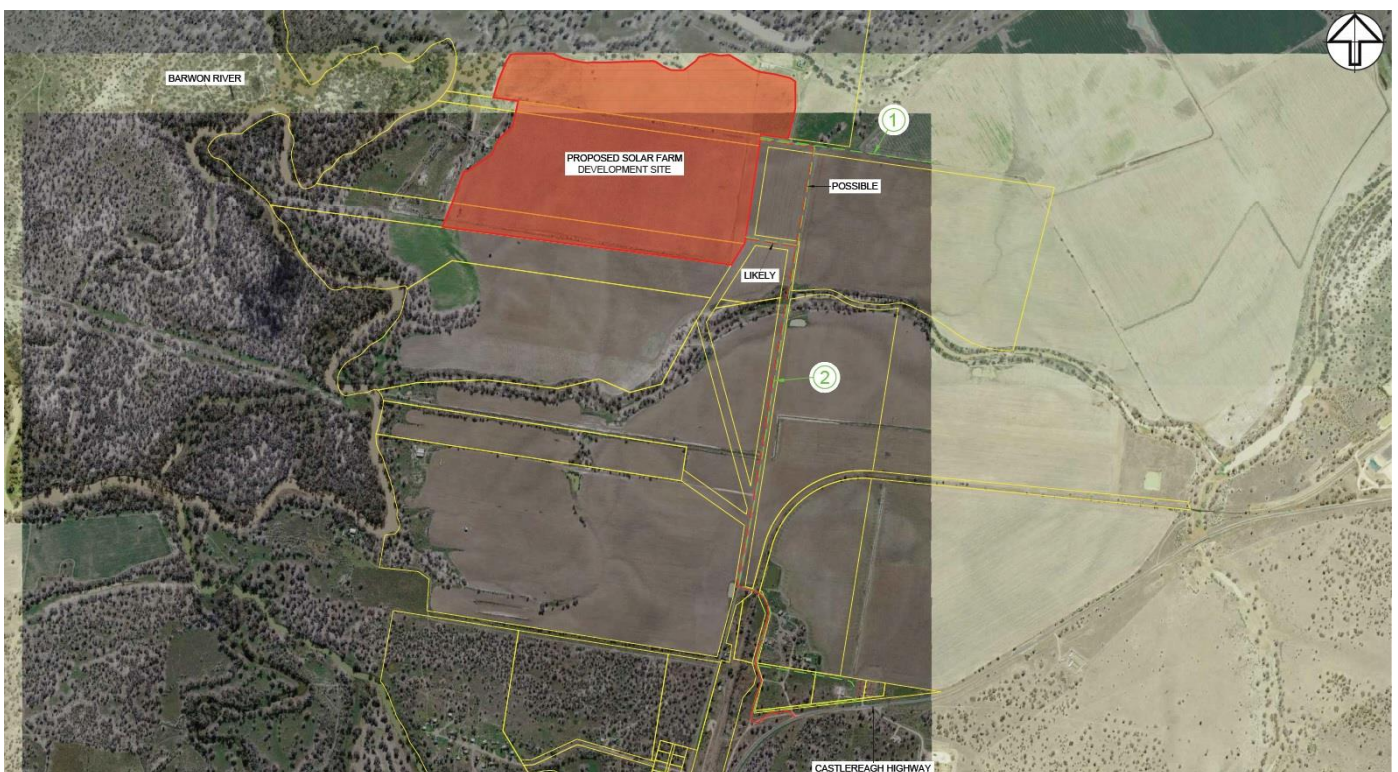
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Doug Williams

From: Doug Williams <dwilliams@accessarchaeology.com>
Sent: Monday, 26 December 2016 12:19 PM
To: mari_daen@yahoo.com
Cc: 'Walgett LALC'
Subject: Draft Report
Attachments: WalgettSolarACHAR_CommentDraft.pdf

Hi Ted,

Hope you're having a relaxing Christmas.

Please find attached a copy of the draft report on the solar farm for your comment. I have cc'd the Walgett LALC in the event they want or need to comment separately.

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Doug



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From: Doug Williams <dwilliams@accessarchaeology.com>
Sent: Monday, 26 December 2016 12:23 PM
To: 'info@dharriwaaeldersgroup.org.au'
Subject: Walgett Solar Farm
Attachments: WalgettSolarACHAR_CommentDraft.pdf

Dear Ms Spencer,

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Doug Williams

From: Ted Fields <mari_daen@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, 3 January 2017 2:41 PM
To: Doug Williams
Subject: Re: Draft Report

Yaama Doug ?

The report looks good to me. I'm having difficulty printing...Start back work today.
Will try get printed tomorrow to provide comment.

yanaay

Ted

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From: Ted Fields <mari_daen@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, 11 January 2017 1:57 PM
To: Doug Williams
Subject: Walgett
Attachments: Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment.docx

Yaama Doug ?

let me know if you need anything further

cheers

Ted

Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment

On seventh Decemeber 2016 I accompanied Mr. Doug Williams on a ground survey of the area outlined in his report for the proposed Solar Farm at Walgett.

During the inspection, we located a number of Scarred Tree's {see report} and a Grindstone fragment in a wheat field among the stubble. The Scarred trees as mentioned in the report from Access Archaeology & Heritage are in situations where they should not be impacted by the proposed development.

I would like to acknowledge Mr. Doug Williams for his efforts in attempting to locate and protect cultural objects and sites. As the area has been significantly modified due to farming there is very little evidence of previous occupation of my people.

As person with Cultural Authority for the Walgett area I am satisfied that this proposed development will have no negative impact on the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage values in the proposed area.

Ted Fields Jnr

Senior Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Advisor

Doug Williams

From: Wendy Spencer <info@dharrivaeldersgroup.org.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 25 January 2017 10:54 PM
To: Doug Williams
Subject: Re: Walgett Solar Farm

thank you Doug for contacting us.

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thanking you

Wendy Spencer

On 25/01/2017 8:06 AM, Doug Williams wrote:

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Sent: Thursday, 26 January 2017 5:35 PM
To: 'info@dharriwaaeldersgroup.org.au'
Subject: RE: Walgett Solar Farm

Hi Wendy, Thanks,

We can finalise the report once you have sent your response, so as soon as you can manage would be great.

Regards

Doug



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To: 'info@dharriwaaeldersgroup.org.au'
Subject: RE: Walgett Solar Farm

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Doug



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Subject: Walgett Solar Farm

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Regards

Doug Williams

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From: Wendy Spencer <info@dharriwaaeldersgroup.org.au>
Sent: Monday, 30 January 2017 2:35 PM
To: Doug Williams
Subject: Re: Walgett Solar Farm

Doug, the Elders Council meets on Friday morning. Myself and the Secretary have looked at the report this morning and planning to go and look at the location Thursday morning. That is all I have for you so far. So I am afraid that all you can say in your report is that the Dharriwaa Elders Group (DEG) was sent your draft Boxing Day and will be formally considering it 3 February at their first available meeting.

regards

Wendy

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On 29/01/2017 1:06 PM, Doug Williams wrote:

Dear Wendy, further to my last email, I advise that I have to finalise the report before med day on Tuesday. If you could have any comment to me by Cob Monday, that would be appreciated.

Regards

Doug



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From: Wendy Spencer [<mailto:info@dharriwaaeldersgroup.org.au>]
Sent: Wednesday, 25 January 2017 10:54 PM
To: Doug Williams
Subject: Re: Walgett Solar Farm

thank you Doug for contacting us.

the Elders Group has not discussed your report yet. I expect that late next week I will be in a position to respond to you.

thanking you

Wendy Spencer

On 25/01/2017 8:06 AM, Doug Williams wrote:

Dear Ms Spencer,

Did you have any comment on this report draft?



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From: Wendy Spencer <info@dharriwaaeldersgroup.org.au>
Sent: Friday, 3 February 2017 4:14 PM
To: Doug Williams
Subject: letter from the Dharriwaa Elders Group in Walgett
Attachments: DEGtoDougWilliams3Feb2017.pdf

Hi Doug

thank you for keeping us informed. Please find attached letter from our directors and ring or email for any further information.

regards

Wendy Spencer

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3 February 2017

Dear Mr Williams

Thank you for requesting advice from the Walgett Dharriwaa Elders Group. Your Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment was considered by the Elders Council (i.e. directors) of the Dharriwaa Elders Group at its meeting today.

We write to request a copy of the corrected document containing appropriate site references that match.

It is true that "there is a widely held deep and genuine regard for heritage sites and objects within the Aboriginal community"¹ of Walgett.

The Dharriwaa Elders Group requests that all items identified in your survey are kept safe and managed as per your recommendations on Page 18. In particular we support your recommendation to ensure that the modified trees at WSF3 and WSF4 are avoided by the planned road widening activity.

The Dharriwaa Elders Group supports solar energy development and would invite discussions with the project developers regarding how our local community might benefit from solar initiatives.

Yours sincerely



Virginia Robinson
Secretary for the Dharriwaa Elders Group

¹ Page 16, Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report Proposed Solar Farm, Walgett, NSW – Report to Epuron Island GP, Doug Williams, December 2016

Project Site Records

Site Name: WSF-1	Site Type: Scarred Tree
Grid Ref (centroid): 608401E 6682433N	Dimensions: 10m x 10m
Topographic Location: Re-entrant Gully	
Site Description: Scar on Coolabah tree. Scar 670mm x 220mm. Top regrowth 400mm, side regrowth 400mm. Height off ground 280mm. Drunk diameter 1.2m.	

Site Location Map:



Site Photographs:



Scarred Tree – View North

Site Name: WSF-2	Site Type: Isolated Artefact (Grindstone Fragment)
Grid Ref (centroid): 6076509E 66681811N	Dimensions: 1m x 1m
Topographic Location: Plain	

Site Description: Isolated grindstone fragment on plain. 40mm x 38mm x 18mm.

Site Location Map:



Site Photographs:



Artefact – Grindstone Fragment

Site Name: WSF-3	Site Type: Scarred Tree
Grid Ref (centroid): 608849E 6681545N	Dimensions: 3m x 3m
Topographic Location: Creek Bank	

Site Description: Located on east side of access track, at north east corner of creek crossing. Scarred tree that has had top part of trunk removed, tree has since regrown from below scar. L=650mm, W=260mm, Depth = 70mm. Top regrowth = damaged, Bottom regrowth = 300mm, side regrowth = 300mm,. Trunk diameter = 1000mm, H above ground = 1000mm. Tree Height = ~15m, Canopy diameter =~10m

Site Location Map:



Site Photographs:





Site Name: WSF-4	Site Type: Scarred Tree
Grid Ref (centroid): 608756E 6681472N	Dimensions: 10m x 10m
Topographic Location: Creek Bank	
Site Description: Located on south bank of ephemeral creek. L=1880mm, W=90mm, Depth = 130mm. Top regrowth = 390mm, side regrowth = 320mm,. Trunk diameter = 500mm, H above ground = 200mm. Tree Height = ~10m, Canopy diameter =~10m	

Site Location Map:



Site Photographs:



Site Name: WSF-5	Site Type: Scarred Tree
Grid Ref (centroid): 608730E 6679983N	Dimensions: 10m x 10m
Topographic Location: Plain	
Site Description: L=490mm, W=80mm, Depth = 120mm. Top regrowth = 200mm, Bottom regrowth = 170mm, side regrowth = 180mm,. Trunk diameter = 1.2m, H above ground = 520mm. Tree Height = ~15m, Canopy diameter =~10m	

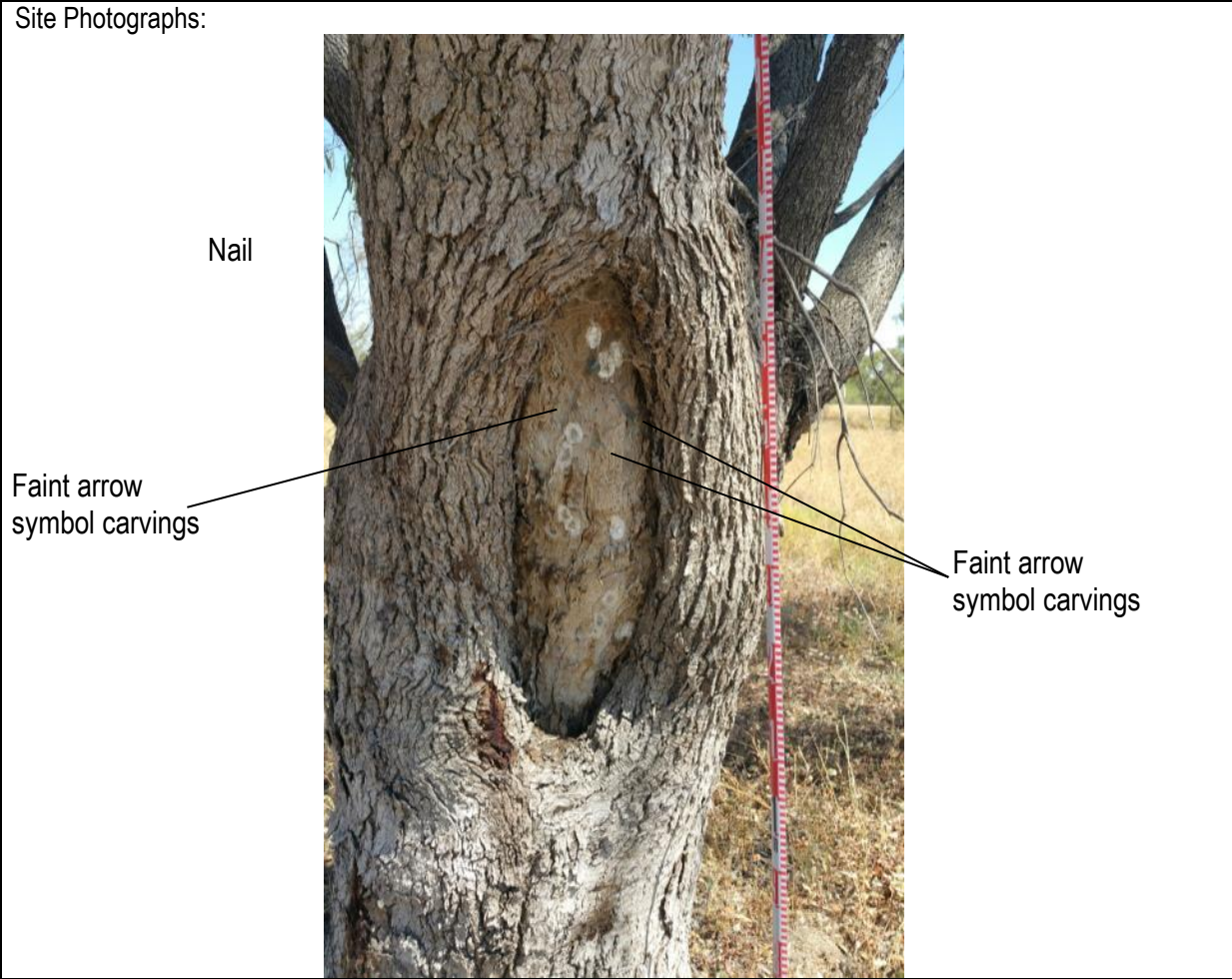
Site Location Map:



Site Photographs:



Site Name: WSF-6	Site Type: Surveyors Blaze
Grid Ref (centroid): 608797E 6679881N	Dimensions: 7x 7
Topographic Location: Plain	
Site Description: Surveyors blaze in eucalypt trunk. L=680mm, W=180mm, Depth = 60mm. Top regrowth = 90mm, Bottom regrowth = 160mm, side regrowth = 220mm,. Trunk diameter = 560mm, H above ground = 1020mm. Tree Height = ~10m, Canopy diameter =~7m . Surveyors scars very faint but arrow marks point to galvanised nail in trunk at top of scar.	



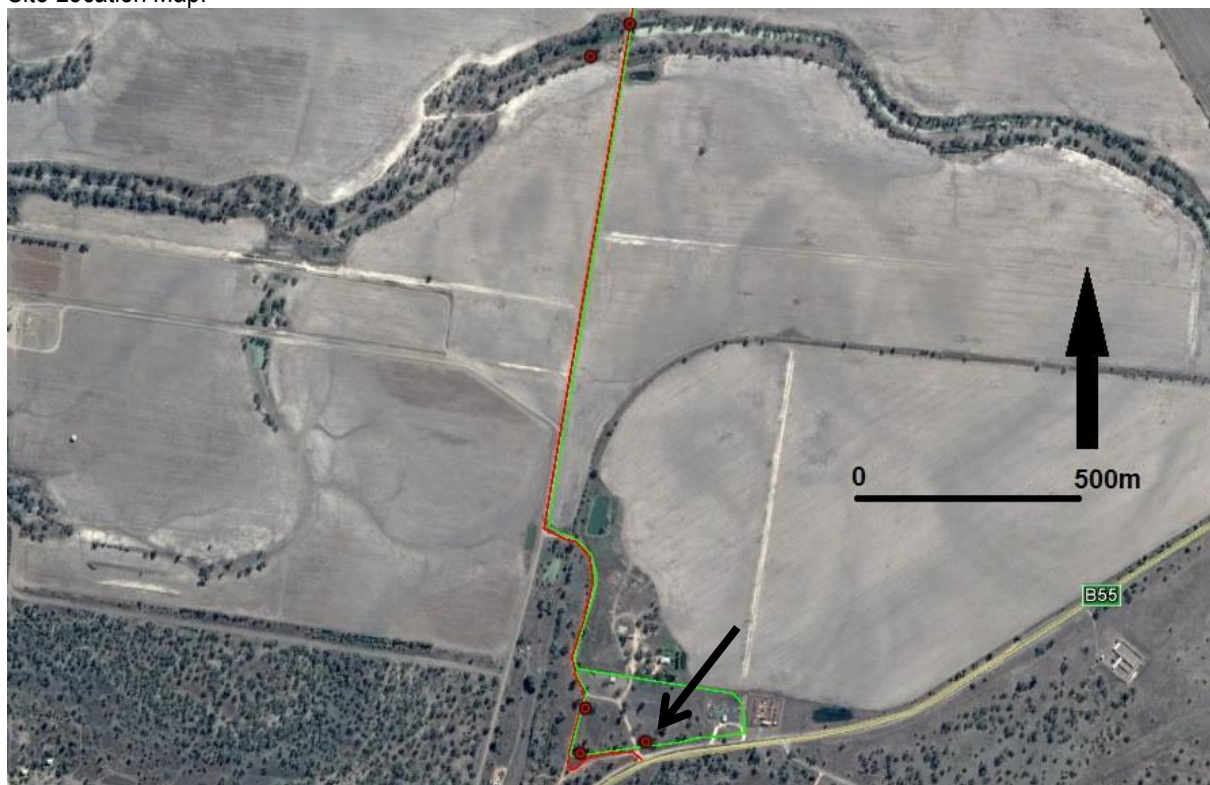
Site Name: WSF-7	Site Type: Surveyors Blaze
Grid Ref (centroid): 608867E 6679904N	Dimensions: 10 x 10
Topographic Location: Plain	

Site Description: Surveyors blaze in eucalypt trunk. L=470mm, W=70mm, Depth = 80mm. Top regrowth = 240mm, Bottom regrowth = 170mm, side regrowth = 260mm,. Trunk diameter = 560mm, H above ground = 980mm



Blaze partly obscured by regrowth.

Site Location Map:



Site Photographs:

