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Executive summary

Project outline

Niche was commissioned by TSA Management on behalf of Health Infrastructure (hereafter referred to as 'the Proponent') to prepare an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment (ACHA) for the proposed new Rouse Hill Hospital (RHH) including the Metro Pathway Area (MPA) ('the Project').

The Subject Area is located within The Hills Shire Council Local Government Area (LGA) and within the boundaries of the Deerubbin Local Aboriginal Land Council (LALC) in the traditional lands of the Dharug People (also spelled Dharuk, Dharug and Daruk).

This ACHA has been prepared by Niche Environment and Heritage (Niche) as part of the project's Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The ACHA assesses the potential impacts of the construction and operation of the project on Aboriginal cultural heritage and meets the SEARs issued on 16 October 2025 (SSD-96248991). Recommendations for management and mitigation measures to reduce the identified adverse impacts are also provided.

This ACHA presents the results of an Aboriginal archaeological assessment completed to inform the project and has been carried out in accordance with the *Code of Practice for Archaeological Investigation of Aboriginal Objects in New South Wales (NSW)* (Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water NSW, 2010, [DECCW 2010b] 'Code of Practice').

The ACHA report process and the assessment have included background archaeological and historical investigation, consultation with Registered Aboriginal Parties (RAPs), and an archaeological site inspection.

Summary of results

The results of the previous systematic survey of the Survey Area (Urbis 2023a and 2023b) concluded that portions of the Subject Area occur within culturally sensitive landforms. Two previously recorded Aboriginal cultural heritage sites occur within the Subject Area. These include two artefact scatters, Commercial Road AFT 1 (AHIMS ID# 45-5-5669) and Commercial Road AFT 2 (AHIMS ID# 45-5-5671). Both sites have previously been subject to a test excavation program with respect to the proposed Rouse Hill Hospital (Urbis 2023). The subsurface excavation program conducted for Commercial Road AFT 1 (AHIMS ID# 45-5-5669) only had a low artefact density with no further investigation of the site considered warranted. Conversely, Commercial Road AFT 2 (AHIMS ID# 45-5-5671) was found to contain a medium-density artefact assemblage with artefacts recovered from expansion pits during stage two of the test excavation program. Accordingly, Urbis (2023) has recommended a salvage program be undertaken prior to any proposed future development of the site.

A survey of the Metro Pathway Area was undertaken by Niche on 4 March 2025 with no areas of known or potential Aboriginal cultural heritage identified.

Summary of potential impacts and safeguards

Part 6 of the NSW *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974* (NPW Act) provides protection for all Aboriginal objects and declared Aboriginal places from harm. Harm is defined as destroying, defacing, damaging, or moving an object from the land.

The project has the potential to harm Aboriginal objects. Therefore, an ACHA report is required to investigate the presence of Aboriginal objects within the area of the project, assess the potential harm to the heritage values associated with these objects, and provide recommendations for management measures to manage or prevent harm associated with the project.

Two Aboriginal cultural heritage sites are located within the Subject Area comprising Commercial Road AFT 1 (AHIMS ID# 45-5-5669) and Commercial Road AFT 2 (AHIMS ID# 45-5-5671).

Following the test excavation of Commercial Road AFT 1 (AHIMS ID# 45-5-5669), it was concluded that no further investigation of the site is warranted. Commercial Road AFT 2 (AHIMS ID# 45-5-5671) will require a salvage excavation prior to the proposed works.

The management of both sites are outlined in the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Plan (ACHMP) developed for the project (Appendix 5).

Conclusion and declaration

Table 1 outlines the recommendations for the Project.

Table 1: Recommendations

Recommendations	
Aboriginal heritage	
1.	The Proponent should continue to consult with the RAPs in regard to the project in accordance with the Aboriginal cultural heritage consultation requirements for proponents 2010. Consultation may include, but is not limited to: – Finalisation of ACHA – Participation in the proposed salvage excavation – Determination of the long-term management of recovered artefacts under a care agreement – The provisions of the ACHMP – Project updates – Unexpected finds Project updates should be sent to all RAPs every 6 months at a maximum to ensure the consultation associated with this ACHA remains active.
2.	The Proponent should finalise and submit an ACHMP for the project that includes: – The outcomes of the ACHA. – Measures agreed with the Traditional Owners for the protection and management of both tangible and intangible cultural heritage values and mitigation of impacts. – Agreed protocols for the identification, protection and management of any cultural heritage values discovered during the project. – A methodology for the salvage excavation of Commercial Road AFT 2 (AHIMS ID# 45-5-5671). – Delivery of cultural awareness training to project staff and contractors to ensure that ACHMP measures are implemented. RAPs should be included in the development of the ACHMP.

Recommendations	
Aboriginal heritage	
3.	An area of PAD associated with Commercial Road AFT 2 (AHIMS ID# 45-5-5671) will require a salvage excavation in accordance with the salvage methodology outlined in Appendix 5.
4.	The long-term management of any artefacts recovered during the test and salvage excavation of Commercial Road AFT 2 (AHIMS ID# 45-5-5671) and the test excavation of Commercial Road AFT 1 (AHIMS ID# 45-5-5670) should be formalised in a care agreement as determined by the RAPs. Where requested by the RAPs, the feasibility of on-Country reburial of artefacts within a conservation area should be considered by the Proponent.
5.	Aboriginal Site Impact Recording Forms (ASIRFs) must be submitted for sites Commercial Road AFT 1 (AHIMS ID# 45-5-5670) and Commercial Road AFT 2 (AHIMS ID# 45-5-5671) once archaeological investigations have been finalised.
General	
6.	All workers and contractors associated with the works within the Subject Area should be inducted, so they are made aware of their obligations prior to, during and after work.
7.	The Proponent should not publicise the location of Aboriginal cultural heritage sites or other cultural information without prior consent from the Aboriginal community. This includes the public distribution of any mapping, AHIMS data and/or cultural information contained within this report.
8.	In the event of unexpected finds, notification is required under s89A of the NPW Act. In this scenario, work must cease in the affected area(s). Additional assessment and approval may be required under the relevant legislation prior to works continuing in the affected area(s) based on the nature of the discovery. In the event that unexpected finds are encountered during construction, all work in the area must cease immediately and: – The location should be secured using barrier fencing and signage to avoid further harm. – Contact suitable qualified archaeologists immediately. No further action is to be undertaken until archaeologists have assessed the finds.
9.	In the unlikely event that suspected human remains are encountered during construction, all work in the area that may cause further impact must cease immediately and: – The location should be secured using barrier fencing and signage to avoid further harm. – The NSW Police must be contacted immediately.

Recommendations	
Aboriginal heritage	
	– No further action is to be undertaken until the NSW Police provide written notification. – If the skeletal remains are identified as Aboriginal, the Proponent or their agent must contact: – The NSW Environment and Heritage's Enviroline on 131 555 and representatives of the RAPs. – No works are to continue until NSW Environment and Heritage provides written notification.

Glossary and list of abbreviations

Term or abbreviation	Definition
Aboriginal cultural heritage	The tangible (objects) and intangible (dreaming stories, legends and places) cultural practices and traditions associated with past and present-day Aboriginal communities.
ACHA	Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment.
ACHMP	Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Plan
AHIMS	Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System
AHIP	Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit
Aboriginal object(s)	The legal definition for material Aboriginal cultural heritage under the *NSW National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*.
Aboriginal stakeholders	Members of a local Aboriginal land council, registered holders of Native Title, Aboriginal groups or other Aboriginal people who may have an interest in the Project.
AR	Archaeological Report.
Archaeology	The scientific study of material traces of human history, particularly the relics and cultural remains of past human activities.
Archaeological deposit	A layer of soil material containing archaeological objects and/or human remains.
Archaeological investigation	The process of assessing the archaeological potential of an impact area by a qualified archaeologist.
Archaeological site	An area that contains surface or sub-surface material evidence of past human activity in which material evidence (artefacts) of past activity is preserved.
Artefact	An object made by human agency (e.g. stone artefacts).
Assemblage	A group of artefacts found in close association with one another. Any group of items designated for analysis that exist in spatial and/or vertical context – without any assumptions of chronological or spatial relatedness.

Term or abbreviation	Definition
Avoidance	A management strategy which protects Aboriginal sites within an impact area by avoiding them totally in development.
BCD	The Biodiversity and Conservation Division (formerly the Office of Environment and Heritage and now Heritage NSW of the NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW).
BoM	Bureau of Meteorology
BP	Before Present
CHMP	Cultural Heritage Management Plan
Code of Practice	*Code of Practice for Archaeological Investigation of Aboriginal Objects in New South Wales*.
Cumulative impacts	Combination of individual effects of the same kind due to multiple actions from various sources over time.
DCCEEW	Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water. Formerly Department of Conservation, Climate Change and Water (DECCW), Biodiversity and Conservation Division (BCD) of the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) and now Heritage NSW of the Department of Premier and Cabinet (DPC).
Development	The processes involved in preparing the Subject Area for subdivision and associated road infrastructure, including levelling and compacting for future housing constructing, and cutting and compacting areas for road infrastructure.
DA	Development Application.
DG	Director General.
DPHI	The Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure, formerly DPE the department of Planning and Environment and DPIE the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment.
DPE	Department of Planning and Environment
DPIE	Department of Planning Industry and Environment
Drainage	Natural or artificial means for the interception and removal of surface or subsurface water.

Term or abbreviation	Definition
EIS	Environmental Impact Assessment
EP&A Act	*NSW Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.
EP&A Regulation	*Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021*.
Flake	A piece of stone detached from a core, displaying a bulb of percussion and striking platform.
Harm	With regard to Aboriginal objects this has the same meaning as the *NSW National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*.
Heritage Act	Heritage Act 1977 (NSW)
Heritage NSW	Aboriginal cultural heritage regulator in the NSW Department of Planning and Environment for the management of Aboriginal Cultural Heritage (ACH) regulation functions under the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*. Formerly BCD of DPIE.
Impact	Influence or effect exerted by a project or other activity on the natural, built and community environment.
Impact area	An area that requires archaeological investigation and management assessment.
In situ	Latin term meaning 'on the spot, undisturbed'.
Isolated artefact / find	A single artefact found in an isolated context.
Landscape character	The aggregate of built, natural and cultural aspects that make up an area and provide a sense of place. Includes all aspects of a tract of land – built, planted and natural topographical and ecological features.
Land unit	An area of common landform, and frequently with common geology, soils and vegetation types, occurring repeatedly at similar points in the landscape over a defined region. It is a constituent part of a land system.
Landform	Any one of the various features that make up the surface of the earth.
LALC	Local Aboriginal Land Council.
LEP	Local Environmental Plan.

Term or abbreviation	Definition
LGA	Local Government Area.
Management plans	Conservation plans which identify short- and long-term management strategies for all known sites recorded within a (usually approved) Subject Area.
Methodology	The procedures used to undertake an archaeological investigation.
Mitigation	To address the problem of conflict between land use and site conservation.
ML/Day	Mega litres per day
mm	Millimetres
MW	Megawatts
NPW Act	*National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*.
NPW Regulation	*National Parks and Wildlife Regulation 2019*.
OEH	Office of Environment and Heritage, replaced by the Biodiversity and Conservation Division (BCD) of the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) and now Heritage NSW of the Department of Premier and Cabinet.
Open camp site	An archaeological site situated within an open space (e.g. archaeological material located on a creek bank, in a forest, on a hill, etc.).
PAD	Potential Archaeological Deposit. A location considered to have a potential for subsurface archaeological material.
RAP	Registered Aboriginal Party.
SEPP	State Environmental Planning Policy
Site recording	The systematic process of collecting archaeological data for an archaeological investigation.
Site	A place where past human activity is identifiable.
SSD	State Significant Development
SHR	State Heritage Register

Term or abbreviation	Definition
TfNSW	Transport for NSW
Transport and Infrastructure SEPP	*State Environmental Planning Policy (Transport and Infrastructure) 2021*
Survey coverage	A graphic and statistical representation of how much of an impact area was actually surveyed and therefore assessed.

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1 Introduction

1.1 Background and need for the project

Rouse Hill is part of Sydney's North West Growth Area (NWGA) with healthcare delivered by Western Sydney Local Health District (WSLHD) hospitals, the Hawkesbury District Health Service and private hospitals in nearby Norwest. Public transport options to existing WSLHD public hospitals are limited to bus services with long commutes. To support the rapid population growth identified for the area, the New South Wales (NSW) Government have committed funding to provide for the development of a new hospital in Rouse Hill, NSW (Health Infrastructure 2023).

Niche was commissioned by TSA Management on behalf of Health Infrastructure NSW (hereafter referred to as 'the Proponent') to prepare an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment (ACHA) for the proposed Rouse Hill Hospital Development (RHH) (the project, Figure 1).

The Subject Area falls within The Hills Shire Council Local Government Area (LGA) and within the boundaries of the Deerubbin Local Aboriginal Land Council (LALC) in the traditional lands of the Dharug People (also spelled Dharuk, Dharug and Daruk).

Urbis (2023) previously conducted an initial ACHA for the Project to inform the original Concept and Stage 1 Early Works, completing a site survey and test excavations under the *Code of Practice for Archaeological Investigation of Aboriginal Objects in NSW* (DECCW 2010). The ACHA assesses the potential impacts of the construction and operation of the project on Aboriginal cultural heritage.

An earlier version of this report has been submitted as part of a Review of Environmental Factors (REF) submission seeking to obtain an Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit (AHIP) to cover site establishment works associated with the development.

This report presents the findings of an ACHA undertaken for the proposed Project and has been prepared in accordance with the following:

- *Guide to Investigating, Assessing and Reporting on Aboriginal Cultural Heritage in NSW* (OEH 2011).
- *Code of Practice for Archaeological Investigation of Aboriginal Objects in NSW* (DECCW 2010).
- *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents* (Part 6 *National Parks and Wildlife Act*, 1974) (DECCW 2010).
- *The Burra Charter: The Australia ICOMOS Charter for Places of Cultural Significance* (Australia International Council on Monuments and Sites [ICOMOS], 2013).

The purpose of this ACHA is to summarise the ACHA undertaken by Urbis (2023a and 2023b), inform of updated consultation with the Aboriginal community, assess the potential impacts associated with the Metro Path and advise of the required next steps in managing identified Aboriginal objects and values present within the Subject Area.

1.2 Project description

The proposal is for the construction and operation of a new hospital campus comprising buildings up to nine storeys and including:

- Site establishment;
- Site preparation including earthworks, tree removal, cut and fill;
- Construction of roads with access from Commercial Road;
- Upgrade of Commercial Road/Main Hospital Access Road Intersection;
- Hospital buildings;

— Ancillary commercial uses to support the hospital, including retail;
— Multi-storey car parking;
— Loading dock;
— Landscaping; and
— The Metro Pathway Area comprising a combined pedestrian and cycling path connecting the hospital to the Rouse Hill Metro Station.

The scope of the proposed works includes:

— An Emergency Department and Primacy Access Clinic
— In-patient beds
— Day surgery services
— Short-stay medical assessment services
— Comprehensive birthing services including brithing rooms and a maternity inpatient unit
— Pathology, pharmacy, and medical imaging services
— Virtual care and hospital in the home services
— Prehabilitation, rehabilitation, and lifestyle medicine
— Outpatient and ambulatory care services including paediatrics, renal dialysis and antenatal and postnatal services
— Administration, staff support and back-of-house services
— Car parking facilities
— Pedestrian and cycle pathway.

1.3 Subject Area

The ACHA covers the entire Subject Area. The proposed Rouse Hill Hospital is at the corner of Windsor Road and Commercial Road, Rouse Hill NSW 2155 within Lot 311 DP 1274392 and Lot 312 DP 1274392. The site is zoned MU1 Mixed Use under The Hills Local Environment Plan (LEP) 2019.

Further details regarding the project are provided in Section 8 of this report.

1.4 ACHA scope and objectives

This ACHA report is designed to inform the development of recommendations and implications for the proposed works within the Subject Area. This ACHA will be used in order to manage and mitigate harm to Aboriginal objects and cultural heritage values during the proposed development within the Subject Area. The assessment requirements and objectives for the ACHA are provided in Table 2 below.

Table 2: Assessment requirements and objectives

Objectives	Addressed in
Identify whether Aboriginal objects could be present within the Subject Area.	Sections 2 and 4
Undertake further investigation within areas identified as having potential high sensitivity.	Section 5
Provide a description of the Aboriginal objects and declared Aboriginal places located within the area of the proposed activity.	Sections 4 and 5
Provide 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	Section 7

Objectives	Addressed in
the proposed activity and the significance of these values for the Aboriginal people who have a cultural association with the land.	
Demonstrate how the requirements for consultation with Aboriginal people have been met (as specified in clause 60 of the NPW Regulation 2019).	Section 3, Appendix 1 and Appendix 2
Present 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 response).	Sections 3 and 7 Appendix 1 and Appendix 2
Provide an assessment of 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 9
Provide any practical measures that may be taken to protect and conserve those Aboriginal objects or declared Aboriginal places and 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.	Sections 9 and 0 and Appendix 5

1.5 Statutory and regulatory framework

1.5.1 Commonwealth and national legislation

1.5.1.1 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection Act 1984

The *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection Act 1984* (ATSIHP Act) is aimed at the protection from injury and desecration of areas and objects that are of significance to Aboriginal Australians. This legislation has usually been invoked in emergency and conflicted situations.

1.5.1.2 Native Title Legislation

The *Native Title Act 1993* (NTA) provides a legislative framework to:

a. Recognise and protect Native Title.
b. Establish ways in which future dealings affecting native title may proceed and set standards for those dealings, including providing certain procedural rights for registered native title claimants and native title holders in relation to acts that affect native title.
c. Establish a mechanism for determining claims to native title.
d. Provide for, or permit, the validation of past acts that would otherwise be invalid because of the existence of native title.

The NTA was introduced to make sure the laws of NSW are consistent with the Commonwealth's NTA on future dealings. It validates past and intermediate acts that may otherwise have been invalid because of the existence of native title.

An assessment of the National Native Title Tribunal (NNTT) Native Title Vision (NTV) map was conducted on 28 May 2024, which showed that **no native title determinations, claims or land use agreements exist for the land contained within the Subject Area.**

1.5.2 NSW state legislation

1.5.2.1 NSW *Environment Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (EP&A Act)*

The EP&A Act establishes the framework for cultural heritage values to be formally assessed in the land use planning process in NSW. The EP&A Act also requires local governments to prepare planning instruments, such as LEPs which identify heritage items with statutory protections under the EP&A Act.

An application under Part 5 of the EP&A Act will be sought for the New Rouse Hill Hospital supported by the submission of a REF.

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Each LGA is required to create and maintain an LEP that identifies and conserves Aboriginal objects and historical items. These items are protected under the EP&A Act. Heritage items within each LGA are listed in Schedule 5 of an LEP and are subject to the planning controls and provisions set out in Clause 5.10 (Heritage Conservation) of an LEP.

It is noted that there are no Aboriginal cultural heritage items or places within the Subject Area identified in The Hills LEP 2019.

A total of 12 heritage items have been identified in The Hills LEP 2019 to occur within 1 km of the Subject Area (Table 23 and Table 24).

1.5.2.2 NSW *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*

Aboriginal objects are protected under the *NSW National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974* (NPW Act). Under section 85 of the NPW Act, the Director General (DG) of the Department of Premier and Cabinet is responsible for the protection of Aboriginal objects and places in NSW. In particular, the DG is responsible for the preservation and protection of any Aboriginal objects or places on land reserved under the NPW Act, and for the proper restoration of any such land that has been disturbed or excavated in accordance with approval. Part 6 of the NPW Act provides specific protection for Aboriginal objects and places by making it an offence to harm or desecrate them. Harm means '… any act or omission that destroys, defaces or damages an object or place or, in relation to an object, moves the object from the land on which it had been situated' (section 5 of NPW Act).

A development consent under Division 4.7 for SSD removes the requirement for an Aboriginal heritage impact permit under section 90 of the NPW Act Division 8 of Part 6 of the NSW Heritage Act 1977 does not apply to prevent or interfere with the carrying out of State significant development that is authorised by a development consent granted after the commencement of this Division. The assessment, investigation and reporting on Aboriginal objects and cultural heritage is guided by the *National Parks and Wildlife Regulation 2019* (NPW Regulation), as amended, which establishes three subordinate regulatory instruments:

- *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents* (Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water [DECCW] 2010a) (hereafter referred to as 'the Consultation Requirements').
- *Guide to investigating, assessing and reporting Aboriginal cultural heritage in NSW* (Office of Environment and Heritage [OEH] 2011a).
- *Code of Practice for Archaeological Investigation of Aboriginal Objects in NSW* (DECCW 2010b) (hereafter referred to as 'the Code of Practice').

1.5.2.3 NSW *Heritage Act 1977*

Under section 170 of the *Heritage Act 1977*, NSW government agencies are required to maintain a register of heritage assets under their control or ownership. Each government agency is responsible for ensuring that the items entered on its register under section 170 are maintained with due diligence in accordance with State Owned Heritage Management Principles. Items listed in section 170 Heritage and Conservation Registers are listed on the Stage Heritage Inventory, and some are also listed on the SHR.

No heritage items on the section 170 listing are located within the Subject Area.

No heritage items on the SHR are located within the Subject Area.

A total of 2 heritage items have been identified in the NSW State Heritage Inventory to occur within 1 km of the Subject Area (Table 23 and Table 24).

1.5.2.4 Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983

The *NSW Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983* establishes the NSW Aboriginal Land Council (NSWALC) and LALCs. The Act requires these bodies to:

a. Take action to protect the culture and heritage of Aboriginal persons in the council's area, subject to any other law.
b. Promote awareness in the community of the culture and heritage of Aboriginal persons in the council's area.

These requirements recognise and acknowledge the statutory role and responsibility of the NSWALC and LALCs.

This project is located within the boundaries of the Deerubin LALC.

1.5.2.5 The Burra Charter: The Australia ICOMOS Charter for Places of Cultural Heritage Significance

The Burra Charter: The Australia ICOMOS Charter for Places of Cultural Significance (Australia ICOMOS 2013) is a non-statutory instrument that is accepted as presenting the best practice methods for the assessment of cultural heritage values.

1.6 Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs)

SEARS have been issued for the project on 16 October 2025 with details summarised in Table 3.

Under Section 4.41(1)(d) of the EP&A Act, an AHIP is not required for SSD projects, instead, relevant agencies provide input to the SEARs and agency advice on the project, and the Minister for Planning issues consent where appropriate. The SEARs issued by the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) provide environmental assessment parameters for a project.

Table 3: SEARs requirements

SEARs SSD-96248991	SEARs item	Response
Aboriginal Cultural Heritage	Provide an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report prepared in accordance with relevant guidelines, identifying, describing and assessing any impacts to Aboriginal cultural heritage values on the land.	This report forms the ACHA in accordance with the SEARs.
Environmental Heritage	Where there is potential for direct or indirect impacts on the heritage significance of environmental heritage, provide a Statement	Refer reports under separate cover for the SSDA.

SEARs SSD-96248991	SEARs item	Response
	of Heritage Impact and Archaeological Assessment (if potential impacts to archaeological resources are identified), prepared in accordance with the relevant guidelines, which assesses any impacts and outlines measures to ensure they are minimised and mitigated.	

1.7 Investigators and contributors

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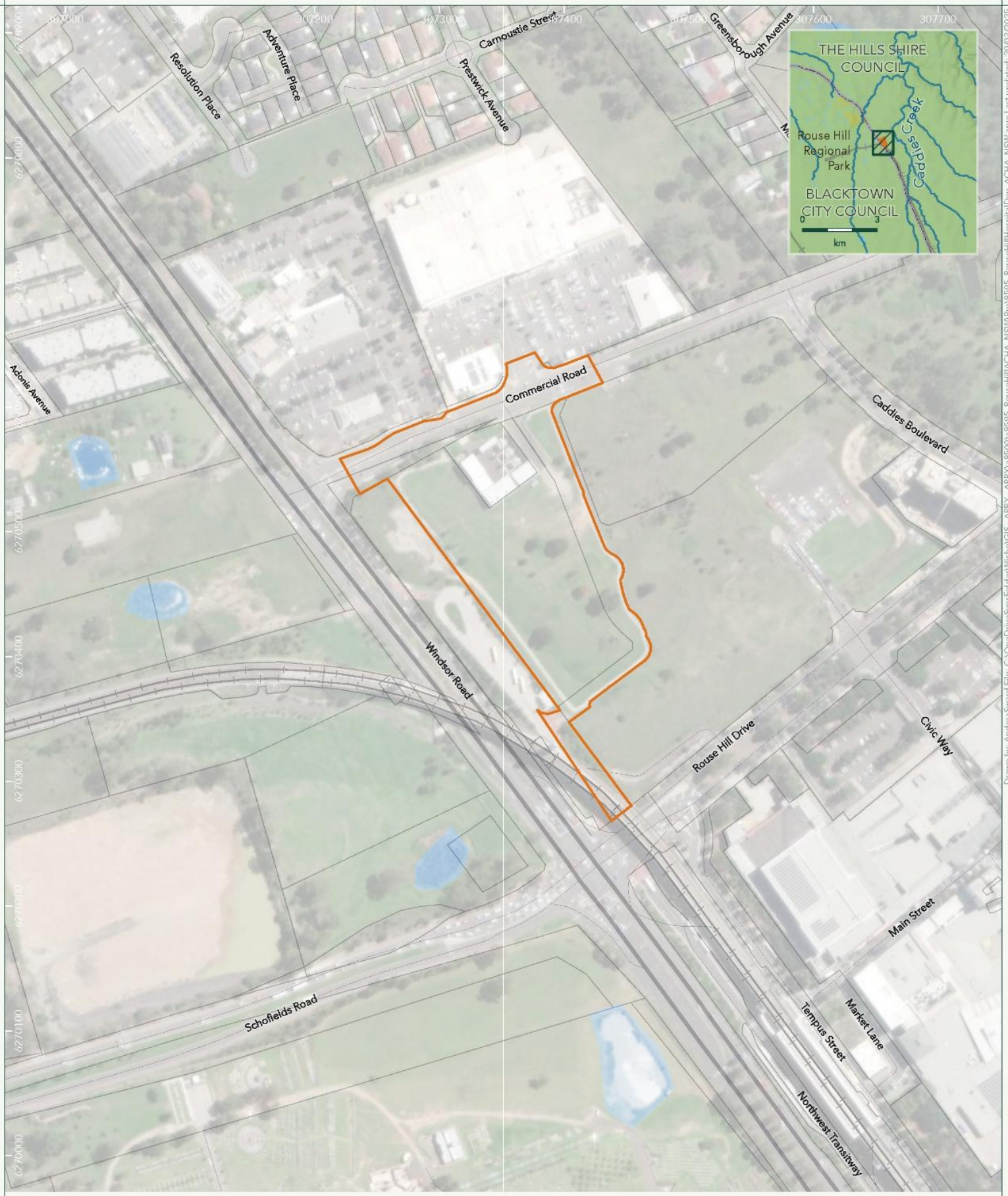

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Administrative and Property Boundaries

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Figure 1

Location Map

New Rouse Hill Hospital

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Figure 2

Location of the Subject Area

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2 Description of the area

2.1 Project location

The Subject Area is situated within the suburb of Rouse Hill located in the administrative boundaries of The Hills Shire LGA and the Deerubbin LALC area. The Rouse Hill Hospital is proposed to be situated adjacent to the intersection of Commercial and Windsor Roads on greenfield land.

The Metro Pathway Area is situated in the southwest corner of the Subject Area adjacent to Rouse Hill Drive, the Northwest Transitway and situated to the east of Windsor Road. The Rouse Hill Metro station is situated adjacent to the Rouse Hill Town Centre between Tempus Street and the Northwest Transitway.

The associated Lot and Deposited Plan details for the Subject Area are provided for reference in Table 5.

Table 5: Lot and Deposited Plan details for the Subject Area

Lot	Deposited plan
311	1274392
312	1274392
2011	1131519
101	1060353
227	1249147
229	1249147
Part road reserve (Commercial Road)	

2.2 Description of land where Aboriginal objects are proposed to be harmed

The results of an Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System (AHIMS) search (Table 21) completed on 24 January 2025, desktop assessment, and archaeological field inspection, undertaken as part of this report, determined that two previously recorded Aboriginal cultural heritage sites registered on AHIMS are located within the Subject Area.

Commercial Road AFT 1 (AHIMS ID# 45-5-5669) and Commercial Road AFT 2 (AHIMS ID# 45-5-5671) are both artefact scatters that have been subject to test excavation programs between 11 and 19 January 2023. The status of both sites in AHIMS is listed as Valid.

2.3 Environmental context

Understanding the past and present environmental contexts of a Subject Area is requisite in any Aboriginal archaeological and cultural heritage investigation (DECCW 2010b). The landscape context may provide insight

as to areas of land that may have been more intensively used by Aboriginal people in the past due to the presence of resources such as water, stone, plants and animals and other raw materials or landscape features associated with sustenance, shelter, tool manufacture and cultural activities. Furthermore, the landscape provides the context within which the material remains of past Aboriginal occupation may be preserved and detectable due to the movement of soil through geomorphic processes such as erosion or its removal from the landscape through past land use and disturbance (DECCW 2010b:8).

By considering these factors, an Aboriginal cultural heritage investigation may develop a sampling strategy for identifying any tangible Aboriginal heritage values within the Subject Area. It allows for an understanding of what activities would likely have taken place across the Subject Area in the past and the likelihood that any trace of these would have survived below the surface. The following section provides details of the environmental characteristics of the Subject Area.

2.3.1 Topography and landforms

The proposed new Rouse Hill Hospital is situated on gently inclined lower slopes of the Kellyville Ridge approximately 500 metres (m) west of Caddies Creek. The floodplain landform in which the Subject Area is located is susceptible to alluvial redeposition or concealment of surface artefacts. The archaeologically sensitive Second Ponds Creek with its high concentration of Aboriginal cultural heritage sites (Figure 3) is situated approximately 1 km to the west. Both creeks drain north-eastwards towards Cattai Creek located in Annangrove approximately 3.2 km to the northeast within an area of steeper, incised terrain.

The elevation is approximately 50-55 m (Figure 3) with an elevated gentle hill situated approximately 1.6 kilometres (km) to the southwest. Numerous public parks occur in proximity including the William Harvey Reserve and Hills Centenary Park situated adjacent to Caddies Creek to the east.

Urbis (2023a) have previously suggested that the Subject Area may have been a travel route from the ridgeline of Kellyville Ridge towards the ephemeral waterways and wetlands of the Caddies Creek floodplain, though the pattern of use is likely to have been transient and limited in intensity.

The indicative topography for the Subject Area is summarised below (DPIE 2020). Table 6 provides topographical descriptions associated with the Blacktown soil landscape present within the Subject Area.

Table 6: Landform and geology descriptions of soil landscapes within the Subject Area (DPIE 2020)

Soil landscape	Landform
Blacktown (residual)	Gently undulating rises on Wianamatta Group shales with local relief of 10-30 m generally. Slopes are usually >5% but occasionally up to 10%. Crests and ridges are generally broad (200-600 m) and rounded with upper slopes grading into concave lower slopes.

2.3.2 Geology

Analysis of the Subject Area's geology and soil landscapes are useful tools in identifying environmental proxies for the likely preservation and burial of Aboriginal objects within a landscape. Such analysis provides insight into resources that may have been available to Aboriginal people in the past, such as the presence of rock outcrops to provide surfaces for art or to sharpen and prepare implements, and/or stone for the manufacture of stone tools and plant species. Stone tools are often made using siliceous, metamorphic, or igneous rocks, and therefore understanding the local geology can provide important information regarding resources exploited by Aboriginal people within the Subject Area.

The Subject Area is located within the Sydney Basin Bioregion and on the northernmost edge of the Cumberland Plain, a large low-lying and generally undulating landform in the Sydney Basin. The oldest, Permian layers of the Sydney Basin comprise marine, alluvial and deltaic deposits including shales and mudstones (Kelleher Nightingale Consulting 2010). During the Triassic period, the Sydney Basin consisted of a large coastal plain with deposits from this period classified into three main groups: the Narrabeen Group, Hawkesbury Sandstone and the Wianamatta Group (Kelleher Nightingale Consulting 2010).

Within the Subject Area, the geology is dominated by the Liverpool sub-group of the Wianamatta Group consisting of (in order of increased depth) Bringelly Shale, Minchinbury Sandstone and Ashfield Shale. These units are underlain by the Hawkesbury Sandstone consisting of sandstone, quartz and some shale. Underneath this, lies the Narrabeen Group sandstone, shale and tuff materials. Typically, the geology associated with the Blacktown soil landscape associated with the Subject Area comprises laminite, siltstone, claystone and some sandstone (DPIE 2024).

From previous assessments and regional studies, numerous geological units across the Cumberland Plain have been identified as important sources of raw materials suitable for tool production. The most well-known include silcrete sourced from the St Marys Formation (including the Plumpton Ridge deposit), as well as tuff/indurated mudstone and silcrete from the Cranebrook Formation and Rickabys Creek Formation (Kelleher Nightingale Consulting 2010).

The variable geology present within the broader landscape indicates that a number of known material types used within the archaeological record are present, with silcrete and quartz being the most prevalent.

2.3.3 Soils

The Subject Area is located on land characterised by shallow to moderately deep (>100 cm) hard-setting mottled texture contrast soils associated with the Blacktown soil landscape (DPIE 2020). The skeletal soils of the Blacktown soil landscape occur extensively on the Cumberland Lowlands and are generally not associated with Aboriginal burials (Urbis 2023a). The shallow soils tend to produce shallow occupation profiles. The erosion hazard for non-concentrated soils is light to moderate however for concentrated flows is moderate to high.

Details of the Blacktown soil landscape are outlined in Table 7 and its regional extent is conveyed in Figure 3.

Table 7: Soil landscape descriptions for soils within the Subject Area (DPIE2020)

Soil landscape	Soil description
Blacktown (residual)	Soils comprise shallow to moderately deep (<100 cm) hard-setting mottled texture soils comprising red and brown podzolic soils on crests and grading to yellow podzolic soils on lower slopes and in drainage lines. The soil landscape is susceptible to localised seasonal waterlogging and surface movement potential. Soils associated with the Blacktown soil landscape tend to have moderate erodibility with the friable brownish-black loam (A1) and brown clay loam (A2) topsoil being hard-setting. The topsoil generally has a high fine sand and silt content. Subsoils of the B horizon tend to comprise brown light to medium clay with frequent mottles. The C horizon comprises a plastic light grey silty clay to heavy clay above a shale bedrock.

The archaeological potential of soil landscapes within the Subject Area is generally moderate, however, it is dependent on the varying soil type limitations, the impact of past land use disturbances, sheet wash and erosion extent. Soils that have not been subjected to high levels of disturbance, particularly in protected or elevated alluvial soils that have intact soil horizons, offer a higher likelihood of preserving archaeological deposits.

Archaeological deposits in the local area tend to be shallow (typically <10-30 cm) and occur close to the ground surface therefore are highly susceptible to previous land-use practices.

Soils associated with the Rouse Hill area were historically considered to offer low fertility which in turn precluded an intensive use of the area for agricultural purposes (White and McDonald 2010). This low fertility is responsible for the greater preservation of natural woodland and minimised effects of land clearance for pastoral and agricultural use. Accordingly, White and McDonald (2010:30) identified that there is a high potential for in-situ undisturbed preservation of shallow archaeological evidence that would in other contexts have been readily destroyed by contemporary land-use practices.

The soils present within Rouse Hill are generally aggrading and this has resulted in the burial of surface artefacts and the preservation of the archaeological record of previous Aboriginal land use. Within the Cumberland Plain, most artefacts occur within A-horizon texture contrast (duplex) soils comprising a dark loamy A1 topsoil overlaying a bleached silty A2-horizon and a clay-rich B horizon (though the bleached horizon is not always present) (White 2018). Within alluvial settings, the B horizon overlies a deep alluvial deposit whereas within hillslopes a C-horizon of weathering bedrock is typically present.

Soils associated with the Blacktown soil landscape tend to be moderately acidic to neutral, ranging from pH 5.0 to pH 7.0 (DPIE 2020). The acidic soils hamper the potential for organic material to be retained within the soil profile and therefore the potential for bone to be conserved is reduced.

2.3.4 Hydrology

Water is one of the most important resources for human occupation in a landscape and is considered the primary factor in the prediction of Aboriginal sites in the landscape. Across NSW, there is a strong correlation between the presence, frequency, and density of Aboriginal objects with the abundance and permanency of water sources. Areas within 200 m of water are identified as being frequently associated with the presence of Aboriginal objects.

Within the Cumberland Plain, areas associated with the underlying Wianamatta Formation geology tend to have complex, well-developed drainage networks. Water sources regionally tend to be relatively common and can occur as both ephemeral and permanent streams and ponds (White and McDonald 2010). Many streams took the chain-of-ponds form including the regionally significant Killarney Chain-of-Ponds, First Ponds Creek and Second Ponds Creek. The Stream Order model for predicting patterns of Aboriginal occupation of a landscape has been widely deployed within the Cumberland Plains. A minor chain of ponds runs northwest to southeast approximately 150 m west of the Subject Area and occurs in close proximity to several known open artefact or PAD sites (including AHIMS IDs 45-5-4845, 48-5-4259, 45-5-0959 in closest proximity to the Subject Area).

Within proximity to the Subject Area, a fourth-order section of Caddies Creek is situated approximately 500 m to the east. Two small ephemeral first-order tributaries to Caddies Creek are situated to the north-east and south-east of the Subject Area. Approximately 1 km to the west is a third-order section of Second Ponds Creek with adjacent properties containing a series of dams. The prominent Ironbark Lake situated approximately 1 km to the south-west is an artificial lake that was originally a farm dam.

Historical aerial imagery available in proximity to the Subject Area suggests that a farm dam situated approximately 50 m to the southeast has been expanded over time and may infer the presence of a natural drainage system running east/west and possibly draining into Caddies Creek during periods of heavy rain. This dam is no longer present at its original location. Drainage patterns to the east have been affected by urban development and the construction of the Caddies Boulevarde Lake, a man-made lake situated approximately 420 m to the east of the Subject Area.

According to the Hydrologic Soil Groups of NSW, the Subject Area is situated in a class C soil characterised by slow infiltration rates when thoroughly wetted and consisting chiefly of soils with a layer that impedes downward movement of water, or soils with moderately fine to fine texture.

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2.3.5 Ecology

Though dominated by the Cumberland Plain Woodland in modern times, the vegetation associated with the Rouse Hill area prior to European settlement would have comprised woodlands characterised by grey box (*Eucalyptus moluccana),* forest red gum (*Eucalytpus tereticornis)* and narrow-leaved ironbark (*Eucalyptus crebra)* (Apex Archaeology 2022). Notably, the nearby historically significant Mungerie House (situated approximately 770 m south-east of the Subject Area) is named after an aboriginal word '*Mungerie*' meaning "place of ironbark trees" or "eating place- tall trees" (Urbis 2023a) confirming the local significance of the species to local groups. Paperbark (*Melaleuca spp)* and blackthorn *(Bursaria spinosa)* would have also been present. Swamp oak *(Casuarina glauca)* would have commonly grown along creek lines.

Table 8: Vegetation communities of identified soil landscapes (DPIE 2020)

Soil landscape	Vegetation descriptions (soil landscape report)
Blacktown (residual)	Vegetation associated with the Blacktown soil landscape is characterised mostly by cleared, open-forest and open-woodland (dry sclerophyll forest) species. The original woodland and open-forest were dominated by forest red gum (*Eucalyptus tereticornis*), narrow-leaved ironbark (*E. crebra*), grey box (*E. moluccana*), spotted gum (*E. maculata*).

These vegetation communities provide a range of food, medicinal, shelter and tool resources. Eucalypt leaves can be used medicinally while the bark can be manufactured into bowls, containers, and shields. Further uses are outlined in Table 9.

Early ethnographic evidence detailing plant resource use within the region principally concentrated on the daily activities of men. As this did not generally involve the collection of vegetable resources, much of this information is lost. However, general interpretations can be made, including evidence for firing the landscape to promote certain species which are thus inferred to have a higher economic value. Early ethnographic evidence from the Sydney region suggested that there were two distinct economies in operation at the time of contact: that along the coast and that of the plains. The plains economy was dominated by small animals and the consumption of roots such as wild yam (Tench 1793:230). Berries, yam and fern roots, banksia flowers and honey were also described at the time (Collins 1802:462). William Dawes (1791), while undertaking a study of the Dharug language, identified that there were likely three classes of food consumed by the woodland groups: berries, honey-bearing flowers (Banksia, Grevillia etc) and roots. One of the words used for the final group was djarug, strongly suggesting that the Aboriginal people of the Cumberland Plains (Dharug) strongly relied on tuberous plants in their diet (Kohen 1986).

An accurate estimate of the faunal resources in the area at the time of contact is problematic, as many of them suffered heavy losses associated with initial clearing for farming. Larger macropods, including grey kangaroos and wallabies, were most likely common, as were emus (Tench 1793; Collins 1802; Best 1843). The diet of groups who inhabited the Rouse Hill area would have been dominated by small game including wallabies, possums, bandicoots, gliders, and kangaroos as well as small birds and freshwater fish (including mullet and eel) (Attenbrow 2010). Dingos, rats, reptiles and birds are also known faunal resources that would have been available to people living in the area.

As part of the consultation for the project, Colin Gale (RAP) has identified several species available in the Cumberland Plains which were important freshwater resources for Aboriginal occupants of the area including fresh water mussels in Caddies Creek and long-necked turtles, eels, perch, yabbies and platypus from numerous local waterways. Phil Khan (RAP) has also emphasised the importance of gathering plant foods and fishing in Cattai Creek and the Hawkesbury River.

Table 9: Example flora and fauna species utilised on the Cumberland Plains (Cumpston 2020, Niche 2015 and Colin Gale pers. comm. October 2024)

Resource	Traditional uses
Paperbark *(Melaleuca spp.)*	The soft, paper-like bark of numerous melaleuca species was used for a range of purposes including wrapping babies, bandages, roofing and blankets. The timber was also used for spears, clubs, shields and digging sticks. Several melaleuca species were also used as medicine, in particular for treating coughs, colds, respiratory issues and general aches and pains.
Eucalypts (*Eucalyptus sp.*)	Oils could be used as a decongestant, while bowls and dishes could be made from heavy bark. The bark could also be used for making canoes, with tools being able to be crafted from hardwood.
Vanilla lily (Yam) *Anthropodium milleflorum*	The tuberous roots were eaten raw or roasted.
Grey box (*Eucalyptus moluccana)*	The timber would have been used for producing coolamons, shields and for fighting sticks/clubs.
Forest red gum *(Eucalytpus tereticornis)*	The timber was used for a range of purposes including for producing canoes, digging sticks, spears, shields and coolamons. The bark was also traditionally mixed with animal fat and used as an ointment to treat burns. The resin can also be used as an antiseptic. Pollen from the flowers was also consumed as food due to its sweet taste. The leaves were also used to de-oxygenise water for targeted fishing.
Grey ironbark *(Eucalyptus paniculata)*	The bark was mixed with bloodwood gum to tan fishing nets.
Long-necked Tortoise *(Chelondin longicollis)*	Eggs were collected, cooked and eaten.
Goanna *(Varanus varius)*	Eggs were collected and eaten. Goanna meat was also cooked on a fire and eaten.
Eastern Grey Kangaroo *(Macropus giganteus)*	The meat from the kangaroo was cooked and eaten. Bones were fashioned into barbs for fish spears, and the teeth were used as ornaments. The tail sinew and raw hide were used to bind the end of canoes and to sew kangaroo and possum skin rugs.
Ringtail Possum	Possum meat was cooked and eaten.

Resource	Traditional uses
(Pseudocherius peregrinus)	
Wombat *(Vombatus ursinus)*	The meat was cooked and eaten, while the fat was rubbed on the skin of newborns to keep them warm.

2.3.6 Land use and disturbance

The earliest documented ground disturbance likely connected to the Subject Area was in association with the construction of the Hawkesbury Road (Old Windsor Road) an important arterial road for the colony. As part of the construction, an area extending between Toongabbie Government Farm to the Hawkesbury River was cleared (Urbis 2023a) with surviving sections of this road notably occurring in close proximity to the Subject Area (approximately 10 m to the west).

The Subject Area is situated in the northwest portion of a 100-acre land grant (Portion 82 of the Parish of Castle Hill, County of Cumberland) given to Lucy Mileham. Lucy Mileham was connected through marriage to important pioneer families Hassals and the Rouses. Lucy's grant was identified in the 5th edition Parish Map dated 1897, with an update in 1905 identifying the property as Milford Farm. Present-day Commercial Road was depicted within both parish maps, however, appears to be unnamed.

During the early 19th Century, the Subject Area was associated with land grants for a larger property associated with the Mungerie House (Urbis 2023a), with the land used for grazing, poultry, dairy farming and citrus orchards. Long-standing occupants of the property used the land as a farm producing milk, cream, eggs and vegetables from the mid-1950s to 1969 (Urbis 2023a). Following the closure of the farm, Robert and Ian Scharkie managed a transport company from the property and later created the Mungerie Park Golf Course (Urbis 2023a).

In addition to this analysis, historical aerial imagery can provide further information about previous land use and impact on the ground surface specific to the Subject Area. From historical aerials (Figure 4), it can be determined that historical disturbances had begun to occur within the Subject Area prior to 1955 at which time the ground has been cleared to make way for pastoral activities. By 1961 (Figure 4), no trees were left standing within the Subject Area, with a small number situated to the southeast in proximity to a dam. A minor drainage line running eastwards passes through the southern portion of the Subject Area through the proposed Metro Pathway Area. By 1970 (Figure 4), the footprint of the golf course is visible including the fairway and green visible running roughly east to west across the Subject Area. Several tree lines or roughs are also visible in adjacent areas as evidence of introduced tree plantings. At this time the drainage line in the southern portion of the Subject Area appears to be more deeply scoured and the dam feature to the east situated within the drainage line has been expanded. By 1986 (Figure 4), the configuration of the golf course appeared little altered however the introduced vegetation had increased and matured. The aerial imagery for 2002 indicates that the property is still likely being used as a golf course. The extent of the dam has remained the same since roughly 1970.

The extent of previous disturbance within the Subject Area has previously been identified during Urbis' 2023a assessment, which identified that existing disturbance could be established within existing roadways and the Mungerie Park Zone Substation. The extent of previous disturbance, as identified by Urbis during their survey and desktop review is provided for reference below in Plate 1.

Within the southern portion of the Subject Area, recent works have occurred which have impacted the archaeological potential of the Metro Pathway Area. Significant clearing of the area adjacent to Windsor Road to accommodate a carpark and stockpile area is visible from at least October 2009. The extent of this area is lengthened from early 2015 up to Commercial Road in the north. Construction of the Sydney Metro line including the pillars supporting the overpass are visible from mid 2016 with early earthworks occurring from early

2015. By 18 July 2016, steel framework for the overpass has been partially constructed to bridge the gap over Windsor Road. During this time, the majority of the Metro Pathway area has been impacted by levelling and clearing works as well as regular truck and car movements.

Preliminary earthworks associated with the bus interchange are visible in aerial imagery from June 2018 with asphalt laid in July 2018. Landscaping works and surface treatments to the interchange area are undertaken in 2019 with only minor changes occurring since this time. The narrow area of introduced trees at the southern end of the Subject Area was planted in early 2019.

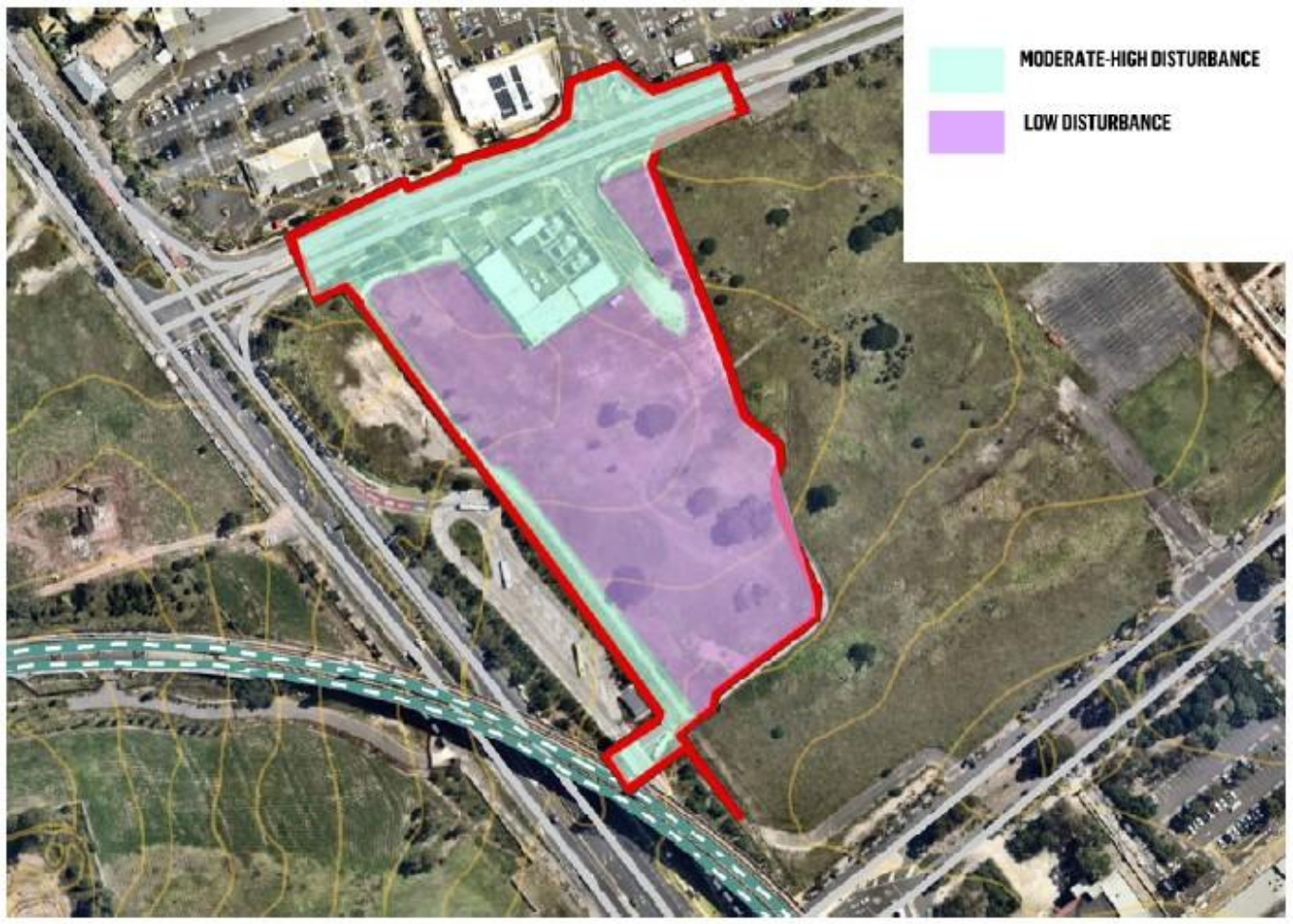

Plate 1: Extent of previous ground disturbance within the Subject Area as identified in Urbis (2023a)

2.4 Summary and analysis of local and regional character of Aboriginal land use

The Subject Area is situated within the Cumberland Lowlands physiographic region in the traditional lands of the Dharug people. With its diversity of ecological communities, numerous rivers and streams and temperate climate the area would have provided ample resources and a steady climate for Dharug people to occupy the area permanently. Previous archaeological studies have shown varied patterns of land use ranging from areas of concentrated occupation to broad areas with only limited evidence of artefact discard. The regional character of Dharug land use is one of permanent though mobile occupation.

The results of previous archaeological investigations indicate that there are landforms present within the Subject Area that have the potential to contain a range of resources, that would have been exploited by Aboriginal people in the past, and that there is potential for Aboriginal cultural heritage sites to be present in unimpacted parts of the Subject Area. During a previous ACHA undertaken within the Subject Area (Urbis 2023a and 2023b), it has been determined that two low-intensity Aboriginal cultural heritage sites comprising two artefact scatters with subsurface artefacts occur within the central and southern portions.

The Subject Area occurs primarily within a mid-slope landform however the southern portion occurs within a lower-slope landform. Previously modified areas have been identified in the north and along the western boundary associated with previous road construction and the electricity substation. All vegetation within the Subject Area is known to be re-vegetation as noted by the absence of trees during earlier periods and the impacts on grass vegetation associated with previous pastoral use and the period of the golf course. The proposed Metro Pathway Area corridor is highly disturbed by previous earthworks, vegetation clearance and replanting works and various constructions including the bus interchange and pillars to support the metro line overpass. These changes have significantly reduced the archaeological potential of this area.

Owing to the landform and resources present, the most likely site type to be present within the Subject Area are open sites comprising artefact scatters or isolated artefacts. Regionally, the most important raw material utilised in stone tool formation is silcrete, with numerous sources occurring within the broader region. Typically, soils associated with the local area tend to be shallow deposits comprising high-contrast duplex soils with loamy topsoil (A1) and silty A2 horizons above either an alluvial or weathered shale bedrock deposit. Given the hillslope context and the Blacktown Soil Landscape context, deposits are likely to be less than 50 cm with artefact-bearing soils being shallow overall.

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Figure 5

Historic Aerial Photographs (1986 & 2002)

New Rouse Hill Hospital

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2.5 Ethnography and history

It is generally accepted that Aboriginal occupation of Australia dates back at least 40,000 years (Allen and O'Connell 2003). The result of this extensive and continued occupation of the Sydney Basin of which the Woronora Plateau is a part has left a vast amount of accumulated depositional evidence. The oldest date generally considered to be reliable for the earliest occupation around the region comes from excavations at three sites in Parramatta where archaeological material has been dated to 30,735 ± 407 BP (McDonald et al 2005a, 2005b and 2006a). The dates have been obtained from a Pleistocene sand body. Aboriginal occupation of the northern Cumberland Plain has been dated to the Pleistocene (<10,000 years ago), with older sites found in direct association with both the Nepean and Hawkesbury Rivers (Niche 2015).

2.5.1 Dharug Country

Past Aboriginal land use of the Subject Area can be re-traced using previously recorded archaeological resources, historical observations of early settlers and surveyors, and contemporary comments from Aboriginal people (though the inherent bias present in historical European observations must be recognised).

The reconstruction of past land use of Aboriginal people within the western Cumberland Plains including statements about the structure of their society is a difficult task and (apart from the archaeological record) relies heavily on documents written by non-Aboriginal people such as early colonial surveyors and settlers. The inherent bias of the Eurocentric viewpoint, class and cultures of those people inevitably influenced their observation and conclusions about the Aboriginal ways of life. Historical accounts also make comment on a culture already disrupted by the European colonisation and its ongoing effects. Most notably, the expansion of the colony and its settlement by individuals with no understanding of long-standing Aboriginal land-use patterns and social norms resulted in inevitable conflict and misunderstandings. The sudden loss of life of large numbers of first-nation people in the smallpox epidemic further exacerbated latent mistrust between settlers and resident Aboriginal groups.

Tindale (1974:193) refers to Aboriginal people noted in the vicinity of the Subject Area as being "Daruk" based largely on accounts provided by Robert Hamilton Mathews, a surveyor and amateur anthropologist. According to an early account by Mathews (1901:155),

> *"the Dharruk speaking people adjoined the Thurrawal on the north, extending along the coast to the Hawkesbury River, and inland to what are now Windsor, Penrith, Campbelltown, and intervening towns".*

From available ethnographic accounts, it has been suggested that groups at the time of European settlement likely extended approximately 10 to 30 km with these clans or bands forming broader social alliances, including language groups (Attenbrow 2010 in White 2018). Across the Sydney Basin, the majority of sites that have been dated were occupied first during the Holocene and particularly in the past 2, 000 years (Jo McDonald CHM 2001:456). Artefact discard rates tend to be low initially and then increase dramatically (especially during the period c. 1,500 – 3,000 y BP) before declining in the last 1,000 years.

Extensive archaeological research in the area of Rouse Hill and surrounding areas has demonstrated numerous land use patterns ranging from low-density background artefact scatters to more complex sites containing evidence of multiple activities and repeated use (GML 2017:10).

3 Consultation process

In administering its statutory functions under Part 6 of the NPW Act, Heritage NSW requires that proponents 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 Section 60 of *NSW National Parks and Wildlife Regulation 2019* ('the Regulation').

Heritage NSW 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 (DECCW 2010b). This is ensured by:

- Providing relevant information about the cultural significance and values of Aboriginal objects and /or places.
- Informing the design of the methodology to assess the culture and 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 Heritage NSW.

Consultation in the form outlined in the Consultation Requirements (DECCW 2010b) is a formal requirement in cases where a proponent is aware that their development activity has the potential to harm Aboriginal objects or places. Heritage NSW 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/or places.

The Consultation Requirements outline a four-stage consultation process that includes detailed step-by-step guidance as to the aim of the stage, how it should proceed, and what actions are necessary for it to be considered successfully completed. The 4 stages are:

- 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 of the Subject Area.
- Stage 4 – Review of the draft Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment report.

The Consultation Requirements also outline the roles and responsibilities of Heritage NSW, RAPs including Local and State Aboriginal Land Councils, and proponents throughout the consultation process.

To meet the requirements of consultation it is expected that the Proponent 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 when they assess cultural significance and work together to develop any heritage management outcomes for Aboriginal object(s) and/or place(s).
- Provide evidence to Heritage NSW of consultation by including information such as 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 their final cultural heritage assessment report to the RAPs who have been consulted.

The consultation process undertaken to seek active involvement from appropriate Aboriginal representatives for the project followed the current NSW statutory guidelines – the Consultation Requirements. Section 1.3 of the Consultation Requirements describes the guiding principles of the document, which 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). Both documents share the aim of creating a system where advice can be sought from the Aboriginal community.

The following sections outline the process and results of the consultation conducted during this assessment to ascertain and reflect the Aboriginal cultural heritage values of the Subject Area. Further detail regarding the Aboriginal community consultation process is outlined in Appendix 1 (Aboriginal community consultation records) and Appendix 2 (Aboriginal community consultation log).

Consultation regarding the project has previously been conducted by Urbis (2023a and 2023b), however, owing to a time lapse since the last contact with RAPs (3 April 2023), it was recommended that consultation be recommenced from Stage 1 to ensure previously registered parties and other potential stakeholders would have an opportunity to be involved in consultation for the project.

3.1 Stage 1 – Notification of project proposal and registration of interest

3.1.1 Notification of agencies

A notification letter was distributed on 20 May 2024 to all relevant organisations named under Section 4.1.2 of the Consultation Requirements. The list of the contacted organisations is provided in Table 10 below and a copy of the notification is provided in Appendix 1.

Table 10: List of contacted organisations

Name of organisation	Date of notification sent	Date of response received
Native Title Tribunal	20 May 2024	21 May 2024
Heritage NSW	20 May 2024	24 May 2024
The Hills Shire Council	20 May 2024	24 May 2024
Office of the Registrar, Aboriginal Land Rights Act (ORALRA)	20 May 2024	22 May 2024
Deerubbin LALC	20 May 2024	No response
Greater Sydney Local Land Service	20 May 2024	6 June 2024

3.1.2 Advertisement

In accordance with Section 4.1.3 of the Consultation Requirements (DECCW 2010a), a newspaper advertisement was placed in the Daily Telegraph newspaper on Saturday 8 June 2024.

The advertisement included a close date of 5 pm on Sunday 16 June 2024 to provide additional opportunities for Aboriginal stakeholders who may be interested in the Project to come forward. A copy of the advertisement is included in Appendix 1.

3.1.3 Notification of potential stakeholders

As a result of the responses received, 53 individuals and organisations were identified as potential knowledge holders for the Subject Area (Appendix 1). A notification letter was distributed to all relevant organisations named under Section 4.1.2 of the consultation requirements. A copy of the notification letter that was sent on 4 June 2024 is provided in Appendix 1.

3.1.4 Notification to HNSW and LALC

As a result of the Stage 1 enquiries, 27 organisations and/or individuals registered as RAPs for the Project (Table 11).

Table 11: Registered Aboriginal Parties

Name of organisation	Contact
A1 Indigenous Services	Carolyn Hickey
Amanda Hickey Cultural Services	Amanda Hickey
B.H. Heritage Consultants	Ralph and Nola Hampton
Barraby Cultural Services	Lee Field
Colin Gale	Colin Gale
Corroboree Aboriginal Corporation	Marilyn Carroll-Johnson
Darug Custodian Aboriginal Corporation	Justine Coplin
Deerubbin Local Aboriginal Land Council	Paula Maling
*Dharug Strategic Management Group (DSMG)	Julie Jones Webb
Didge Ngunawal Clan	Lillie Carroll and Paul Boyd
Gunjeewong Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation	Shayne Dickson
Kamilaroi Yankuntjatjara Working Group	Phil Khan
Long Gully Cultural Services	Ethan Trewlynn
Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council	Darran Williams
Mundawari Heritage Consultants	Dean Delponte

Name of organisation	Contact
Muragadi	Jesse Johnson
Murra Bidgee Mullangari Aboriginal Corporation	Darleen Johnson
*Muru Mittigar Aboriginal Cultural & Education Centre	Wayne Cornish
Ngambaa Cultural Connections	Kaarina Slater
Pearl Depoma	Pearl Depoma
Waawaar Awaa Aboriginal Corporation	Rodney and Barry Gunther
Wailwan Aboriginal Group	Philip Boney
Woka Aboriginal Corporation	Steven Johnson
Wurrumay Pty Ltd	Vicky Slater
Yarrawalk Pty Ltd	Scott Franks
Yulay Cultural Services	Arika Jalomaki
Yurrandaali	Bo Field

Asterisk (*) indicates RAPs identified by Health Infrastructure NSW.

Two groups have requested that their registration not be disclosed to the Local Aboriginal Land Council.

Notification of RAPs to Heritage NSW. the Deerubbin LALC and the Metropolitan LALC, as per Section 4.1.6 of the Consultation Requirements was sent on 7 August 2024 and correspondence is included in Appendix 1 and Appendix 2.

3.2 Stages 2 and 3 - Presentation of project information, assessment methodology and gathering information about the cultural significance of the Subject Area

3.2.1 Project information and assessment methodology

The RAPs were provided with a letter outlining information about the project and an assessment methodology in accordance with the Consultation Requirements (DECCW 2010b) and the Code of Practice (DECCW, 2010a). The project information was provided on 1 August 2024.

The purpose of the provided documents was to:

— Describe the project, outline the project scope, time frame and proposed works.
— Describe the environment of the Subject Area and information relevant to the ACHA process.

— Provide an opportunity for the RAPs to actively contribute to the development of cultural heritage management options and recommendations and comment on the proposed methodology.
— Set a time frame for providing feedback and comments on the methodology and project information.

The draft methodology was submitted to the RAPs on 1 August 2024 and the closing date for comments was at 5 pm 29 August 2024 (to meet the minimum 28-day review period). A copy of the cover letter and methodology is included in Appendix 1.

A number of RAPs provided feedback on the project information and assessment methodology. Their comments and/or review are outlined in Table 12 and copies of all submissions made are included in Appendix 1.

Table 12: Details of RAP feedback on the initial project information and assessment methodology issued in August 2024

RAP	Comment made	Response from Niche
Long Gully Cultural Services Ethan Trewlynn	Good afternoon Olivier I support the methodology for this project. This area is quiet significant to the Dharug people due to the location being close to water sources in the area and potential trading of materials in the area.	Niche acknowledged their submission and thanked them for their contributions.
A1 Indigenous Services Carolyn Hickey	Hi, I have reviewed the document and support the Information and Methodology. I Would like to be included in all Meetings, Reports, Sharing Cultural Information, and Field Work	Niche acknowledged their submission and thanked them for their contributions.
Colin Gale Colin Gale	[In reference to Section 3.2.5 Historical land use] The subject land was originally a Government Common used for their cattle to graze upon, this dates back in to the 1790s. Land beyond this towards Castle Hill was released for land grants around 1810. The subject land was not released for grants until 1818 and has very historical connections	Extent (2024) indicate the Subject Area was forested up until at least 1809 at which time it was granted to Lucy Mileham within the northwestern portion of a 100-acre land grant. Though it is not known whether the land was cleared, built on or cultivated during this time, Mileham was required to cultivate a minimum of 20 acres within the first 5 years as a condition of the grant.
	[In reference to Table 4 listing the Battle of Vinegar Hill memorial] The memorial is located in the wrong place. This occurred because historical parties misread the	The heritage item is a memorial that commemorates the Battle of Vinegar Hill and

RAP	Comment made	Response from Niche
	Commissioners statement i.e. this place OVERLOOKS the place where the battle took place. I have actually located the correct location and can show you my research on this mystery.	is not described as a place marker for the event.
	[In reference to Table 3 listing LEP# I189 Private Burial Ground] This again is a major error- Again I have been involved in identifying the 3 male bodies in the lone grave, and can give you the year and month they were buried [again a major part of Australia's history].	The private burial ground is of historic value and is therefore beyond the scope of the ACHA. The historic heritage item is situated outside of the Subject Area with no potential impacts associated with the proposal.
	[In reference to *Mungerie Park Town Centre archaeological salvage excavations near Kellyville, Cumberland Plain, NSW*] Again a vital piece of information not fully taken into account. This is the report of the Mungerie Park Excavation that I was responsible for having done, after the McDonald and Baker's earlier assessment c.1991 with the resultant number of artefacts recovered from any site around the present nominated area. Colin indicated that he was involved with the Mungerie Town Centre excavations beside Caddies Creek, where the current Rouse Hill Shopping Centre is located, across Rouse Hill Drive just south of the RHH site. He's loaned a VHS tape with regards to the Mungerie Town Centre excavations, which in his opinion, will give an idea about the local landscape before the development began in the area. Colin also asked for a printed copy of the Mungerie Town Centre excavation report by Baker.	The results of the Mungerie excavations have been considered in the background section including further discussion of the Activity Overprinting Model applied. Colin is to be sent a copy of the Mungerie excavation report during the ACHA report review period.
	[In reference to the description of local geology in section 3.2.2] Even this description does not really satisfy the original landscape, because of the following. Because that shale that extended in the land to the south along Schofield's Road has been mostly removed, there is no more capacity to constantly release water to the lower slopes, as was the case on the Mungerie Park site before the shopping centre was built. This resulted in springs and making the area unsuitable for camping etc.	The environmental sections related to local geology and hydrology have been updated to include further reference to the impact of historical land use practices on groundwater and drainage patterns within the Subject Area.

RAP	Comment made	Response from Niche
	Over a phone conversation we touched on a range of topics. Colin provided detail on his familial and personal connections to the local area including Pitt Town and Blacktown and locally significant places at Dural, Windsor, Toongabbie, Schofields and Rouse Hill. Colin spoke further about the excavations at Mungerie Park and advised that we take the opportunity to look at the VHS tape recorded at the time showing the nature of the local area prior to development. Colin discussed some significant locations connected to the Battle of Vinegar Hill according to his own research and confirmed that these are not within the current Subject Area boundaries however have regional and national significance.	Niche recognised the significance of Colin's connections to the local area and thanked him for his detailed contributions to understanding the cultural value that they hold.

On 31 January 2025, an updated project methodology was submitted to RAPs for review. The updated methodology included details of the updated Subject Area extent to incorporate the Metro Pathway Area and included a methodology for the survey to be conducted of the area in March 2025. A copy of the methodology and all RAP correspondence is included in Appendix 1 and Appendix 2.

Several RAPS provided comments on the updated methodology which are detailed below in Table 13.

Table 13: Details of RAP feedback on the updated project information and assessment methodology issued in January 2025

RAP	Comment made	Response from Niche
Arika Jalomaki Yulay Cultural Services	"Dear Carly, I have reviewed and agree with the methodology for this project and I would like to be involved in the site survey. Please find my insurance's attached."	"Awesome thanks so much for sending this all through Arika. I've just sent an email earlier today with the survey details- will you be attending on the day? Warm regards,"
Carolyn Hickey A1 Indigenous Services	"Hi, I have reviewed the document and fully support the Information and Methodology. I would like to be included in all meetings, reports, sharing of cultural information, and fieldwork."	"Hi Carolyn, Thanks for sending through your methodology response- it's much appreciated! We are organising the site survey for Tuesday 4 March (more details are included in the separate email I just sent through). It would be great if a representative of A1 could attend. If you are interested, could you please send through the insurance confirmation for the current workers comp insurance as the one attached had recently expired.

RAP	Comment made	Response from Niche
		Thanks very much, "
Darleen Johnson Murra Bidgee Mullangari Aboriginal Corporation	"Hi Carly I have read the project information ACHA methodology for the above project, I endorse the recommendations made. Please keep our company in mind for the survey please. Thanks Darleen"	"Hi Darleen, Thanks for your response- it's much appreciated. I've sent through a survey invite email just earlier today- it would be great if you could confirm the details of your nominated representative (including phone number) for the survey. We will just require copies of your insurance documents (workers comp and public liability) as well to be engaged. Thanks in advance,"
Dean Delponte Mundawari Heritage Consultants	Hi Carly, We have reviewed the proposed methodology and agree with the approach. The systematic assessment, detailed recording, and compliance with the Code of Practice are important to ensure accurate identification and protection of Aboriginal cultural heritage. We would also like to attend the site survey in March. Please keep us updated on the details, including the confirmed date, time, and meeting location. Kind regards	Thanks Dean for sending through the insurance documents- I've added these to the project folder. We have just sent out the survey invitation letter and look forward to you joining us on the day on Tuesday 4 March. Warm regards,
Ethan Trewlynn Long Gully Cultural Services	"Hi Carly, I agree with the methodology for this project as it's up to standards. I'm happy with everything that I've read. Kind regards, Ethan"	"Thanks for providing this feedback its much appreciated. Just wanting to also give you a heads up that we are currently planning a survey on Tuesday 4 March. I've sent out an email to you just earlier- it would be great it you could confirm your interest in attending. Warm regards,"
Lee Field Barraby Cultural Services	"Hi Carly, Hope you're well – long time no speak! :) We agree with the methodology and would like to be put forward for the upcoming survey. The site officer attending will be Bo.	"Thanks Lee for your response- it's much appreciated! I'll add Bo to our list of attendees for March 4th survey. Can you please also send a copy of the public liability insurance as I

RAP	Comment made	Response from Niche
	Please find our insurances attached, and let me know if you need anything else. Take care, "	think I have only received the workers comp in your email? Thanks so much,"
Phil Khan Kamilaroi Yankuntjatjara Working Group	"Hi Carly, Thank you for your methodology for Rouse Hill Hospital. The study area is highly significant and sensitive to our people and would have been utilised for it resources such as hunting kangaroos & wallabies , gathering plant foods and fishing in the Cattai Creek and Hawkesbury River, ceremonies and potential burial sites. We would like to agree and support your methodology to investigate further in the way of site survey. We look forward to working alongside you on this project."	Thanks so much Phil for providing your feedback it's always much appreciated!

The proposed salvage methodology including the research design, planning around long-term artefact management and the Unexpected Finds Procedure was provided to RAPs on 15 April 2025. All RAP comments that are received during the review period will be provided here.

3.2.2 Sensitive cultural information management protocol

As part of the methodology mailout submitted to RAPs, the sensitive cultural information management protocol for the ACHA was detailed. During the Proposed Methodology review period, the Proponent and Niche provided the opportunity for RAPs to provide cultural information, including a statement of the value of identified sites and other matters.

In the event that a stakeholder had sensitive or restricted public access information, it was proposed that the Proponent and Niche would manage this information (if provided by the Aboriginal community) in accordance with a sensitive cultural information management protocol. If required, it is anticipated that the protocol would 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 to 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 RAP(s) to make decisions concerning the Aboriginal material and the 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 in the material

3.2.3 Survey engagement application process

RAPs were notified of the first site inspection during the issuing of the initial project methodology sent on 1 August 2024. A site inspection invitation letter was provided to RAPs on 13 August 2024 (Appendix 1). All RAPs were provided the opportunity to attend with representatives from 5 organisations attending on 20 August 2024.

RAPs were notified of the proposed survey of the Metro Pathway Area on 18 February 2025. All RAPS were provided the opportunity to attend with representatives from 15 organisations attending on 4 March 2025.

3.2.3.1 RAP on-site information meeting

An on-site RAP information meeting was conducted on 20 August 2024. The purpose of the meeting was to:

- Discuss in further detail the scope of works of the project.
- Provide an update on the project's progress and schedule including a discussion of the survey and test excavation results for the site during the 2023 ACHA undertaken by Urbis.
- Provide details on the Aboriginal cultural heritage management approach that is being developed for the project.
- Discuss the cultural heritage assessment methodology including the proposed salvage methodology for Commercial Road AFT 2 (AHIMS ID# 45-5-5671).
- Open comments regarding the project.

Table 14 summarises the representative of the RAPs who attended the on-site meeting and Table 15 details all RAP comments received and responses.

Table 14: On-site RAP meeting site attendance

RAP	Stakeholder
Colin Gale	Colin Gale
Didge Ngunawal Clan	Paul Boyd
Mundawari Heritage Consultants	Shaya Holmes
Long Gully Cultural Services	Ethan Trewlynn
Wailwan Aboriginal Group	Phil Boney

Table 15: Comments received during the on-site RAP meeting

Comments made	Response from Niche
When salvage excavations proceed, will there be an established number of artefacts that will trigger an expansion?	No triggers will apply- the salvage works will expand out in each direction according to the highest concentration of artefacts to the maximum 5 x 5 m open area proposed.
What will happen with the artefacts and is there potential for them to be put back onto Country?	Niche recognised that further consultation is required prior to deciding this. Representatives of Health Infrastructure NSW and the Western Sydney Local Health District present during the site visit indicated that they would be open to dialogue about whether

Comments made	Response from Niche
	the artefacts be reburied or displayed respectfully at the hospital site, according to RAPs wishes.
Phil Boney (Wailwan Aboriginal Group) mentioned that an Aboriginal Mission area may have been nearby in the area, where Stolen Generations may have been sent to and whether there is any info on that?	Niche indicated on the day that they were not aware of any nearby missions however would look into it further and see what can be included in the regional history of the area. Following subsequent research, the closest missions that could be identified were located in Windsor, Parramatta and Penrith. The Sackville Reach Aboriginal Reserve was located on the Hawkesbury River near Windsor operating under the Aborigines Protection Board (1889-1940) and later by the Aborigines Welfare Board (1940-46). Colin Gale has also provided further information that another mission was located at Kellyville known as the Marella Mission. Marella Mission was situated on a farm property between 1948 – c. 1986 (Parry 2024).
Colin Gale requested that if any artefacts are found during the salvage excavations of the Rouse Hill Hospital, these not be sent to a LALC. Instead, they should be reburied or respectfully displayed on Country.	Niche will include this feedback in the consultation process for formalising a Care Agreement.

3.3 Stage 3 survey and test excavation

Two days of survey were conducted across the Subject Area with the first undertaken by Urbis on 17 June 2022 and the second by Niche on 4 March 2025. As part of the Niche ACHA, an additional on-site discussion was held on 20 August 2023. A test excavation program was also attended by RAPs between 11 and 19 January 2023.

The list of representatives who participated in these field programs are detailed below in Table 16.

Table 16: List of RAP representatives who participated in fieldwork for the project

Name	RAP organisation	Field program
Amanda Hickey/ DeZwart	Amanda Hickey Cultural Services	Survey (2022 and 2025)
Arika Jalomaki	Yulay Cultural Consultants	Survey (2025)
Belinda Kitson	Woka Aboriginal Corporation	Survey (2025)
Bo Field	Yurrandaali Cultural Services	Test excavation (2023)

Braydon McDougall	Wailwan Aboriginal Group	Survey (2025)
Carolyn Hickey	A1 Indigenous Services	Survey (2022 and 2025)
Colin Gale	Colin Gale	Survey (2025)
Darleen Johnson	Murra Bidgee Mullangari Aboriginal Corporation	Survey (2025)
Ethan Trewlynn	Long Gully Cultural Services	Site visit (2024) and survey (2025)
Jamie Eastwood	Aragung Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Site Assessments	Test excavation (2023)
Kayelene Slater	Pearl Depoma	Survey (2025)
Kenny Dickson	Mundawari Heritage Consultants	Survey (2025)
Korri Currell	Aragung Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Site Assessments	Test excavation (2023)
Kurt Brenner	Yurrandaali Cultural Services	Test excavation (2023)
Lana Wedgwood	Darug Custodians Aboriginal Corporation	Survey (2022)
Lee Carroll	Corroboree Aboriginal Corporation	Survey (2022)
Marbuck Khan	Kamilaroi Yankuntjatjara Working Group	Survey (2022 and 2025)
Marilyn Carroll-Johnson	Corroboree Aboriginal Corporation	Survey (2022 and 2025)
Michelle Taylor	Muragadi	Survey (2025)
Paul Boyd	Didge Ngunawal Clan	Survey (2022 and 2025) and site visit (2024)
Phil Boney	Wailwan Aboriginal Group	Site visit (2024)
Robert Hunter	Kamilaroi Yankuntjatjara Working Group	Test excavation (2023)

Shaya Holmes	Mundawari Heritage Consultants	Site visit (2024)
Tyrone Pal	Kamilaroi Yankuntjatjara Working Group	Survey (2022)
Vicky Slater	Wurrumay Pty Ltd	Survey (2025)

3.4 Stage 4 - Review of preliminary draft Aboriginal cultural heritage assessment report

A draft of this report was provided to the RAPs on 12 and 20 September 2024 for their review and comment in accordance with the Consultation Requirements (DECCW 2010a). A statutory timeframe of a minimum of 28 days for responses was provided to all RAPs with the last date for comments being 18 October 2024.

Several comments were provided by RAPs as detailed in included in Appendix 1 and Appendix 2.

Table 17: Comments received during the 2024 draft ACHA review period

RAP	Comment made	Response from Niche
Colin Gale	Ben Slack Niche Parramatta Comments on R.H.H. ACHA Page 8 Aboriginal Stakeholders. I was a Native Title Claimants over the whole Sydney Basin for 16 years before I withdrew without prejudice. Page 30 Ecology 2.3.5 add Yams, now called vanilla lillies- after last line add fresh water mussels in Caddies Creek. Page 31. Table 9. Flora and Fauna- Trees- add Black Wattle- for witchety grubs, sap and tools digging sticks etc.), long necked tortoise- add eels, perch, yabbies, platypus etc. Goanna- we melted down goanna fat to make a pigment. Page 32- 2.3. 6. Land use- as per my documents this land was not released for settlement until 1818- to rebels who fought in the Battle of Vinegar Hill uprising- the site of the so called private burial ground- Lucy Mileham's grant is granted in 1897 was a very much later grant. Page 42- Potential stakeholders (Colin Gale) Response from Nicke L. Mileham, this must be an error. Page 45. Last comment Phil Boney- Ab mission- this refers to the Marella Mission- not an old style mission, but a more modern version a the back of Kellyville north of Windsor Road- Niche comment- The Sackville Reach- This was taken over by the D.L.A.L.C. by illegally using our name Darug after a 5 year court battle. I caused the then	Niche recognises the significance of Colin's connections to and knowledge about the local area. Sections 2.3.5, Table 9, Table 15, Table 23, Table 24 have been updated to incorporate the knowledge that Colin has shared with acknowledgements made to credit this information.

RAP	Comment made	Response from Niche
	Aboriginal Affairs Minister to admit and apologise for misleading Parliament over the announcement. Can provide evidence. Page 51 Other registers. As per the material I sent you on Harvey's Grant- it fronted the Hawkesbury Road as did Gov. Bligh's 100 acres Copenhagen see my covering paperwork as listed with the State Library in 2014- includes full details of the Battle of Vinegar Hill as should be a listed item. Page 52- Heritage items. As per the previous page LEP1189 is the burial ground of 3 Irish rebels who fought in the Battle of Vinegar Hill. Also LEP 132 is NOT the actual battleground site. Page 56 3rd Paragraph- Baker explanation etc. supposedly 1.3 km to the South of the current Subject Area description is TOTALLY WRONG AS described in the Video tape that I loaned you and the report of the excavations AMBS (2000). Note the northings and eastern listings on the numerous pits. Page 61 JO McDonald Cultural Heritage etc. 2001 The salvage excavations conducted by McDonald are regionally significant and led to referencing regional occupation models etc. This only came about after she visited us on Mungerie Park Town Centre site- I also participated in some of these sites- she also commences to use the word terraces (after M.P.T.C site that I identified to N. Baker). NOTE The D.C.A.C. were actually litigants AGAINST MY NATIVE TITLE APPLICATION as per the Federal court document that I have enclosed. Very nice way of now claiming to have all this knowledge etc. *<Provides excerpt from the Genealogical Report on the "Gale for Darug" Native Title Claim in Western Sydney Volume 2 of 2 Attachments">* Ben I have received my tape and the copy of N. Baker report on M.P. T. C. I have made some comments about this because I sick of archos and others not giving me the credit for things I do and show them etc. Page 2. Nowhere does he acknowledge that it was at my insistence that more work needed to be done on that (as per the letter that I gave you about the upcoming work- bottom paragraph- does not acknowledge that sections of THAT tape are taken from our tape showing the axe grinding grooves etc. Does not acknowledge that after weeks of wasted effort that he then asked for my advice as to where to dig next (the main excavation and 2 other sites. He does not acknowledge that we actually staged a one day walk out over the fact that D.T.A.C. were actually doing about 75% of the total workload- Because 3 of D.C.A.C. men were unable or unwilling to work whilst talking- a fourth member was not doing anything other than setting	

RAP	Comment made	Response from Niche
	beside a fire all day. We returned the next day with the ultimatum that either they worked equally or were removed from the site or we would withdraw and sue AMBS. Page 17 last paragraph. Rare artefacts- Page 73 and 74-75 Camping does not recognise the fact that you don't camp on wet, muddy sloping ground- we personally camped overnight on slightly damp clay soils- but we burnt branches to dry out and the used branches to sweep clean. The fact that M.P. T. C. become one of the biggest excavations on the Cumberland Plain. Colin Gale.	
Amanda Hickey Cultural Services Amanda Hickey	Hi AHCS support the draft reports If you need anything else please don't hesitate to contact me Have a great day	Niche acknowledged their submission and thanked them for their contributions.
Didge Ngunawal Clan Lilly Carroll	Were all good from our end and everything that was discussed happened on site	Niche acknowledged their submission and thanked them for their contributions.
Kamilaroi Yankuntjatjara Working Group Phil Khan	Hi Oliver, Apologies for late response. thank you for your Draft ACHA regarding 8595 Rouse Hill Hospital, we would like to agree and support your recomendations, we also recommend any artefacts found during excavation should be reburied. we look forward to working alongside you on this project. Kind Regards Phil Khan – Director	Niche acknowledged their submission and thanked them for their contributions.
Long Gully Cultural Services Ethan Trewlynn	Hi Oli, As being on site I believe we should open that pit up more and maybe have other pits set up due to the location of where the artefacts were previously found. Kind regards, Ethan	Niche acknowledged their submission and thanked them for their contributions. RAPS were advised during the site visit and in the methodology and draft report mailout that the results of the

RAP	Comment made	Response from Niche
		test excavation have demonstrated both sites have limited spatial extents and complexity with limited potential for further research. The salvage methodology will only focus on recovering artefacts from Commercial Road AFT 2 (AHIMS ID# 45-5-5671) as the results of previous testing and the survey program has determined that remaining portions of the site have either been too heavily disturbed by historic subsurface impacts to hold potential for intact Aboriginal objects to occur.
Justine Coplin Darug Custodian Aboriginal Corporation	Warami Our group is a non- profit organisation that has been active for over forty years in Western Sydney, we are a Dharug community group with over three hundred members. The main aim in our constitution is the care of Dharug sites, places, wildlife and to promote our culture and provide education on the Dharug history. This 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 Dharug 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 Dharug group for the past 40 plus years. There are so many sites in this area as well as axe grinding groves, 1000s of artefacts were collected where the shopping centre is now, when the lite rail [metro] was being built there was a site in front of the heritage house that was a huge amount of micro artefact. Jo Mac Donald and KNC.	Niche acknowledges that several RAP groups have recommended that recovered artefacts be reburied on Country where feasible. The feasibility of on-site burial is currently under consideration by Health Infrastructure NSW and will be formalised during ongoing consultation including a pending Care Agreement that will need to be

RAP	Comment made	Response from Niche
	Artefacts found on this site, once analysed should be reburied on site. the hole should be excavated by machine to be able to get it deep enough, all artefacts should be removed from all plastic, wrapped in paper bark, placed in the ground so overtime they can return to Country. have Dharug Community should be involved in the reburial . yanu Justine	reached to arrange for long-term artefact management. Justine's recommendations regarding the wrapping of artefacts in paperbark (and not within Ziploc bags) before reburial have been noted. NSW Environment and Heritage were subsequently contacted to verify the suitability of this in respect to Requirement 26 ('Stone artefact disposition and storage') in the Code of Practice who confirmed that this alternative arrangement could be arranged if requested by RAPs. Justine was contacted by phone to provide this advice and confirm that it would be included in the proposed approach to be sent to RAPs for comment. Justine's comments have been added to the assessment of social/cultural value in Section 7.5.3.

On 15 April 2025, the updated draft ACHA report was submitted to RAPs for review. The updated ACHA report included details of the updated Subject Area extent to incorporate the Metro Pathway Area and included a copy of the draft salvage methodology for RAP comment. The report had been redrafted at the time in order to submit it as part of a broader REF submission seeking an AHIP to cover preliminary site establishment works. A copy of the salvage methodology and all RAP correspondence is included in Appendix 1 and Appendix 2. The final date for providing comments was noted as 13 May 2025.

Several RAPS provided comments on the updated draft report which are detailed below in Table 18.

Table 18: Comments received during the April-May 2025 draft ACHA review period

RAP	Comment made	Response from Niche
Darleen Johnson Murra Bidgee Mullangari Aboriginal Corporation	"HI Carly I have read the project information and ACHA methodology for the above project, I endorse the recommendations. Kind regards"	Niche acknowledged their submission and thanked them for their contributions.
Kayne Moreton Deerubbin Local Aboriginal Land Council	"Is there any way i could get the report or a link to the report please? Kind regards, Kayne Moreton"	Niche sent through a copy of the report as requested.
Phil Boney Wailwan Aboriginal Group	"Hi Carly, Thankyou for contacting Wailwan Aboriginal Group, Can you attach a copy of the Draft ACHA for us to review and provide commentary upon? Thanks, Phil."	Niche sent through a copy of the report as requested.
Kaarina Slater Ngambaa Cultural Connections	"On behalf of ngambaa cultural connections I would like to confirm I have received the update report I will assess no further comments at this stage Kind regards "	Niche acknowledged their submission and thanked them for their contributions.
Dean Delponte Mundawari Heritage Consultants	"Hi Carly, Thank you for providing the detailed salvage excavation methodology, associated procedures and recommendations for the New Rouse Hill Hospital ACHA. We've reviewed the information and are satisfied with the proposed approach, including the methodology for excavation and the procedures for unexpected finds and human remains. We support the continued consultation with RAPs as outlined, including the finalisation of the ACHA and regular project updates. We would also like to confirm our interest in being actively involved in the salvage excavation.	"Good morning Dean, Many thanks for your detailed response to the updated report and methodology- its much appreciated! We will note that you support the repatriation option as well and look forward to hearing

RAP	Comment made	Response from Niche
	Regarding the long-term management of Aboriginal objects, our preference is for Option 2 – the repatriation of artefacts to Country, as we believe this is the most culturally respectful and appropriate outcome. Please let me know if you require anything further. Kind regards,"	back from community if this is the preferred method of approach. Warm regards, "
Amanda Hickey Amanda Hickey Cultural Services	"Hi Carly Thank you for your email AHCS Amanda Hickey Cultural Services Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit (AHIP) Thank you Amanda hickey AHCS"	Niche acknowledged their submission and thanked them for their contributions.

On 9 June 2025, an updated draft ACHA report was submitted to RAPs for review. The updated ACHA report included minor updates to the report to detail the progress with project approvals as well as a draft of the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Plan for the project which was included as Appendix 5 of the ACHA. The report had been redrafted at the time in order to submit the report as part of the Proponent's SSDA submission. A copy of the ACHMP is provided in Appendix 5 and all RAP correspondence is included in Appendix 1 and Appendix 2. The final date for providing comments was noted as 8 July 2025.

Several RAPS provided comments on the updated draft report which are detailed below in Table 18.

Table 19: Comments received during the June-July 2025 draft ACHA review period

RAP	Comment made	Response from Niche
Phil Boney Wailwan Aboriginal Group	"Hey Carly Phil here, I agree with the project so far and awaiting for further updates on this project and as always a short term care of artefacts if found should be returned to the finished project site (offset land) for repatriation burial Thank you for your email regarding this project Regards Phil Boney"	Niche acknowledged their submission, noted the support for a rebuiral and thanked them for their contributions.
Kaarina Slater	"On behalf of Ngambaa Cultural connections I would like to register my expression of interest for the New Rouse Hill Hospital project Kind regards	Niche acknowledged their submission and thanked them for their contributions.

Ngambaa Cultural Connections	Kaarina Slater"	
Carolyn Hickey A1 Indigenous Services	"Good morning Carly, I hope this email finds you well. I have reviewed the document and I must express my disappointment with Niche's engagement teams. I find it very upsetting that Niche has decided to hire only males onsite, excluding women from participating in fieldwork. Going forward, I would like Niche to commit to improving their relations with Indigenous women in this industry. It is important to commit to equality in the workplace, ensuring that we are hiring equal amounts of males and females on future projects. This is a standard that has been adopted by many archaeology firms, and I hope we can count on Niche joining this movement. Could you please forward this email to your senior management team? Thank you for your assistance in this matter. I appreciate your consideration and look forward to seeing positive changes in your hiring practices. Warm regards, Carolyn Hickey"	"Hi Carolyn, I was sorry to receive your email but hoping you might be able to provide some more details so I can understand it a bit further. There has been quite a lot of women joining us out in the field on this project so not sure if your email is to do with Rouse Hill hospital or perhaps another job? I can track down a list of attendees to confirm who joined us during the site visits if it may help or else the list of names should also be in the report in section 3 with other consultation details. Warm regards," Niche also provided a copy of Table 16 of this report which lists the RAP representatives who participated in fieldwork for the project.
Carolyn Hickey A1 Indigenous Services	"Hi Carly, I hope this email finds you well and that my message isn't taken the wrong way. I don't mean to cause any upset. I was discussing this project with a couple of other female RAPs, and we noticed that the 2023 test excavations were exclusively staffed by men. We talked about it and agreed that I should follow up with an email. With 26 years of experience in this field, I have consistently advocated for the inclusion of women in various aspects of archaeological work, not only site inspections, surveys, but also test	"Hi Carolyn, Ah that makes sense now I can see what you mean now with the test excavation having only been attended by men. Actually the test excavation work was

	excavations. Historically, men have predominantly been selected for these roles, and I have had to be a voice for women to emphasize the importance of equality in the workplace, ..and it has been a fight! It is crucial for archaeological firms to recognize that we are working on Indigenous land and one meaningful way to honor this is by ensuring that our Indigenous women are equally included in all test excavations. My intention is not to create negativity but to highlight a situation that warrants attention and improvement in this industry. If Niche has already adopted this procedure since 2023, promoting Indigenous business equality on their work sites, then I apologize for any disruption my email may have caused. Thank you for your understanding. Best regards,"	completed by a different company called Urbis so we haven't had any control over this. Niche is very keen to ensure that we have an inclusive workplace and as you can see with our survey work generally all projects are going to engage both male and female participants as long as interested parties reach out. Your comments are always really welcome so I hope you didn't feel that it was going to be regarded poorly- we agree its always important to raise issues and make sure we hold each other to account to get the best results for everyone involved (as much as possible!) Thanks as always for your input in the project planning,
Jesse Johnson Muragadi	"Hi Carly I have read the project information, ACHA, and ACHMP for the above project, and I agree with the recommendations. I would also like to see the artefacts collected be put on display in schools around the project area and/or in museums. Thanks"	Niche acknowledged their submission and thanked them for their contributions. Niche also requested suggestions for schools or museums to display the artefacts collected.
Phil Khan	"Hi Carly, Hope you have been well.	Niche acknowledged their submission and

Kamilaroi-Yankuntjatjara Working Group	Thank you for your ACHA and ACHMP for New Rouse Hill Hospital, we agree and support your recommendations and recommend reburial. We look forward to working alongside you on this project. Kinds Regards"	thanked them for their contributions.

3.4.1 Review of preliminary draft Aboriginal cultural heritage assessment report by other nominated parties

During the RAP review period, HI have undertaken additional consultation with Julie Jones Webb (Dharug custodian and Rouse Hill Hospital Development Project team member), Christopher Tobin (Dharug custodian and Rouse Hill Hospital Development Project team member) with additional input and advice from Nicole Winters (Western Sydney Local Health District).

A Cultural Day for the Rouse Hill Hospital was held on 26 September 2024 facilitated by Christopher Tobin and Julie Jones Webb. During the Cultural Day, Christopher and Julie discussed the significance of the local area to Aboriginal communities and spoke of the ties that Aboriginal people have always had to the Country. A copy of the draft ACHA was provided for their review and input (noting that Julie had previously received a copy by email as an existing RAP).

In response, Christoper Tobin expressed concerns about which parties were being engaged on the project.

To address these issues raised, a planning meeting was held on 13 November 2024 with representatives from the Western Health LHD, Health Infrastructure, Niche, TSA Riley as well as Julie Jones Webb and Christopher Tobin. Several comments were provided during the meeting as summarised below.

Table 20: Summary of comments and responses to draft ACHA report provided during teams meeting on 13 November 2024

Discussion topic	RAP/ Aboriginal custodian comment	Response
Engagement in the consultation process	Julie felt like it is a quite traumatic experience and believe they come in too late to the process. It then becomes difficult to engage.	Niche acknowledged that the process which was undertaken was adopted in accordance with current regulations however understands that it can leave Dharug custodians feeling that the wrong parties have been engaged.
	Chris feels that he is stretched really thin due to other commitments so would have limited capacity to be involved.	Niche recognised that we would wish to provide him the opportunity as much as possible however recognises that he may be constrained in this.

	Julie feels that the consultation is not a culturally safe place. She advocated for stronger advocacy within legislative frameworks to improve processes.	Niche acknowledges that the consultation process requires further development as it can make many parties feeling that their input has been devalued or overlooked. Niche reached out to Julie privately to ask how we could be engaging in a more culturally appropriate and safe manner.
	Chris appreciates the legislation but would like to build on making sure that the right custodians are engaged.	Niche recognises that more can be done to ensure that the weight of advice provided by Dharug custodians for some particularly sensitive issues such as fieldwork and artefact management should be greater due to their cultural ties to the Country. Niche acknowledged the feedback, reiterating their organisational commitment to respecting traditional custodians as primary advisors. Niche further emphasised that engaging with the right cultural stakeholders is a standard practice and critical for the project.
Long-term artefact management	Julie asked that the artefacts be returned to Country and that any ceremonies should be a private affair led by traditional custodians.	Niche supports this approach if it is the wish of community members however, we are required to undertake certain actions depending on the course of action chosen. If a burial is undertaken, the location must be registered on AHIMS and certain documentation undertaken however the process can be largely determined by Aboriginal stakeholders. In the event that the artefacts are passed on to a keeping place or for public display, a Care and Control Agreement would be required.
	Julie stressed the importance of involving knowledge holders or custodians onsite during recovery	Niche shared personal experience with a similar project in Dharawal Country, highlighting the

	to perform necessary ceremonies or rituals, given the cultural sensitivity of artifact recovery.	importance of respecting custodians' wishes regarding artefacts and that the procedure taken can depart from the Code of Practice regulations in some areas based on a specific RAP request. Niche advised that the majority of consulted RAPs expressed their recommendation for artefacts to remain on Country. A list of Dharug community members that Julie recommends should be invited to any future artefact reburial (should this occur) was provided in March 2025 and has been included in Appendix 1 and Appendix 2.
	Julie suggested the Parramatta Gaol as a keeping place. Or the hospital could work to have some on display.	Niche supports either approach and has included this in the proposed long-term artefact management approach (Section 10) to include a possibility of either scenario.
	Julie stated that the traditional custodians should have the final say in where the artefacts are going.	Niche welcomes the input from all RAPs and will provide this feedback to all parties however agrees that the final say on the location for artefacts should be determined by custodial-RAPs.

During the meeting, Julie and Christopher indicated that they would nominate a list of Darug custodians who they feel should be consulted and be engaged in any future reburials. The list of nominated individuals has been provided in March 2025 and recorded in Appendix 1 and Appendix 2.

4 Archaeological context

4.1 Aboriginal Heritage Impact Management System (AHIMS)

An extensive search of the Aboriginal Heritage Impact Management System (AHIMS) register was carried out on 27 May 2024 (AHIMS Client ID# 895649) and 24 January 2025. The combined search area encompassed GDA Zone 56 Eastings: 305986 – 308760 and Northings: 6268789 - 6271654 comprising a minimum 1 km buffer around the Subject Area.

A total of 92 Aboriginal cultural heritage sites have been previously recorded within the extent of the combined search area. A copy of the AHIMS extensive search results is provided in Appendix 3.

The most common site features observed are artefacts associated with open sites (n=64 or 70%) including both isolated finds and artefact scatters. The next most common site features are Potential Archaeological Deposits (PADs) (n=12 or 13%) and artefact(s) and PAD (n=7 or 8%). Open sites containing artefact(s) and grinding grooves (n=1 or 2%) was the next most common site feature. Only one modified tree (carved or scarred) was identified and only one closed site comprising a shelter with art and artefact(s) was identified as rare site types for the local region.

RH/CD 3 Rouse Hill_Historic (AHIMS ID# 45-5-0907) was identified as a site associated with Aboriginal ceremony and dreaming features however has been reassessed as 'Not a site'.

The summary in Table 21 provides an indication of the site features associated with known registered AHIMS Aboriginal cultural heritage sites within the regional context of the Subject Area.

Table 21: Summary of site features identified within the AHIMS search area

Site features	Total	Percentage
Aboriginal ceremony and dreaming	1	1%
Aboriginal resource and gathering	1	1%
Artefact(s)	64	70%
Artefact(s) and engraving	1	1%
Artefact(s) and grinding groove	2	2%
Artefact(s) and PAD	7	8%
Grinding groove	1	1%
Grinding groove and water hole	1	1%
Modified tree (carved or scarred)	1	1%

Site features	Total	Percentage
PAD	12	13%
Shelter with art and artefact(s)	1	1%
Total	**92**	**100%**

There are two registered AHIMS recorded within the Subject Area (Table 22). The locations of identified AHIMS Aboriginal cultural heritage sites are provided in Figure 6. Relevant site card records are provided in Appendix 4.

Table 22: AHIMS within the Subject Area

AHIMS ID	Site name	Site type	Site context	Site status	Location	Site features
45-5-5669	Commercial Road AFT 1	Artefact scatter	Open site	Valid	Situated in the central portion of the Subject Area	Artefact scatter including sub-surface artefacts salvaged from test excavation in January 2023
45-5-5671	Commercial Road AFT 2	Artefact scatter	Open site	Valid	Situated in the south-eastern portion of the Subject Area	Artefact scatter including sub-surface artefacts salvaged from test excavation in January 2023

The details of these AHIMS sites within the Subject Area are included below.

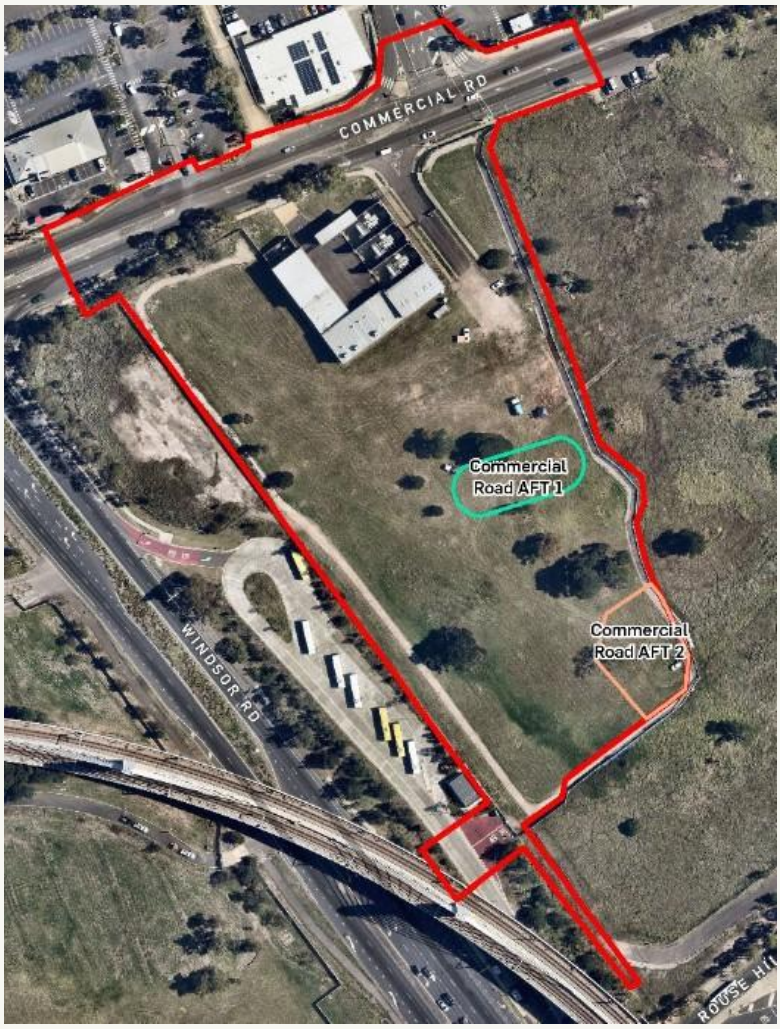

Plate 2: Site extent of Commercial Road AFT 1 (AHIMS ID# 45-5-5669) and Commercial Road AFT 2 (AHIMS ID# 45-5-5671) within the current Subject Area as detailed in Urbis (2023b:45)

4.1.1.1 Commercial Road AFT 1 (AHIMS ID# 45-5-5669)

Commercial Road AFT 1 (AHIMS ID# 45-5-5669) is a low-density artefact scatter situated within the central portion of the Subject Area (Plate 2) in an area of mid-slope. The site is associated with two test pits excavated to approximately 50 centimetres (cm) (A7) and 30 cm (B3) both situated on a mid-slope of a wide spur traversing the Subject Area. Two artefacts were recovered from the test pits, both of which were identified in the first spit. A silcrete medial flake was recovered from A7 (spit 1) and a small chert core was recovered from B3 (spit 1). Test pit A7 was found to contain a moderately deep, intact soil profile whereas test pit B7 appeared to be truncated and disturbed. Urbis concluded that both artefacts are likely to have been moved from their original position due to historical disturbance of the upper soil profile (Urbis 2023b:42). They determined that the extent of the artefact deposit was likely revealed during the test program (being a low-intensity deposit) and that no further testing of the deposit would be warranted. At present, the site is still listed as 'Valid' in AHIMS.

4.1.1.2 Commercial Road AFT 2 (AHIMS ID# 45-5-5671)

Commercial Road AFT 2 (AHIMS ID# 45-5-5671) is a medium-density artefact scatter situated within the southern portion of the Subject Area (Plate 2) in an area of lower slope. The site is associated with two test pits (C8 and C10) inclusive of an expansion of C8. Amongst the six test squares, a total of 23 artefacts were recovered comprising predominantly silcrete flake fragments and debitage. Their location is identified in Figure 8 and Plate 14. The highest concentration of artefacts was recovered from spit 2 (13 artefacts) and spit 4 (six artefacts). Amongst test pits associated with this site, no artefacts were recovered from the first spit.

The extended phase 2 excavation of the site continued to produce Aboriginal objects and indicates that the full extent of the archaeological deposit has not been revealed. Urbis (2023b) therefore concluded that further investigation in the form of an archaeological salvage excavation would be warranted.

4.2 AHIMS limitations

There are several limitations to the AHIMS dataset. These limitations include the following:

- The status of the registered sites, whereby the status of the current site does not match the AHIMS database.
- Some datum and locational errors within the AHIMS dataset – particularly of sites with *loci*.
- Sites are presented as point data, not polygons, so site extents of PADs and large scatters are not conveyed.
- Sites that have not been registered in AHIMS.

4.3 Other registers

In addition to AHIMS, searches of the World Heritage Database, the Commonwealth Heritage List, the National Heritage List, the State Heritage Register, the State Heritage Inventory, The Hills LEP 2019 and The Hills DCP 2013 were conducted on 31 May 2024 and 24 January 2025. Table 23 presents a summary of these findings.

Table 23: Listed heritage items in proximity to the Subject Area

Heritage register	Items in the Subject Area	Items within 1 km of the Subject Area
World Heritage Database	None	Nil
Commonwealth Heritage List	None	Nil
National Heritage List	None	Nil
State Heritage Register	None	– SHR # 5045331 Merriville House and gardens – SHR #5045488 Royal Oak Inn (Former)
Schedule 5 of the LEP	None	– LEP# A24 Queens Arms Inn site – LEP# I28 Windsor Road from Baulkham Hills to Box Hill – LEP# I30 Merriville Rise Park – LEP# I31 Merriville House and gardens – LEP# I32 Place- Battle of Vinegar Hill[1] – LEP# I104 Lintbrae House – LEP# I182 Rouse Hill Cemetery – LEP# I183 Mungerie – LEP# I184 Aberdoon House – LEP# I185 Royal Oak Inn (Former) – LEP# I187 Christchurch – LEP# I189 Private Burial Ground

As identified in Table 24, a number of historic heritage items were identified within 1 km of the Subject Area. None of these items are located within the Subject Area and therefore will not be directly impacted by the proposed works.

Extent Heritage have undertaken a historical assessment of the Subject Area including the development of a Statement of Heritage Impact and a Baseline Historical Archaeological Assessment to discuss the potential impacts to historic heritage items of the Project. It should be noted that a historical heritage assessment is outside the scope of this report.

[1] The historic heritage item is a placemarker to commemorate the Battle of Vinegar Hill however does not denote the actual battle ground site.

Table 24: Listed heritage items within 1 km of the Subject Area (with descriptions from Godden Mackay Logan 2010)

Number	Name	Description	Distance from Subject Area
SHR # 5045488 LEP# I185	Royal Oak Inn (Former)	Early colonial coaching inn from the 1820-40s and one of the colony's earliest licensed premises.	Directly adjacent to the Subject Area to the north
LEP# A24	Queens Arms Inn site	Inn was built in 1829 and listed on the State Heritage Register.	360 m to the north
LEP# I187	Christchurch	A single-story church built c. 1863 with local historic value.	530 m to the north
LEP# I28	Windsor Road from Baulkham Hills to Box Hill	Historically-significant road and culvert situated between Box Hill and Seven Hills Road.	30 m to the west
LEP# I104	Lintbrae House	Historic residence	990 m to the east
LEP# I182	Rouse Hill Cemetery	Cemetery started in 1874 with local historic and aesthetic significance.	770 m to the north
LEP# I184	Aberdoon House	Single-story residence and outbuildings built in 1887 with local historic value.	680 m to the north
LEP# I189	Private Burial Ground	Burial ground of three Irish rebels who fought in the Battle of Vinegar Hill (Colin Gale pers. comms. 2024).	620 m to the north
LEP# I183	Mungerie	Single-story residence from the 1890s with local historic significance.	680 m to the south
SHR # 5045331 LEP# I31	Merriville House and gardens	Residence and gardens associated with the Pearce family having visual and social connections to Box Hill and Rouse Hill houses.	980 m to the south
LEP# I30	Merriville Rise Park	Recreation reserve with connection to the Merrillville House and gardens.	1 km to the south
LEP# I32	Place- Battle of Vinegar Hill	Memorial situated within the Castlebroook Cemetery commemorates the Battle of Vinegar Hill, an important early military battle with historic and social significance. The historic heritage item is a placemarker to	480 m to the south

Number	Name	Description	Distance from Subject Area
		commemorate the Battle of Vinegar Hill however does not denote the actual battle ground site.	

4.3.1 AHIP register

A search was conducted of the AHIP public register on 31 May 2024 and 24 January 2025, covering the 2010-2025 period. It was determined that no AHIPs have been registered over the current Subject Area or immediate surrounds.

The closest AHIP (ID# 5006) was issued for potential impacts to CR01+PAD (AHIMS ID# 45-5-5529) an open site containing artefact(s) and PAD and CR-AS-01 (AHIMS ID# 45-5-5596) an open site containing artefact(s). Both sites are situated approximately 150 m to the northeast of the Subject Area. The AHIP Application Area extends north of Commercial Road with no overlap with the current Subject Area.

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Access to this redacted content may be provided on request to Niche where appropriate.

4.4 Previous regional heritage and archaeological assessments

It is generally accepted that Aboriginal occupation of Australia dates back at least 50,000 years (Allen and O'Connell 2003), and the eastern coast of Australia has been inhabited for at least 30,000 years. Archaeological sites from Parramatta, the Blue Mountains and the Hawkesbury/Nepean River System represent some of the earliest evidence of occupation, with the oldest date generally considered to be reliable for the earliest occupation coming from excavations at Parramatta, where archaeological material has been dated to 30,735 ± 407 BP (McDonald 2005; McDonald 2007). Early evidence of Aboriginal occupation on the southeast coast of Australia is approximately 17,000 years (Bowdler 1970). Along the NSW coast, the present sea level was attained between 7,900 and 7,700 cal. yr. BP, and continued to rise to between 1 and 1.5 metres between 7,700 and 7,400 cal. yr. BP. This was followed by a sea-level high stand that lasted until about 2,000 cal. yr. BP followed by a gradual fall to its present position (Sloss et al. 2007).

The Cumberland Plain has been the focus of intense archaeological research both for research purposes and in response to development proposals. Rouse Hill and surrounding areas have garnered particular interest in recent years owing to the region's rapid urban development. Within the Cumberland Plain, the oldest known artefact assemblages occur within sand bodies and alluvium associated with the Hawkesbury and Parramatta Rivers where evidence for human occupation extends c. 30, 000 years or more (White 2018). Notable sites include Parramatta RTA-G1, Pitt Town PT12, the Windsor Museum site and the Cranebrook Formation CT11 (White 2018).

Regional studies provide further detail on understanding occupation and material use within the regional context and have provided further insight into the lives of communities who relied on the resources of the Cumberland Plain woodlands and plains. One model that has been developed for the Cumberland Plains is a 'distance-decay model' which is based on a perceived correlation between artefact assemblages and the varying distance of sites from the regionally significant Plumpton Ridge silcrete quarry (Barry 2005 and Jo McDonald CHM 2006b).

One study of particular interest to the region was undertaken by Owen and Cowie (2017) who compared four predictive models to describe Aboriginal open artefact site patterning within the Cumberland Plain. Owen and Cowie argued that archaeological investigations of areas within the Cumberland Plains tend to extensively use predictive modelling as a primary investigative tool due to the general absence of surface-based archaeology and the widely noted findings of McDonald and Rich (1993) and White and McDonald (2010) who showed that observable surface expressions of archaeology do not correspond with the subsurface extent of materials. Three of the key models discussed in Owen and Cowie (2017) are detailed below.

White and McDonald 2010 – Stream Order Model

White and McDonald (2010) present topographic and stream order models for stone artefact density and distribution. They propose that terraces and lower slopes, associated with fourth- and second-order streams, exhibit higher artefact densities, especially when situated within 50-100 metres from fourth-order streams. While artefacts may still be present, upper slopes exhibited sparse, discontinuous artefact distributions. In summary, the following predictive statements are made by White and McDonald (2010:36).

- Stream order–higher order streams tend to have higher densities and more continuous distributions of artefacts associated with them than lower order streams.
- Landform–higher artefact densities occur on terraces and lower slopes, with sparse discontinuous lithic artefact scatters on upper slopes.
- Aspect–higher artefact densities occur on landforms facing north and northeast, on lower slopes associated with larger streams.
- Distance from water–higher artefact densities occur 51–100 m from fourth-order streams and within 50 metres of second-order streams.

Owen and Cowie 2017 – Economic Resource and Activity Overprinting Models

Owen and Cowie's (2017) predictive modelling builds upon White and McDonald's (2010) Stream Order Model and presents the Economic Resource and Activity Overprinting Models with reference to the Cumberland Plains. Similar consideration has also been made by Beth White (2018) in reference to several sites on the Cumberland Plains including sites at Parramatta, Kellyville, Rouse Hill, East Leppington and Austral.

The Economic Resource Model (Kohen 1986) suggests that assessment of economic zones (areas rich in resources – e.g. creeks, animal feeding areas), ecotones (e.g. junctions between different ecosystems) and landscape texture (e.g. surface, geology and landform) can assist with predicting the potential for locating Aboriginal sites and artefacts. Specifically, it is proposed that evidence of Aboriginal activities is most likely to be located on a landform exhibiting texture changes and ecotone "within, adjacent to and around an economic zone" (Owen and Cowie 2017:4).

The Activity Overprinting Model (as developed by Baker 2000) attempts to explain the presence and absence of artefact densities and complexities at increasing distances from a creek or another area of 'environmental focus'. The model was deployed in interpreting the results of a salvage excavation undertaken approximately 1.3 km to the south of the current Subject Area on the proposed Mungerie Park Town Centre (AMBS 2000).

In further consideration of Baker's model, the following designations have been made by Owen and Cowie (2017:6):

- Complex zone—near an environmental focus. In this zone, overlapping knapping and other activity concentrations are present due to repeated occupation and use of the area.
- Dispersed zone—where knapping concentrations and activity areas are spatially discrete. This is the product of less frequent activity areas some distance from an environmental focus, or the positioning of activities that had to be conducted away from the primary residence or other activities.
- Sparse zone—a consistently low-density distribution of artefacts likely resulting from discard in the context of use or loss, rather than manufacture.
- Beyond the sparse zone—archaeological evidence was found in low-density scatters that may not be consistently identified by subsurface testing.

4.5 Previous local heritage assessments

Numerous Aboriginal heritage studies have been conducted within Rouse Hill and surrounding suburbs, in particular since 2000 resulting from the rapid urban development of the region. From these assessments, the data suggests that Aboriginal occupation was prevalent within the region, with a number of Aboriginal cultural heritage sites and areas of archaeological potential being identified across a range of landforms. A summary of the most relevant heritage assessments and reports undertaken within proximity to the Subject Area, or in the direct context of the Subject Area is provided in Table 25.

An ACHA has previously been conducted by Urbis (2023b) covering the entirety of the Subject Area as part of an SSD application for the project (see below for further details). As part of the assessment, a test excavation program was undertaken within areas of the least disturbance. A total of 32 test pits were excavated over seven days in January 2023 according to a two-stage program. Initial test pits were spaced at 20 m intervals along four transects.

During the second phase, an expansion of test pit C8 in the southeast of the study area was undertaken due to the number of recovered artefacts identified in this test pit. This expansion included three additional test pits at 10 m spacing and four additional test pits at cardinal locations to C8. During the phase 2 expansion, a further 10 artefacts were recovered, thus providing a total of 15 artefacts across the combined locations in the south-east. This location corresponds to site Commercial Road AFT 2 (AHIMS ID# 45-5-5671). Amongst the three pits expanded at 10 m spacing, only the test pit to the south contained any artefacts (2 in total) suggesting a limited spatial extent of the artefact scatter.

Two artefacts were also recovered from two test pits in the central portion of the study area. These two test pits correspond to the location of Commercial Road AFT 1 (AHIMS ID# 45-5-5669) which comprises a spatially broader, less complex artefact scatter. Urbis (2023b) also detailed that though one of the test pits retained a moderately deep, intact soil profile, the other appeared truncated and disturbed. They concluded that it was highly likely that the artefacts recovered were not in situ due to historic disturbance (Urbis 2023b:42). Imported fill material and truncated soil profiles were observed amongst the test pits excavated in the north of the Subject Area. A general trend of increased soil depth and decreased evidence of disturbance was observed downslope towards the south of the study area. Urbis (2023b) concluded that this may indicate the movement of soils by mechanical or erosional processes and may, by inference, reduce the intactness of the deposits identified in the south.

Table 25: Previous heritage assessments conducted in the context of the Subject Area

Author	Date	Proximity to Subject Area	Title
Within the Subject Area			
Urbis	2023a	Wholly within the Subject Area	***Rouse Hill Hospital, Rouse Hill, NSW, Darug Country: Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment*** During the initial phase of the SSD application for the Rouse Hill Hospital, an ACHA including a survey and test excavation program was undertaken within the current Subject Area. Key findings of the study included: – The field study concluded that portions of the study area in the north and west had been heavily disturbed due to previous road construction and a substation. Ground disturbance within the remainder of the study was relatively limited comprising some surface disturbance associated with previous land use (agricultural use and as fairways and greens of a golf course). – A moderate to high potential for surface and sub-surface artefact scatters and isolated finds. As the potential impacts on these artefacts could not be avoided, a test excavation program was proposed to determine the nature and extent of the deposit present. – During the staged test excavation program (stages 1 and 2), a total of 25 stone artefacts were recovered from 32 test pits. – A low-density artefact scatter was identified in the centre of the study area consisting of two artefacts recovered from two test pits and was subsequently recorded in AHIMS as site Commercial Road AFT 1 (45-5-5669). A denser artefact scatter was identified in the south in a disturbed area of lower slopes. The artefact scatter comprised 23 artefacts recovered from 6 test pits and was subsequently registered in AHIMS as Commercial Road AFT 2 (AHIMS ID# 45-5-5671). – Evidence of previous disturbance within the study area was confirmed during the test excavation consisting of truncated and eroded soil profiles. – The results of the ACHA and test excavation concluded that the study area has a low social and cultural value to the Aboriginal community as part of the broader cultural landscape. The scientific significance

			was also regarded to be low due to the common site type (low-density artefact scatters). Urbis (2023a) concluded that an ACHMP should be developed to manage the archaeological resources present and should include a methodology for a salvage excavation of Commercial Road AFT 2 (AHIMS ID# 45-5-5671). A draft ACHMP was subsequently developed however was not submitted to RAPs pending further progress in the approvals process.
Beth White and Jo McDonald	2010	Rouse Hill	***Lithic artefact distribution in the Rouse Hill Development Area, Cumberland Plain, NSW.*** A systematic review of artefact distribution and density across the Rouse Hill Development Area (RHDA) was undertaken in response to the dense concentration of test excavation projects undertaken within open sites across the township. The study identified that due to the broad and dense occurrence of artefacts across a range of tested areas, most of the RHDA could be regarded as a cultural landscape. The study concluded a number of key findings, including: – The most common site features across the Cumberland Plain are artefacts occurring in open contexts. – Topographic and stream order variables were found to correlate with artefact density and distribution with higher artefact densities and more continuous artefact distributions occurring in association with larger creeks. – High artefact concentrations are likely to be the result of high artefact discard activities and/or intensive stone-knapping techniques. – The landforms with the highest artefact densities were terraces and lower slopes associated with second and fourth-order streams. In particular, higher artefact densities tended to occur between 51-100 m from fourth-order streams and within 50 m of second-order streams. There also appeared to be a preference for slightly elevated, well-drained locations in the lower parts of valleys. – Upper slopes were found to contain artefacts however mostly in the form of sparse, discontinuous artefact distributions. White and McDonald (2010) suggested that this patterning may in part reflect the erosion of soils from upper slopes and the deposition of transported sediment into lower slope areas however their analysis of artefact densities across two sites concluded, on the basis of an absence of correlation between profile depth and artefact density, that it is not wholly responsible. – Creek flats were found to have fairly low artefact densities (contrary to earlier occupation models) and this was forwarded as potentially being a result of those areas being low-lying and less well-drained and/or the result of their greater exposure to flooding. – In terms of access to freshwater, their systematic study found that most contexts associated with first-order streams consisted of low artefact densities. – The aspect was found to influence artefact density within lower slope areas associated with larger streams, with the highest concentrations found on landscapes facing north and northeast. – The distance from silcrete sources did not appear to have influenced artefact distribution.

In proximity to the Subject Area			
Apex Archaeology	2022	3 km to the northwest	***184-194 Guntawong Road, Rouse Hill, NSW: Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report.*** An ACHA including a survey and test excavation program was undertaken to assess the potential impacts to Aboriginal cultural heritage resulting from a proposed residential subdivision. During an initial AHIMS search, two sites were found within the study area, the first comprised a scarred tree and the second contained a PAD. The test excavation revealed that the PAD site contained a very low-density subsurface artefact deposit comprising 2 artefacts across a total of 7 test pits. The registered scarred tree was also assessed as not exhibiting any evidence of cultural modification and therefore the site card was updated to list the status as 'not valid'. The assessment concluded with a recommendation to apply for an AHIP to permit impact within the PAD site.
Archaeological Management and Consulting Group & Streat Archaeological Services Pty Ltd	2019	10 km to the west	***Lot 2889 DP1230906 Marsden Park New Primary School Corner of Northbourne Drive (east) and proposed future road (north), Elara Estate, Marsden Park, NSW (Blacktown LGA): Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment.*** An ACHA including a field survey was undertaken to assess the potential impacts to Aboriginal cultural heritage resulting from a proposed new school development at Marsden Park. The assessment was undertaken to support an SSD application and is significant to the present study for the detailed regional predictive modelling that was developed for the project. Significant predictions associated with the predictive model include: – First-order streams will likely contain sparse archaeological evidence and represent little more than background scatter. – The upper and middle reaches of second-order streams are likely to contain sparse archaeological evidence however have focused activities (for instance, isolated camps or single-episode knapping floors). The lower reaches of second-order streams, conversely, would likely contain evidence of frequent occupation including repeated occupation by small groups, knapping floors and evidence of concentrated activities. – Sites associated with major fourth-order creeks would contain evidence of more permanent or repeated occupation with sites being highly complex and potentially, well-stratified. – Creek junctions are likely to provide foci for site activity with confluences involving higher-order streams likely to have the highest concentration of evidence. – Ridge top locations are likely to contain limited archaeological evidence however isolated knapping floors or evidence of one-off camps may be identified.

Comber Consultants	2015	1.1 km to the south	***North West Rail Link Project Kellyville Station Priority Precinct Rezoning Proposal: Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment*** An ACHA was undertaken to assess the potential impacts to Aboriginal cultural heritage resulting from a proposed rezoning of the Kellyville Station Priority Precinct. The study area extended approximately 437 ha and included areas proposed for transport infrastructure as well as associated urban development including residential and commercial properties and community infrastructure and services. During the background reporting for the project, it was identified that much of the Kellyville area had been used initially for grazing and agricultural purposes. The site patterning identified in the review of AHIMS sites occurring within the study area was found to support the predictive model developed by McDonald (2002), with sites concentrated in the vicinity of second-and third-order creeks with the highest site densities occurring in the vicinity of the confluence of Caddies, Strangers and Elizabeth Macarthur Creeks. As part of the Aboriginal consultation undertaken for the project, the assessment identified that the Kellyville precinct was considered to be a significant cultural landscape. The RAPs engaged in the project required that individual assessments be undertaken for any subsequent development proposal associated with the project and that each development be provided with specific management recommendations.
Bobbie Oakley and Associates Heritage Consultants	2007	1.5 km to the east	***Indigenous Heritage Assessment Proposed Potable, Recycled and Wastewater Pipelines North Kellyville NSW*** An archaeological assessment was undertaken in response to a proposed pipeline project within North Kellyville. The project was conducted with Aboriginal community consultation and included a survey along the proposed pipeline route including areas along Smalls, Cattai and Second Pond Creeks. The survey program resulted in the identification of two open artefact scatters, one isolated find, three possible scarred trees and 15 PADs. A geomorphological investigation of the study areas confirmed that all 15 PADs had the potential to contain subsurface archaeological deposits. None of the 15 PADs, however, were proposed for impacts as part of the pipeline route. Within the Smalls Creek portion of the study area (situated approximately 1.5 km to the east), the surveyed area was recorded as including colluvial debris of the Hawkesbury Soil Landscape extended toward the margin of the stream where it likely mixed with floodplain and possibly terrace alluvium. Approximately 50% of the floodplain/colluvial foot slope was determined to have been subject to previous soil/sand extraction. Nonetheless, any intact sections of the study area along Smalls Creek were determined to have the potential to contain PAD (2007:16).

Kelleher Nightingale Consultants	2010	120 m to the west	***Area 20 Precinct North West Growth Centre: Aboriginal Heritage Assessment.*** An ACHA including a field survey program was undertaken to assess the potential impacts to Aboriginal cultural heritage resulting from a proposed rezoning and development project north of Schofields Road. The study area extended across 245 hectares and was situated adjacent to the proposed Rouse Hill Hospital on the opposite side of Windsor Road. The survey program was conducted over nine days resulting in the identification of 19 new sites, eight newly recorded PADs and revised conditions and boundaries for several previously recorded sites and PADs. The survey included 74 lots with good survey coverage achieved. A high level of disturbance was identified across the Subject Area with surface exposures described in areas of previous earthworks, heavy machinery operations, erosion scours and other areas of cleared vegetation. Amongst the recorded sites, one site was assessed to have a high level of significance owing to the extensive artefact assemblage present as well as for its broad site context and location adjacent to the northern side of Second Ponds Creek. A further 17 sites were identified to have moderate significance as collectively they represent the utilisation of varying landforms and represent the traditional land use activities of the original Aboriginal inhabitants. The remainder of the sites were found only to have limited significance due to their common site type and features and the fact that more representative sites exist within the local area. The study concluded that all high and moderately significant sites should be conserved where possible, however, if impacts could not be avoided for seven sites of moderate significance, salvage excavation would be warranted.
Jo McDonald Cultural Heritage Management Pty Ltd	2001	1.5 km to the southeast	***Salvage Excavation of Six Sites along Caddies, Second Ponds, Smalls and Cattai Creeks in the Rouse Hill Development Area NSW*** The salvage excavations conducted by Jo McDonald (2001) are regionally significant and led to a refining of regional occupation models for the Cumberland Plain. Her study demonstrated that the surface representation of sites on the Cumberland Plain does not reflect the actuality of that site. Salvage excavations were conducted within areas with no surface indications for the presence of a site and yet all six sites were found to contain intact archaeological deposits. Almost 35, 000 artefacts were recovered during the excavation program from 482 m^2 excavated across six sites. Detailed analysis of the excavation data was undertaken providing insight into the artefact assemblage with reference to broader patterns in the Cumberland Plains. A number of key observations were made during the program in relation to the present Subject Area, including: – Average artefact density across sites did not correlate consistently with geology- with both high and low mean densities occurring on

			alluvium and sandstone contexts, whilst shale hillslope sites generally were found to have low mean densities (2001:386). – Mean artefact density showed a broad correlation with stream order whereby artefact density increased generally with stream order. The highest mean densities were on third- and fourth-order confluences and fourth-order drainage however there were exceptions to the trend. Generally, a model of increasingly complex occupation, activity and artefact discard was found to occur in association with increased stream order (with more water, more permanent water and more associated food resources). – Silcrete was the most prevalent raw material however silicified tuff and quartz were the predominant raw materials in some assemblages. – Interpreted through the distance-decay model, the analysis did identify a general trend in support of the thesis that the sites in closest proximity to silcrete sources did contain higher prevalences of this raw material however there were variances between sites with comparable distances to local sources. Jo McDonald noted that the simple model assumes that groups always had equal access to the sources and that raw materials from various locations were indeed utilised- which cannot always be confirmed. With respect to tuff, the model could not be supported with one of the sites containing the highest frequency being situated furthest from an available local source.
Australian Museum Business Services (AMBS)	2000	1.3 km to the southeast	***Mungerie Park Town Centre Archaeological Salvage Excavations near Kellyville, Cumberland Plain, NSW*** AMBS conducted an extensive salvage program between August and October 1999 in an area referred to as "Mungerie Park". Originally thought to comprise two open artefact sites, the results of the test excavation demonstrated that the deposit represented two ends of a single larger site. The excavation was significant for its identification of complex intra-site patterning of stone artefacts with artefacts occurring in associated with a range of activities in all areas of the slope occurring up to 300 m from a creek. Adopting the Activity Overprinting Zone model, the greatest degree of 'overprinted' activities occurred within 120 m of the creek. Within this 'complex zone', multiple knapping events and the highest artefact densities were identified. A zone of dispersed activity without 'overprinting' was identified between 120 and 220 m of the creek. Within this 'dispersed zone', knapping floors and/or activity areas were found to be spatially discrete due to the less frequent occupation of those areas or the positioning of activities requiring a level of separation from the main camp. Beyond this zone, archaeological evidence was noted to be extremely sparse reflecting isolated artefact discard events. The 'sparse zone' comprised a consistently lower artefact density associated more likely with the use or discard of artefacts rather than their manufacture. Importantly, the model rested on several assumptions, namely: — Maintenance activities would leave a more obtrusive archaeological signature.

			— Extractive activities are highly dispersed. — Maintenance occurs closer to the residential focus of an area (e.g. the fresh water source). — Resource extraction occurs mostly outside of the residential zone. The assemblage included approximately 5,500 artefacts including backed artefact knapping floors, ground artefacts and a total of 10 abrupt retouched artefacts referred to as "Mungerie Points". Three reduction sequences were described in detail including bipolar reduction, reduction with platform preparation and opportunistic reduction. The study is relevant to the present Subject Area as it informs the predictive model including the archaeological potential of landforms in respect to their proximity to local watercourses.

4.6 Synthesis and predictive model

The predictive modelling developed for this assessment has been compiled using past assessments which have occurred within the Subject Area, or in proximity to the Subject Area. Past Aboriginal land use is indicated by the historical documents presented and results of previous archaeological work that has occurred within the region.

Several predictive models have been developed specifically for archaeological sites within the Cumberland Plains, including:

— White and McDonald (2010)
— Owen and Cowie (2017)

Based on the results of previous archaeological assessments, past Aboriginal groups within Rouse Hill and its surrounding region appear to have occupied and utilised a range of landforms and resource-rich areas. The region, with its woodlands and the complex network of well-drained creeks and pond systems, would have provided communities with diverse food resources, which would have been varied and dependable. From past assessments, the most common Aboriginal cultural heritage sites recorded within the broader region surrounding the current Subject Area include stone artefact scatters and isolated finds though many areas have been noted to contain PADs.

Within the Subject Area, historical disturbances including road construction, agricultural use and the construction and use of the area as a golf course have been noted. The subsurface test excavations conducted by Urbis (2023a) identified that the Subject Area has isolated areas of intact, low-density artefact deposits.

Based on these past assessments and the White and McDonald (2010) Stream Order Model, the following predictive statements can be made:

— The landform features of the Subject Area are not consistent with those required for rock shelters, middens or grinding grooves.
— Scarred trees are unlikely to occur within the Subject Area as it has previously been subject to systematic survey (Urbis 2023a).
— Based on soil studies and soil acidity levels determined, it is likely that soils will likely be acidic, and that high bone and shell attrition rates are likely, and therefore such materials and associated Aboriginal cultural heritage sites are unlikely to be present.
— Open campsites (artefact scatters and isolated artefacts) are the most likely site type to occur, as they are most common within water-related landforms and gentle slopes <200 m from natural watercourses within undisturbed areas.

- Open campsites and isolated stone artefacts are predicted to occur on slopes of 10 degrees and less, with a majority of site locations and greatest artefact frequencies occurring on terraces, lower slopes and in areas in close proximity to higher-order watercourses and confluences.
- Within the direct context of the Subject Area, open campsites and isolated artefacts identified are likely to occur even in landscapes with no surface artefactual evidence. Subsurface deposits are likely to occur at a shallow depth within areas of limited prior disturbance.
- Isolated artefacts may be found in any landform feature as background scatter.
- Lithic raw materials will most likely comprise silcrete and quartz, however indurated mudstone and basalt artefacts can also occur based on previously recorded stone artefact assemblages in the region.
- Within drier landscape contexts (well-drained or elevated areas) there will be a higher frequency of artefacts as these locations tend to have a higher likelihood of more prolonged or repeated occupation.

The results of previous archaeological investigations indicate that there are landforms present within the Subject Area which have the potential to contain a range of resources, that would have been exploited by Aboriginal people in the past. They indicate a potential for Aboriginal cultural heritage sites to be present. While much of the Subject Area has been previously disturbed due to previous road construction, use of the property as a golf course and electricity substation, the bus interchange and Metro line and previous agricultural use, Urbis (2023a) have previously identified some areas with limited disturbance with potential to contain subsurface archaeological evidence of Aboriginal occupation. As demonstrated in the previous test excavation of two sites within the Subject Area, low-density subsurface artefact-bearing deposits are likely to be present.

5 Field inspection

The majority of the Subject Area (excluding the Metro Pathway Area) has already been surveyed by Urbis on 17 June 2022 as part of the previous ACHA (2023a and 2023b). Due to the comprehensiveness of this survey, an additional field survey of all areas of the Subject Area except for the Metro Pathway Area has not been warranted during the present ACHA. The details of the 2023 field survey are provided below in Section 5.1.

With the extension of the Subject Area in early 2025 to include the proposed Metro Pathway Area, an additional survey was conducted by Niche to cover any new areas of potential impact.

5.1 Urbis 2022 survey

A systematic survey of the Subject Area was conducted by Meggan Walker (Senior Archaeologist, Urbis), Owen Barrett (Archaeologist, Urbis) and seven RAP representatives on 17 June 2022. The Subject Area was separated into six Survey Units (Plate 3) in order to assess differential landscape features and aspects of the Subject Area. The Survey Units were defined on the basis of topography and levels of disturbance.

The sampling strategy developed by Urbis (2023b) noted that the Subject Area included a single landform comprising a wide spur extending from the higher ground in the north-west to lower ground in the south-east. Due to the small size and lack of distinct landforms to target, a goal of 100% survey coverage was attempted.

The survey methodology is outlined below.

- Survey units were recorded through a combination of digital photography and field notes including observations of exposure and visibility, levels of disturbance, erosion, vegetation, the presence of Aboriginal sites and other relevant observations or features.
- The survey team traversed the Subject Area with reference to aerial photographs and the property boundaries. The survey team were arranged in line with the spacing of approximately 5 to 10 m between individuals. The two archaeologists with global positioning system (GPS) units were positioned (where possible) at either end of the group in order to record the survey transects.
- A digital camera was used for all photography. Representative photographs were taken of survey units, different visibility levels, exposures, and disturbed areas.
- The location of all Aboriginal cultural heritage sites, and/or features identified during the survey were recorded using a hand-held differential GPS unit, digital camera and recording forms. During the survey, no surface artefacts were identified and therefore no recording of surface artefacts was warranted.
- Different types and levels of exposure were recorded. Exposure was defined as an estimate of the area that has a likelihood of revealing buried artefacts and/or deposits. Exposure is represented as a percentage of land for which erosion and exposure were sufficient to reveal archaeological evidence on the surface of the ground. Or as Burke and Smith (2004: 78-80) phrase it: exposure refers to what is revealed. Exposure types are based on the results of erosional processes (e.g. sheet wash, gullying, blowouts, animal tracks or pads, vehicle or walking tracks etc).
- Archaeological visibility was recorded and defined as the amount of bare ground that might reveal artefacts or other archaeological materials. Or as Burke and Smith (2004: 78-80) phrase it: visibility refers to what conceals. Visibility is affected by vegetation, leaf litter, stone ground, introduced material etc.
- The information recorded during the survey included (but was not limited to):
    - Landform
    - Gradient and aspect
    - Vegetation
    - Geology and soils
    - Occurrence of Aboriginal resources where present

- The extent of any exposures
- Any information provided by RAPs in relation to cultural values
- The nature of any site, PAD or landscape feature of Aboriginal cultural value located
- The nature of any artefacts observed

- A skeletal remains procedure was put in place as follows:
  - If skeletal remains are encountered, survey in that area will stop and Heritage NSW, NSW Police and on-site personnel would be notified
  - The survey will not re-commence until permission is given by these authorities

5.1.1 Survey strategy

Opportunistic and systematic inspection of exposures across the Subject Area was undertaken during the field survey. The survey method for each unit included long linear parallel transects, aligned to the Survey Units via a pedestrian survey. Transects were spaced evenly between each of the survey participants in attendance each day, at approximately 5 to 10 m.

The survey coverage is shown in Plate 10, however, it should be noted that survey tracks are representative of the two Urbis archaeologists in attendance on the day.

Plate 3: Survey units inspected on 17 June 2022 as detailed in Urbis (2023b:29)

5.1.2 Survey limitations

The majority of the Subject Area possessed very low visibility with much of the Subject Area being covered by grass, other vegetation cover and road base. During the survey, Ground Surface Visibility (GSV) varied from 0-4%. Though some exposures were present, these were typically found to be associated with existing disturbances including geotechnical boreholes and erosion. Base clays tended to be present within these exposures. All

vegetation was found to have been non-native across the Subject Area as an indication of previous disturbance and land clearance. No inspection of mature trees was therefore warranted.

5.1.3 Survey observations

Table 26 below describes each of the observations recorded in each survey unit within the Subject Area as summarised from the Urbis (2023b) ACHA report. The six survey units are also depicted in Plate 3 and Figure 7. Survey coverage from the Urbis survey conducted on 17 June 2022 is detailed in Table 26 and Figure 7.

Table 26: Survey unit observations and landform information as summarised from Urbis (2023b: 32-25)

Survey unit	Representative photograph	Brief description
Survey Unit 1 (SU1)	 Plate 4: Existing roadway (Commercial Road) present within Survey Unit 1; facing north-west (Urbis 2023: 32).	The survey unit comprises modified terrain within an upper slope landform. The Survey Unit was not surveyed in detail due to safety concerns with it being an active roadway. The entirety of the Survey Unit was determined to be highly disturbed with 0% GSV observed due to previous road construction. No Aboriginal objects/places or areas of subsurface potential were identified within the Survey Unit.
Survey Unit 2 (SU2)	 Plate 5: Existing roadway and electricity substation within Survey	Survey Unit 2 was surveyed along north-south transects with 5 m spacing. The Survey Unit comprises a modified area of upper slope landform with a roadway identified along the eastern boundary of the Subject Area and an electricity substation in the western portion. Within the Survey Unit, a GSV of 70% was observed due to existing ground disturbance and exposures. A crushed rock road base was present within the existing roadway with grass coverage present in adjoining areas. High levels of disturbance were observed in association with the substation with excavation/groundworks having extended out of the current building footprint. This disturbance

Survey unit	Representative photograph	Brief description
	Unit 2; facing north-west (Urbis 2023: 32).	included a culvert running along the substation footprint. No Aboriginal objects/places or areas of subsurface potential were identified within the Survey Unit.
Survey Unit 3 (SU3)	 Plate 6: Grassy paddock present within Survey Unit 3; facing south(Urbis 2023: 33).	Survey Unit 3 was surveyed along north-south transects with 5 m spacing. The Survey Unit comprises a cleared area of grass situated primarily on top of the slope tending toward the upper slope. Within the Survey Unit, a GSV of 40% was observed due to the extensive grass coverage. Areas of geotechnical testing were identified within the Survey Unit as evidence of existing disturbance. No Aboriginal objects/places or areas of subsurface potential were identified within the Survey Unit.
Survey Unit 4 (SU4)	 Plate 7: Existing roadway and embankment along the western boundary of the Subject Area within Survey Unit 4; facing north (Urbis 2023: 34).	Survey Unit 4 was surveyed along east-west transects with 5 m spacing. The Survey Unit comprises a cleared area of grass, an artificial embankment and a roadway (along the western boundary) situated within a mid-slope landform. Within the Survey Unit, a GSV of 20% was observed due to the extensive grass coverage. Areas of geotechnical testing, an artificial embankment and a roadway were identified within the Survey Unit as evidence of existing disturbance. No Aboriginal objects/places or areas of subsurface potential were identified within the Survey Unit.

Survey unit	Representative photograph	Brief description
Survey Unit 5 (SU5)	 Plate 8: Geotechnical borehole, embankment and existing roadway within Survey Unit 5; facing west (Urbis 2023: 34).	Survey Unit 5 was surveyed along east-west transects with 5 m spacing. The Survey Unit comprises a cleared area of grass, roadway and embankment (along the western boundary) within a mid-slope landform. Within the Survey Unit, a GSV of 20% was observed due to the extensive grass coverage. Areas of geotechnical testing, an artificial embankment and a roadway were identified within the Survey Unit as evidence of existing disturbance. No Aboriginal objects/places or areas of subsurface potential were identified within the Survey Unit.
Survey Unit 6 (SU6)	 Plate 9: Grass coverage within Survey Unit 6; facing south (Urbis 2023: 35).	Survey Unit 6 was surveyed along east-west transects with 5 m spacing. The Survey Unit comprises a cleared area of grass, roadway and embankment (along the western boundary) within a lower landform. Within the Survey Unit, a GSV of 20% was observed due to the extensive grass coverage. An artificial embankment and roadway were identified within the Survey Unit as evidence of existing disturbance. No Aboriginal objects/places or areas of subsurface potential were identified within the Survey Unit.

Plate 10: Survey coverage as per Urbis (2023b:30)

5.1.4 Survey results

The field survey program undertaken within the Subject Area did not identify any Aboriginal objects or places. Extensive areas of the Subject Area were found to have been disturbed either due to previous vegetation clearance, geotechnical testing, earthworks including ground levelling and the construction of existing roadways, an embankment along the western boundary and the electricity substation.

Though no specific areas of archaeological potential were identified during the survey, due to the sensitivity of the Blacktown Soil Landscape, the landforms present and the identification of areas with limited disturbance it was determined that a test excavation of the Subject Area should be undertaken to adequately determine archaeological potential within the Subject Area.

A test excavation was conducted between 11 and 19 January 2023 with details provided in Section 6.

5.2 Niche 2025 survey

On 4 March 2025, Niche and 15 representatives of the RAPs conducted a systematic survey of the Metro Pathway Area. The methodology was developed in accordance with the Code of Practice (DECCW 2010b) and involved a systematic survey of the additional extent of the Subject Area added since the Urbis 2022 survey. Details of the methodology are included below.

Any newly identified Aboriginal objects, or Aboriginal cultural heritage sites was to be recorded in detail. Site recording would include photography of Aboriginal objects, sites, landscape features and disturbance, GPS recording of site boundaries, concise written details of site features, size, position in the landscape, and condition, as well as documentation of any knowledge about the places, objects, or stories provided by the RAPs. Areas within the Subject Area that were determined to be PADs were proposed to be photographed in detail, recorded in pro formas and online through the Field Maps phone application and mapped using either a handheld GPS device or Field Maps.

During the survey, Niche proposed to undertake the following:

- Recording all survey transects on proformas, relevant information includes the GPS coordinates of the start and finish of each transect, landform type, existing environment, and level of disturbance.
- Photographic recording of all landforms, disturbance types and surface features relevant to each transect.
- Flagging and recording the location of artefacts and features using a handheld non-differential GPS unit.
- Photographic recording of the location and surroundings of flagged artefacts and features.
- Recording every identified archaeological site on proformas, including details such as a written description, photographic recording, a sketch of the context of the recorded site and extent using a handheld non-differential GPS unit.

5.2.1 Survey strategy

A systematic survey of the Metro Pathway Area was undertaken by on 4 March 2025 by Samuel Ward (Niche) and 15 representatives of the RAPs (see Table 16). Due to the small area to be surveyed and the large number of RAP representatives, 100% survey coverage of the Metro Pathway Area was achieved. This involved a combination of opportunistic and systematic inspection with particular focus in exposed areas. Due to the uniformity of the landform and high presence of modern disturbance throughout, the whole area was surveyed as a single survey unit. Survey participants were spaced approximately 1- 5 m apart along the transect running north/south. The extent of the survey coverage is detailed in Figure 7, however it should be noted that the survey tracks are representative of a single archaeologist (Samuel Ward, Niche) in attendance on the day.

5.2.2 Survey limitations

The majority of the Subject Area possessed very low visibility with much of the Subject Area being covered by grass, landscaped areas and road/track surfaces. During the survey, was approximately 5%. Though some

exposures were present, these were typically found to be associated with existing disturbances including storm water drains, introduced gravel or hard landscaping, landscaped garden beds and the metro overpass pylon. No natural subsurface materials were identified due to the extent of previous earthworks. All vegetation was also found to have been non-native and was identified from aerial imagery to have been planted in the preceding decade. No inspection of mature trees was therefore warranted.

5.2.3 Survey observations

The survey covered 100% of the expanded extent of the Subject Area with all areas found to be highly disturbed due to earthworks, drainage (storm water channel), introduced plants and constructions over the past decade. Exposures were limited to the existing bus interchange and adjacent track, the metro overpass pylon as well as some isolated scalds within the landscaped garden begs including some ant's nests. Soils present comprised a brown/grey silty loam however this is not natural as it has been introduced as part of the landscaped beds. The geomorphological context was found to be aggrading being associated with the deposition of material in particular along the constructed storm water channel. RAPs present during the survey agreed that the level of disturbance was very high with no potential for containing archaeological deposit(s).

Table 27: Survey unit observations and landform information from the 2025 Niche survey

Survey unit	Representative photographs	Brief description
Survey Unit 7 (SU7)	 Plate 11: Existing track adjacent to the bus interchange Plate 12: Existing storm water drain within the northern portion of the surveyed area adjacent to the red track	The survey unit comprises modified terrain within a lower slope landform. Soils present comprised an introduced brown/grey silty loam with no intact subsurface soils identified due to the extent of prior earthworks and construction. Exposures extended approximately 5% comprising isolated scalds and ant's nests. The entirety of the Survey Unit was determined to be highly disturbed with 5% GSV observed due to previous road/pathway construction, the metro overpass pylon, storm water drainage, street light pole and the landscaped garden bed. No Aboriginal objects/places or areas of subsurface potential were identified within the Survey Unit.

Survey unit	Representative photographs	Brief description
	 Plate 13: Sloped area in northern portion showing the extent of grass coverage including introduced weeds and trees. The overpass pylon situated in the southern portion of the Subject Area is visible in the background	

5.2.4 Survey results

During the additional survey no areas of visible Aboriginal cultural heritage or archaeological potential were identified. The entire extent of the area was found to be highly disturbed with no potential to retain potential archaeological deposits. Visible disturbance included significant earthworks including the shaping of the slope adjacent to the bus interchange area and storm water drainage, the construction of the bus interchange and adjacent small area of track for pedestrians/cyclists, the introduction of the landscaped garden beds, overhead lighting and disturbances associated with the metro overpass including previously levelled areas and a pylon situated in the southern portion.

No further management recommendations were deemed necessary as a result of the surveyed extent of the Metro Pathway Area additions.

5.3 Survey coverage

The extent of the combined survey coverage across the Subject Area is detailed in Table 28 and Figure 7 including the coverage achieved from the initial Urbis survey (Survey Units 1 to 6) and from the later Niche survey (Survey Unit 7).

Table 28: Survey coverage

Survey unit	Landform	Survey unit area (m^2)	Visibility (%)	Exposure (%)	Effective coverage (sqm)	Effective coverage (%)	Notes
SU1	Modified terrain	4260	0%	0%	0	0%	Not fully accessed due to safety considerations within the roadway.
SU2	Modified terrain	9820	70%	4%	2749.6	3%	
SU3	Mid-slope	4880	40%	10%	195.2	4%	
SU4	Mid-slope	3270	20%	10%	65.4	2%	
SU5	Mid-slope	5420	20%	5%	54.2	1%	
SU6	Lower slope	4100	20%	5%	41	1%	
SU7	Lower slope	1848	5%	5%	4.62	0.25%	

A summary of the effective survey coverage, site frequency and degree of artefact/feature occurrence with respect to identified landform/survey units is detailed in Table 29.

Table 29: Landform summary – sampled areas

Landform	Landform area (m^2)	Area effectively surveyed (m^2)	Landform effectively surveyed (%)	Survey unit	Sites[2]	Number of artefacts or features identified
Modified terrain	14080	2749.6	19.5	2	0	None
Mid-slope	13570	314.8	2.3	3	0	None
Lower slope	5948	45.62	0.8	2	0	None

[2] SU4, SU5 and SU6 include portions of the site extents of Commercial Road AFT 1 (AHIMS ID# 45-5-5669) and Commercial Road AFT 2 (AHIMS ID# 45-5-5671) however these areas were only identified and registered as sites following their test excavation by Urbis.

Subject area
Artefact(s)
PAD
Transect northern extent
Transect southern extent

Survey tracks

Urbis 2022 Survey Units
SU1
SU2
SU3
SU4
SU5

SU6

Niche 2025 Survey Units
SU7

Transport
Road
Major road
Minor road

Rail

Hydrography
Waterbody

Administrative and Property Boundaries
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Figure 7
Survey Results
New Rouse Hill Hospital

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6 Test excavation

6.1 Test excavation methodology and sampling strategy

The findings of Urbis (2023b) concluded that the Subject Area contains areas of archaeological potential with the predictive model deployed categorising moderate to high potential for the Subject Area to contain artefact scatters, isolated finds and/or PAD. A test excavation was proposed within areas of least historical disturbance.

The test excavation of Commercial Road AFT1 (AHIMS ID# 45-5-5669) and Commercial Road AFT2 (AHIMS ID# 45-5-5671) was conducted in accordance with the Code of Practice (DECCW 2010b) between 11 and 19 January 2023.

The test excavation was conducted in two stages, comprising:

- Stage 1- A grid comprising four transects of 50 x 50 cm test pits at a spacing of 20 m. The initial test pits targeted the spur landform and lower slopes in proximity to a former ephemeral watercourse. The location and number of transects and test pits were adjusted in the field in response to identified artefact concentrations or disturbance. Additional test pits at a spacing of 5-10 m were excavated as required.
- Stage 2- This stage involved the expansion of the initial test pits in consultation with RAPs in order to understand the nature and extent of the deposits present.

6.2 Archaeological Research Design

Urbis (2023b) outlined 12 indicative research questions to frame the investigation of archaeological deposits present within the Subject Area, comprising:

1. What is the spatial and vertical extent of the deposit?
2. What is the integrity and condition of the deposit? How has the deposit been impacted by historical land use?
3. Can the deposit be dated using standard dating techniques? Can the deposit be attributed to the Holocene based on the aforementioned dating techniques?
4. What are the physical attributes and compositions of the deposit (e.g. stone artefacts, features, remains of the original environment)?
5. What are the characteristics of the stone artefact assemblage? What types of artefacts are present and what specialisation if any can be detected in the assemblage?
6. Does the archaeological deposit have evidence of intra-site patterning or various occupational periods?
7. How does it relate to our understanding of the environment at the time and/or is it consistent with predictive models for the area?
8. Can the archaeological deposit be interpreted in a local context?
- Are there similarities or differences with nearby archaeological sites?
- Is there evidence of connection to nearby sites in terms of raw material, composition and nature of the assemblage?
9. Can the archaeological deposit be interpreted in the regional context?
- Where did the raw materials originate from?
- Is there any indication of trade in connection with raw material procurement?
- How does the assemblage compare to other archaeological sites within the region?
- How does the assemblage compare with the proposed Eastern Regional Sequence?

10. Do the results of the archaeological excavation change the scientific and cultural significance of the site?
11. What is the scientific and cultural value of the assemblage?
12. How do the Aboriginal stakeholders view the cultural value of the deposit and assemblage?

6.3 Test excavation results

A total of 32 50 x 50 cm test pits were excavated across both stages of the excavation including four transects excavated during phase one running parallel to the spur landform running from the north-west to south-east of the Subject Area. Two artefact concentrations were identified during phase one with the area of highest concentration in the south-east expanded in phase two.

The smaller of the two artefact occurrences was in the central portion of the Subject Area in test pits A7 and B3 (Plate 14). Due to the sparse artefact occurrence and evidence of disturbance, no further investigation of this area was undertaken in phase two.

The second artefact concentration was identified at test pit C8 which produced 3 artefacts. Three expansion pits at 10 m intervals were excavated in proximity to test pit C8 in the south-east corner of the Subject Area (Plate 14). From the three pits, only test pit C10 situated to the south-east contained further artefacts (n=2). To further establish the extent and nature of the deposit, four additional test pits were also excavated at cardinal locations to the original C8 test pit which produced further artefacts. In total, the expanded C8 and C10 test pits produced 23 artefacts.

With respect to the landforms present, no artefacts were identified in the northern portion comprising upper slopes. The central portion characterised by mid-slopes produced the low-density artefact scatter (n=2) identified across two test pits. The southern portion comprising lower slopes produced a moderate-density artefact scatter comprising 23 artefacts.

The test excavation revealed varied levels of sub-surface disturbance including evidence of previous removal and/or erosion of topsoil and areas of introduced fill. Generally, however, Urbis characterised the sub-surface context as generally intact (2023b:39).

Soils in the northern portion of the Subject Area were found to be highly disturbed with soils generally highly truncated to clayey B-horizon soils with up to 55 cm of fill present on the ground surface. The average soil depth in this portion of the Subject Area was 29 cm.

The central portion of the Subject Area was found to be less truncated however also contained imported gravel in the upper soil profile (Plate 16). The average soil depth was 35 cm.

The southern portion of the Subject Area was found to have the deepest soil profiles (Plate 15) with an average soil depth extending 44 cm. The depth and friability of the soil and the presence of imported gravels and rock were characterised by Urbis (2023b) as evidence of redeposition/sheet wash.

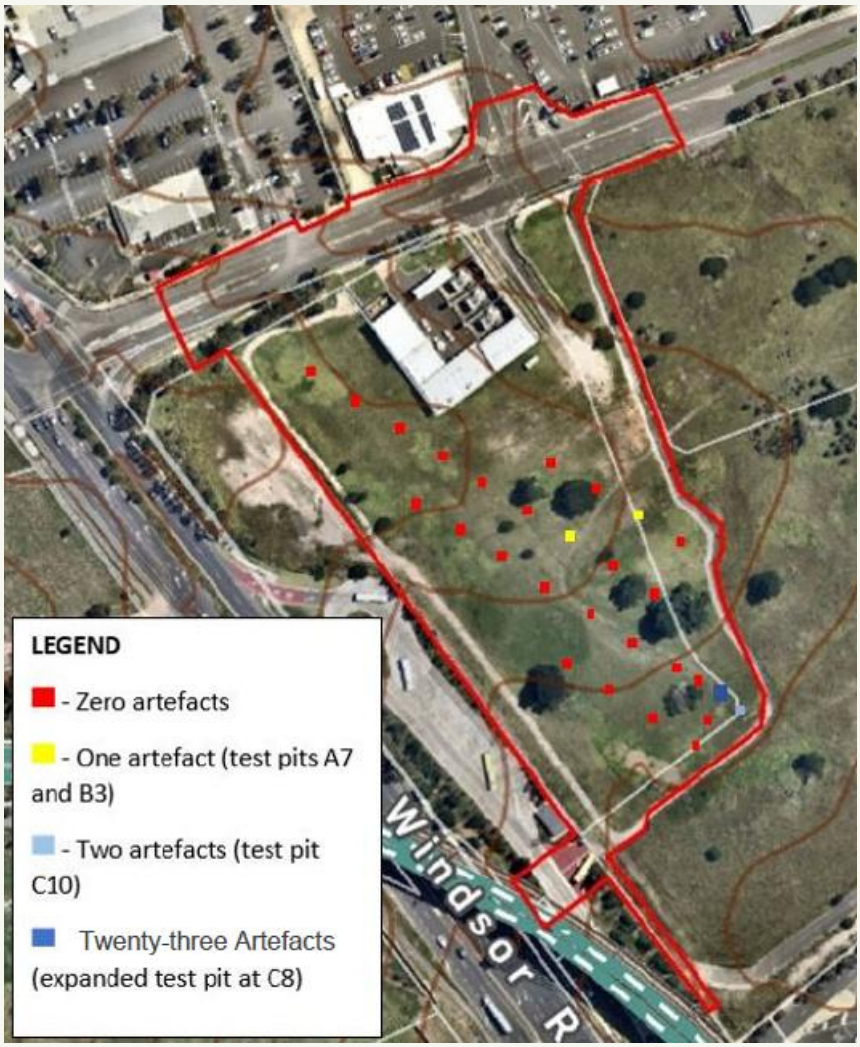

Plate 14: Artefact distribution across the Subject Area as identified during the January 2023 test excavation (Urbis 2023b:41)

Plate 15: Test pit C8 (eastern profile) showing the deeper soil profile (Urbis 2023b:40)

Plate 16: Test pit B3 (northern profile) (Urbis 2023b:40)

6.3.1 Analysis and discussion of results

The test excavation of Commercial Road AFT1 (AHIMS ID# 45-5-5669) and Commercial Road AFT2 (AHIMS ID# 45-5-5671) confirmed the presence of Aboriginal objects within the Subject Area. Both deposits indicate that the Subject Area has been previously utilised by Aboriginal people in an infrequent or limited capacity. The extent of sub-surface disturbance observed indicates that the Subject Area has been significantly impacted by historic ground disturbance. The strongest indication of this was observed in the northern portion where truncated soil profiles and imported fill were observed. Mechanical processes and/or erosion were found to result in a movement of soils generally to areas of lower slope in the south evidenced by the deeper, more friable profiles present.

The artefact assemblage comprised cores, median flakes, multidirectional cores, proximal flakes, distal flakes and angular pieces. The majority of the artefacts were produced from red silcrete (n=24; 96%) though a single grey chert multidirectional core was also identified in spit one within an area of mid-slope (n=1; 4%). More than half of the assemblage comprised either proximal, medial or distal flakes (56%).

The majority of artefacts were recovered from the south-eastern corner of the Subject Area in proximity to the extant ephemeral watercourse and in the south-east of the spur landform (n=23; 92%). Urbis (2023b) concluded that the artefact concentration associated with Commercial Road AFT2 (AHIMS ID# 45-5-5671) most likely represents redeposited artefacts transported by erosional events rather than in-situ knapping events.

Urbis (2023b) determined that the limited artefact assemblage recovered during the test excavation and the extent of disturbance observed impose limitations on the conclusions that can be drawn with respect to the research questions posed. Nonetheless, the following conclusions outlined in Table 30 were made in response to the research questions posed.

Table 30: Conclusions forwarded in response to the test excavation results (as per Urbis 2023b:48)

Research question	Conclusions from the test excavation
What is the spatial and vertical extent of the deposit?	Artefacts were recovered throughout the soil profile with the highest artefact concentration found in an area of lower slope. The observance of truncated soil

	profiles and soil redeposition downslope mitigates any conclusions that can be drawn about the spatial or vertical extent of the deposit.
What is the integrity and condition of the deposit? How has the deposit been impacted by historical land use?	Disturbance associated with roads, tracks and the electrical substation were confirmed subsurface. Outside of these areas, varying levels of erosion and soil truncation was observed.
Can the deposit be dated using standard dating techniques? Can the deposit be attributed to the Holocene based on the aforementioned dating techniques?	The deposit is too disturbed for reliable dating.
What are the physical attributes and compositions of the deposit (e.g. stone artefacts, features, remains of the original environment)?	A low to moderate artefact density was identified within the Subject Area within two distinct areas in the central and south-eastern portions.
What are the characteristics of the stone artefact assemblage? What types of artefacts are present and what specialisation if any can be detected in the assemblage?	The majority of the assemblage is produced from silcrete with a moderate variety of artefact types observed.
Does the archaeological deposit have evidence of intra-site patterning or various occupational periods?	The level of disturbance and low-artefact density precludes such analysis.
How does it relate to our understanding of the environment at the time and/or is it consistent with predictive models for the area?	Predictive models for the Cumberland Plain indicate that proximity to water is a strong indicator of archaeological potential. The spatial distribution of artefacts confirms this as the highest concentration was observed in proximity to the extant ephemeral watercourse however this pattern has also been tempered by evidence of erosion downslope.
Can the archaeological deposit be interpreted in a local context?	The lithic assemblage is typical within a local context however the small sample size precludes detailed analysis or comparison.
Can the archaeological deposit be interpreted in the regional context?	The lithic assemblage is typical for the Cumberland Plain however the small sample size precludes detailed analysis or comparison.
Do the results of the archaeological excavation change the scientific and cultural significance of the site?	The test excavation confirmed that Aboriginal objects are present within the Subject Area and that these artefacts have cultural significance to Aboriginal people.

What is the scientific and cultural value of the assemblage?	The test excavation results indicated that archaeological potential is confined to the lower slopes within the south-eastern portion of the Subject Area. Due to previous disturbance observed, the archaeological potential of the remainder of the Subject Area is nil to low for all site types.
How do the Aboriginal stakeholders view the cultural value of the deposit and assemblage?	No comments were received from the RAPs on the test excavation results.

Subject area

Artefacts recovered from test excavation (Urbis 2023b)

- 0 Artefacts
- 1 Artefact
- 2 Artefacts
- 23 Artefacts

AHIMS

- Artefact(s)
- PAD

Site boundary (Urbis 2023b)

- Commercial Road AFT1 (AHIMS ID 45-5-5669)
- Commercial Road AFT2 (AHIMS ID 45-5-5671)

Transport

Road

- Major road
- Minor road
- Rail

Hydrography

- Waterbody

Administrative and Property Boundaries

- Lot

0 50 m

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Further management

New Rouse Hill Hospital

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7 Cultural heritage values and statement of significance

7.1 Methods for assessing heritage significance

Heritage significance is assessed by considering each cultural, or archaeological site, against the significance criteria set out in the *Guide to investigating, assessing and reporting Aboriginal cultural heritage in NSW* (Office of Environment and Heritage 2011).

In all cases, the assessment of significance detailed below is informed by the Aboriginal community, which is documented in this report. If any culturally sensitive values were identified they would be specifically included in the report, or made publicly available, but would be documented and lodged with the knowledge holder providing the information.

7.2 Identifying values

The information collected during the background review of the project can be used to help identify social, historical, scientific, and aesthetic values. The review of background information and information gained through consultation with Aboriginal people should provide insight into past events. These include how the landscape was used and why the identified Aboriginal objects are in this location, along with contemporary uses of the land.

Information gaps are not uncommon and should be acknowledged. They may require further investigation to adequately identify the values present across the Subject Area. It may be helpful to prepare a preliminary values map that identifies, to the extent of information available, the:

- Known places of social spiritual, and cultural value, including natural resources of significance
- Known historic places
- Known Aboriginal objects and/or declared Aboriginal places
- Potential places/ areas of social, spiritual, and cultural value, including natural resources, and historic or archaeological significance

Places of potential value that are not fully identified or defined should be included as 'sensitive' areas to target further investigation.

7.3 Assessment frameworks

The Burra Charter (Australia ICOMOS 2013) defines the basic principles and procedures to be observed in the conservation of important places. It provides the primary framework within which decisions about the management of heritage sites in Australia should be made.

7.3.1 Significance as defined by the Burra Charter

The Burra Charter defines cultural significance as being derived from the following values: aesthetic value, historic value, scientific value, and social value. However, more precise categories may be developed as an understanding of a particular place or site increases. The values are outlined below in Table 31.

Table 31: Values from which cultural significance is derived

Value type	Description
Aesthetic value	Aesthetic value includes aspects of sensory perception for which criteria can and should be stated. Such criteria may include consideration of the form, scale, colour, texture, and material of the fabric; the smells and sounds associated with the place and its use.
Historic value	Historic value encompasses the history of aesthetics, science, and society, and therefore to a large extent underlies all of the terms set out in this section. A place may have historic value because it has influenced, or has been influenced by, a historic figure, event, phase, or activity. It may also have historic value as the site of an important event. For any given place the significance will be greater where evidence of the association or event survives in situ, or where the setting is 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.
Scientific value	The scientific or research value of a place will depend upon the importance of the data involved, its rarity, quality, or representativeness (conservation value), and the degree to which the place may contribute further substantial information.
Social value	Social or cultural value refers to the spiritual, traditional, historical, or contemporary associations and attachments the place or area has 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 and individuals can experience a sense of loss should a place of social or cultural value be damaged or destroyed.

7.4 Assessing values and significance

The Guidelines specify that information about scientific values will be gathered through archaeological investigation carried out according to the *Code of Practice for Archaeological Investigation of Aboriginal Objects in NSW* (DECCW 2010b). The *Code of Practice for Archaeological Investigation of Aboriginal Objects in NSW* (DECCW 2010b) itself does not specify criteria for assessment of Aboriginal objects, but rather suggests to "identify the archaeological values and assess their significance." The assessment must be supportable, and the assessment criteria must reflect best practice assessment processes as set out in the Burra Charter. The scientific values described in the Burra Charter were considered further by the then NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service in their Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Standards and Guidelines Kit (DEC 1997). In lieu of specific criteria,

the advice from the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Standards and Guidelines Kit (DEC 1997) is summarised and paraphrased in Table 32 below to provide guidance to the assessment of scientific values.

Table 32: Criteria for assessing scientific value

Scientific value	Description
Research potential	It is the potential to elucidate past behaviour that gives significance under this criterion rather than the potential to yield collections of artefacts. Matters considered under this criterion include the intactness of a site, the potential for the site to build a chronology and the connectedness of the site to other sites in the archaeological landscape.
Representativeness	As a criterion, representativeness is only meaningful in relation to a conservation objective. Presumably, all sites are representative of those in their class, or they would not be in that class. What is at issue is the extent to which a class of sites is conserved and whether the particular site being assessed should be conserved in order to ensure that we retain a representative sample of the archaeological record as a whole. The conservation objective which underwrites the 'representativeness' criteria is that such a sample should be conserved.
Rarity	This criterion cannot easily be separated from that of representativeness. If a site is 'distinctive', then by definition, it will be part of the variability that a representative sample would represent. The criteria might best be approached as one that exists within the criteria of representativeness, giving a particular weighting to certain classes of site. The main requirement for being able to assess rarity is to determine what is common and what is unusual in the archaeological record, but also the way that archaeology confers prestige on certain sites because of their ability to provide certain information. Items may be common, uncommon or rare. The criterion of rarity may be assessed at a range of levels including local, regional, state, national, and global.
Educational potential	This criterion relates to the ability of the cultural heritage item or place to inform and/or educate people about one or other aspects of the past. It incorporates notions of intactness, relevance, interpretative value and accessibility. Where archaeologists or others carrying out cultural heritage assessments are promoting/advocating the educational value of a cultural heritage item or place it is imperative that public input and support for this value is achieved and sought. Without public input and support the educative value of the items/places is likely to not ever be fully realised.

Scientific value	Description
Aesthetics	In relation to heritage places, aesthetic significance is generally taken to mean the visual beauty of the place. Aesthetic value is not inherent in a place but arises in the sensory response people have to it. The guidelines provide no expectation for archaeologists to consider aesthetic values, it is often the case that the aesthetics including the physical setting of an archaeological site, or a landscape contribute to its cultural heritage significance. Examples of archaeological sites that may have high aesthetic values include rock art sites or sites located in environments that evoke strong sensory responses.

7.4.1 Grading scientific values

The following gradations listed in Table 33, where a site or zone satisfies at least one criterion, have been applied to provide a measure of the values/significance for Aboriginal objects identified within the Subject Area, and to provide an overall assessment of the significance of each of the zones used that define the Subject Area.

Table 33: Criteria for grading scientific values

Gradation	Description
Low	The site or object contains only a single or limited number of features and has no potential to meaningfully inform our understanding of the past beyond what it contributes through its current recording (i.e. no or low research potential). The site or object is a representative but unexceptional example of the most common class of sites or objects in the region. Many more similar examples can be confidently predicted to occur within the Subject Area and in the region.
Moderate	The site or object derives value because it contains features, both archaeological and contextual, which through further investigation may contribute to our understanding of the local past. These features include but are not limited to the relationship with landscape features or other Aboriginal archaeological sites or areas of identified heritage importance; diagnostic archaeological or landscape features that inform a chronology; and a relatively large assemblage of stone artefacts. The presence of a diverse artefact and feature assemblage and connectedness with landscape features and other notable sites provide relatively higher representative and rarity values than sites of low significance.
High	The site or object has value because it contains archaeological and/or contextual features which through further investigation may significantly contribute to our understanding of the past, both locally and on a regional scale. These features include but are not limited to Aboriginal ancestral remains; the site's relationship with landscape features or other Aboriginal archaeological sites or areas of identified heritage importance; diagnostic archaeological or landscape features that inform a

Gradation	Description
	chronology; and a very large assemblage of stone artefacts associated with other features such as oven remains or shell midden. Such sites will be relatively rare and will be representative of a limited number of similar sites that make up this class; hence they derive high representative and rarity values.

7.5 Significance assessment

These significance assessments have been prepared in consideration of comments received from the RAPs during the consultation process and the interrelationships between the cultural and spiritual values with the natural landscape.

7.5.1 Site-specific significance assessment

Table 33 provides a summarised assessment of the significance and heritage values of individual Aboriginal sites within the Subject Area.

Table 34: Criteria for grading scientific values

AHIMS ID	Site name	Features	Aesthetic value	Rarity	Representativeness	Scientific (archaeological) value/ research potential	Social/cultural value	Historic value
45-5-5669	Commercial Road AFT 1	Artefact scatter	Low- The site is situated within a modified/ disturbed context with no outstanding aesthetic features.	Low – The site type and features are common in the local region.	Low- The site is representative of one of the most frequent Aboriginal cultural heritage site types in the region.	Low- the site has limited research value. The artefact scatter has a low density with limited potential for robust statistical analysis or intra-site comparison. With the completion of a test excavation of the site recovering only two artefacts, no further archaeological investigation of the site is	The Subject Area is situated within a culturally significant broader landscape linking numerous open occupation sites and connected to several regionally-significant waterways including Caddies and Second Ponds Creek.	None- no historic values have been identified within the Subject Area.

AHIMS ID	Site name	Features	Aesthetic value	Rarity	Representativeness	Scientific (archaeological) value/ research potential	Social/cultural value	Historic value
						considered warranted.		
45-5-5671	Commercial Road AFT 2	Artefact scatter	Low- The site is situated within a modified/ disturbed context with no outstanding aesthetic features.	Low – The site type and features are common in the local region.	Low- The site is representative of one of the most frequent Aboriginal cultural heritage site types in the region.	Low- the site has previously been subject to test excavation with Urbis (2023b) concluding post-excavation that the site has limited further research potential due to the small assemblage observed and evidence of prior disturbance.	The Subject Area is situated within a culturally significant broader landscape linking numerous open occupation sites and connected to several regionally-significant waterways including Caddies and Second Ponds Creek.	None- no historic values have been identified within the Subject Area.

7.5.2 Statement of significance for the Subject Area as a whole

The assessment and justification in the statement of significance must discuss 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 the potential to yield information that would 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).

These statements of significance have been prepared in consideration of comments received from the RAPs during the current consultation process as well as during the previous ACHA conducted by Urbis (2023a and 2023b).

7.5.3 Social value

The Subject Area has social/cultural value to the Aboriginal community for its broader connections to the families who have lived in the area as well as its connection to significant local watercourses and other archaeological sites within the region. The presence of known sites within the Subject Area has particular importance in representing a tangible link for the Aboriginal community to the activities and occupation areas associated with previous occupation and use of the area.

Numerous cultural values have been identified by Aboriginal stakeholders during the ACHA undertaken by Urbis (2023a and 2023b) as detailed in Table 35.

Table 35: Cultural values identified by RAPs for the Subject Area and surrounds

RAP organisation	Comments provided
Aragung Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Site Assessments	'(The) Area of significance associated with the project area Caddies - second ponds creek - which are a larger part of a song line feeding Catti Creek and the larger Hawkesbury River.'
A1 Indigenous Services	'I am a Traditional Owner and Custodian with over 20 years of experience in helping preserve Aboriginal cultural heritage on projects. I hold cultural knowledge relevant to determining the cultural significance of Aboriginal objects and values that exist in the project area.'
Butucarbin Cultural Heritage	'Butucarbin is a contemporary example of cultural heritage in that it is a product of the 1970's resettlement program and self-determination policy (see, Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations). Due to this resettlement policy, there are generations of Aboriginal people who have been born in Western Sydney and have been raised in the Mount Druitt Community (which has the highest Aboriginal urban population in Australia) and thus, this is where their connection lies.'

Cindy Laws	'I am a Traditional Owner, my cultural connections are from the Blue Mountains to the Cumberland Plains. My bloodlines are connected from Bunya Mountain in QLD to Victoria, Blue Mountains to the sea. I have lived near the area. Knowledge of the area extends from the Blue Mountains to the sea. Aboriginal people do not see suburbs. These 'Suburbs' are surrounded by thousands of years of songline connections and to understand a 'suburb' you must know all those connections for thousands of miles. ….Every inch of land was utilised by our Ancestors, just because you can't see it, it doesn't mean we weren't there. The land is embedded in our DNA and we would have known at every step what was beneath our feet. With all the progress over the past 234 years, our 60,000 years of footsteps are being covered. Our Native Fauna and flora disappearing from the landscape. Our water ways filled in or dirty Allow us and mother earth to have the markers and sightlines and Native landscapes to keep these footsteps ongoing.'
Corroboree Aboriginal Corporation	'My uncle Henry lived in Schofields which is close proximity so we spent time there as well. I live in Rouse Hill and have done so since 2005. My sister lives in Riverstone, which is surrounding area. My brother lives in Quakers Hill, which is a surrounding area. I have also been actively involved in pursuing government for a hospital in Rouse Hill with our MP. Once approval was given it was then downgraded to a hospital without an Emergency Department which was not added with approval. So, we recently petitioned for an Emergency Department to be included as it was not included as it was omitted. So, this project is important to us and our members and the community at large. My further connections is my father and his history whom was only educated up to primary education worked at the knackery on Windsor Road, just up from the hospital site. So our family's livelihood was in the area as the World changed due to European occupation and having to work for money not being able to just live off the land as the land was taken by the settlers. We lived in Vineyard at that stage, therefore myself and my family connect to the area with our "own" histories to our Mother Earth; as Aboriginal People. We as "Aboriginal people" are traditional owners/First People. And government state Darug people died out. So we as Aboriginal people represent as Aboriginal people that connect to the area with respect to our fellow ancestors. Being Aboriginal people whose family have lived in the area and surrounding areas, we connect to the area. We have lived on or lived on and have worked on projects in the area for over a decade as Corroboree Aboriginal Corporation and prior to this for family on their Corporations so roughly 20 years. We all have cultural knowledge necessary to participate. We have Cultural heritage, history, stories and knowledge passed down from our elders. Though this is not formal, it is the necessary qualifications, requirements for the field surveys, test excavations and salvage excavations, etc.'
Darug Custodian Aboriginal Corporation	'This area is significant to the Darug people due to the evidence of continued occupation, within close proximity to this project site there is a complex of significant sites.

	Landscapes and landforms are significant to us for the information that they hold and the connection to Darug people. Aboriginal people (Darug) had a complex lifestyle that was based on respect and belonging to the land, all aspects of life and survival did not impact on the land but helped to care for and conserve land and the sustenance that the land provided. As Darug people moved through the land there were no impacts left, although there was evidence of movement and lifestyle, the people moved through areas with knowledge of their areas and followed signs that were left in the landscape. Darug people knew which areas were not to be entered and respected the areas that were sacred. Knowledge of culture, lifestyle and lore have been part of Darug people's lives for thousands of years, this was passed down to the next generations and this started with birth and continued for a lifetime. Darug people spent a lifetime learning and as people grew older they passed through stages of knowledge, elders became elders with the learning of stages of knowledge not by their age, being an elder is part of the kinship system this was a very complicated system based on respect. Darug sites are all connected, our Country has a complex of sites that hold our heritage and past history, evidence of the Darug lifestyle and occupation are all across our Country, due to the rapid development of Sydney many of our sites have been destroyed, our sites are thousands of years old and within the short period of time that Australia has been developed pre contact our sites have disappeared.' This area is highly significant to the Dharug people due to the connection of sites and the continued occupation. There are so many sites in this area as well as axe grinding groves, 1000s of artefacts were collected where the shopping centre is now, when the lite rail [metro] was being built there was a site in front of the heritage house that was a huge amount of micro artefact. Jo Mac Donald and KNC. '
Didge Ngunawal Clan	'My parents used to live on Perth St Vineyard in a humpy, dirt floors, there is a well situated there to this day where we bathed etc. Grandparents, parents, siblings and other family members are buried at Riverstone graveyard/ Castlegrove. I went to Riverstone Public and High School and also lived at Box Hill where we used to set rabbit traps. We currently still have family members living within the area.'
Kamillaroi Yankuntjatjara Working Group	'The whole area is highly significant to us Aboriginal people, especially because the study area is close by to waterways. Waterways were utilised for everyday living, fishing, hunting, ceremonies, birthing, camping. The study area is a place which once flourished with flora and fauna and the Aboriginal people thrive for many generations. Aboriginal people walked the Country and followed the water ways as the sky guided them. Spiritually connected the other Country and all that is held by mother earth, when she is sick, we are sick.

	This brings me to healing Country and acknowledging the healing process, being a place of health as a hospital we achieve education through natural healing and or Aboriginal traditional healing methods. There is room for medicinal gardens and the utilise the design to connect back to Country, we highly recommend an interpretation plan by connecting with Country.' 'The study area is highly significant and sensitive to our people and would have been utilised for it resources such as hunting kangaroos & wallabies, gathering plant foods and fishing in the Cattai Creek and Hawkesbury River, ceremonies and potential burial sites.'
Muragadi	'We have lived in the area all our lives, we were born and bred here, we have been doing aboriginal cultural heritage projects for over 20 years in and around the project area.'
Murra Bidgee Mullangari Aboriginal Corporation	'Our cultural connection is we were all born here and have worked on the land for over 26 years doing aboriginal cultural heritage projects.'

7.5.4 Aesthetic value

The Subject Area has low aesthetic value as it contains no rare or outstanding landforms or features. The Subject Area comprises a modified area of grass with a wide spur line running from the higher ground in the northwest to lower ground in the southeast and includes numerous areas of extensive modern disturbance.

7.5.5 Historic value

The Subject Area has low historical value. No tangible or intangible historical values were identified during either the desktop research or site survey conducted by Urbis (2023b).

7.5.6 Scientific (archaeological) value

Two open sites occur within the Subject Area, comprising low to moderate-density artefact scatters within a modified context. The artefacts recovered during the test excavation of Commercial Road AFT 1 (AHIMS ID# 45-5-5669) and Commercial Road AFT 2 (AHIMS ID# 45-5-5671) are common for the Cumberland Plain with limited further research value or intra-site analysis. The majority of the assemblage comprises partial flakes and angular pieces. The high concentration of artefacts within a lower slope landform (comprising 92% of the assemblage) has been inferred by Urbis (2023b) as being indicative of their post-depositional transport, rather than in-situ knapping events.

The small assemblage recovered (25 artefacts across both sites) offers only limited information on the nature of Aboriginal occupation of the Subject Area and surrounds. The scientific (archaeological) value of the Subject Area is therefore considered low.

8 The proposed activity

8.1 Summary of Project's history

The Rouse Hill Hospital is proposed for construction within a greenfield site. Master Planning for the hospital was based on a funding commitment of $300 million and completed in May 2022. The proposal included concept approval for the site layout and indicative position of key buildings, connections to the external road network and Commercial Road widening as well as detailed works approval for initial earthworks, site stabilisation and sediment control measures and establishment of hardstand areas, site sheds and construction parking to facilitate construction. An ACHA was developed by Urbis (2023a and 2023b) in support of this application and included a survey and test excavation of the current Subject Area.

Following this lodgement, the NSW Government announced an increase in capital funding for the hospital as part of the NSW State Budget (published 19 September 2023) to $700M.

The proposed Metro Pathway Area was later added to the project scope in late 2024 with its impacts considered in this assessment. A survey of the additional area was undertaken by Niche on 4 March 2025.

8.2 Proposed activity, staging and timeline

The proposal is for the construction and operation of a new hospital campus comprising buildings up to nine storeys and including:

- Site establishment;
- Site preparation including earthworks, tree removal, cut and fill;
- Construction of roads with access from Commercial Road;
- Upgrade of Commercial Road/Main Hospital Access Road Intersection;
- Hospital buildings;
- Ancillary commercial uses to support the hospital, including retail;
- Multi-storey car parking;
- Loading dock;
- Landscaping; and
- The Metro Pathway Area comprising a shared pedestrian and cycle pathway to connect the hospital to Rouse Hill Metro Station in the south

The indicative project milestone dates are provided in the REF submission documents which this ACHA supports.

8.3 Project justification

The project is proposed in response to recent urban growth within proximity to the Rouse Hill township. The proposed Rouse Hill Hospital will reduce demand for existing health services and will improve health outcomes for the growing population of the Hills Shire. The proposed works are required as the existing hospital services in the region are reaching capacity.

8.4 Potential for harm and likely impacted values

The Guide to Investigating, Assessing and Reporting on Aboriginal Cultural Heritage in NSW (OEH 2011) requires that both direct and indirect harm to Aboriginal objects and Aboriginal places be considered. Generally, direct harm refers to occasions where an activity physically impacts a site or objects and therefore affects the heritage values possessed by the site or objects (e.g. disturbance of the ground surface or soil units in areas where known Aboriginal objects exist or in areas that require further investigation to confirm the presence or absence of Aboriginal objects or cultural value). Indirect harm is usually taken to mean harm stemming from

secondary consequences of the activity and may affect sites or objects as an indirect consequence of the activity. Examples of such indirect harm are increased visitors to a site, or increased erosion in an area as a result of an activity.

The results of the AHIMS search, desktop assessment and previous survey and test excavation of the Subject Area, determine that:

- Two known Aboriginal cultural heritage sites occur within the Subject Area. Both sites have the potential to be directly impacted by the proposed works.
- Avoidance and in-situ conservation is not warranted given the low archaeological significance of the two sites.
- Harm caused by mitigating circumstances comprising salvage excavation will occur at one Aboriginal cultural heritage site- Commercial Road AFT 2 (AHIMS ID# 45-5-5671).
- Due to previous test excavation, no further works are proposed to investigate the PAD present at Commercial Road AFT 1 (AHIMS ID# 45-5-5669). The spatial extent and features of the sites are well-understood following the test excavation. The site features are common for the local region and have no further research potential.

Management measures are warranted to ensure impacts to the cultural heritage sites and values of the Subject Area are mitigated.

The impact assessment is provided in Table 36.

Table 36: Impact assessment

Site name	Site feature	Significance rating	Type of harm	Degree of harm	Consequence of harm	Management measure
Commercial Road AFT 1 (AHIMS ID# 45-5-5669)	Artefact scatter	Low	Direct	Total	Total loss of value	None required.
Commercial Road AFT 2 (AHIMS ID# 45-5-5671)	Artefact scatter	Low	Direct	Total	Total loss of value	Salvage excavation of the PAD is required. The salvage program should be conducted in accordance with a methodology outlined in Section 16 of the ACHA).

The aforementioned management measures are warranted to mitigate the loss of value to the Aboriginal sites that would be impacted by the proposed activities within the Subject Area.

Management and mitigation measures are further discussed in Table 37.

9 Avoiding and minimising harm

9.1 Conservation principles and management framework

The two founding principles behind the *Guide to investigating, assessing and reporting on Aboriginal cultural heritage in NSW* (OEH 2011:12) are ecologically sustainable development and intergenerational equity. These principles hold 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".

The strong emphasis, as in the Burra Charter, is to quantify and understand the heritage values of a place, a site, or an object and exhaust avenues of avoiding harm to those values. If harm cannot be avoided, then there must be consideration and implementation of strategies to minimise harm (OEH 2011:13).

It follows that the hierarchy for consideration in terms of the management strategies available for surface stone artefacts and subsurface stone artefacts and areas of archaeological potential, fall into 4 general categories, in order of preference from a conservation perspective:

- Avoidance and in-situ conservation
- Partial avoidance and partial in-situ conservation (includes partial harm)
- Harm caused with mitigating circumstances such as collection or salvage
- Unmitigated harm

The four general categories (described above) have been considered with regard to both direct impacts (e.g. surface disturbance) and indirect impacts (e.g. monitoring activities).

Management and mitigation measures have been prepared in consideration of the results of archaeological investigations, and comments received from the RAPs during the consultation process. Since harm to Aboriginal sites is proposed, the management and mitigation measures in Table 37 should be implemented to mitigate the harm where possible.

Where possible, harm would be avoided, and sites would be retained *in situ*.

9.2 Justifying harm

In its current layout, the proposed Rouse Hill Hospital development will cause harm to known Aboriginal cultural heritage sites, objects and values. Two artefact scatters occur within the Subject Area comprising sub-surface artefacts identified during the January 2023 test excavation of Commercial Road AFT1 (AHIMS ID# 45-5-5669) and Commercial Road AFT2 (AHIMS ID# 45-5-5671) as detailed in Sections 4, 5 and 6. On the basis of the results of the test excavation, these sites have been assessed to have low archaeological significance with both sites containing common features within a modified context. The Subject Area is noted as having low aesthetic value and representativeness.

The survey results in relation to the Subject Area are detailed in Section 5. No Aboriginal objects were identified on the surface of the Subject Area, though a test excavation was proposed and undertaken to fully assess the Subject Area's archaeological potential.

Though both sites present within the Subject Area are considered to have low archaeological potential, Urbis (2023b) proposed for a salvage excavation to be undertaken at site Commercial Road AFT2 (AHIMS ID# 45-5-5671) prior to the planned impacts. This course of action will provide an opportunity to further investigate the

research questions related to Aboriginal occupation of the site and to recover remaining artefacts associated with medium-density sub-surface deposits. No conservation areas are considered warranted within the identified site extents given their low research value, however, a conservation area may be established for the purposes of on-Country burial of artefacts recovered from the test and salvage excavations.

9.3 Mitigating harm

Since harm to Aboriginal objects is proposed, management measures are warranted to mitigate the loss of values to Aboriginal sites, objects and values that would result from the proposed activity. Management and mitigation measures are also warranted to ensure continued compliance with the NPW Act should be considered to ensure continued compliance with the NPW Act.

Mitigation of harm in the form of avoidance of impacts to Commercial Road AFT1 (AHIMS ID# 45-5-5669) and Commercial Road AFT2 (AHIMS ID# 45-5-5671) is not considered warranted due to the limited extent of the artefact-bearing deposits confirmed during the test excavation program. The artefact-bearing deposit associated with Commercial Road AFT1 (AHIMS ID# 45-5-5669) has been shown to have been fully recovered during the test excavation. The deposit associated with Commercial Road AFT2 (AHIMS ID# 45-5-5671) was found to not have been fully recovered during phase two of the test excavation and should be subject to a salvage excavation.

The methodology to be undertaken for the salvage excavation of Commercial Road AFT2 (AHIMS ID# 45-5-5671) is outlined in Section 16.

Management measures are warranted to mitigate the potential impacts on the Aboriginal sites and values that would result from the proposed activities. Management and mitigation measures are required to ensure continued compliance with the NPW Act.

Consideration and discussion of management and mitigation options are provided in Table 37.

Table 37: Consideration of management and mitigation strategies

Management risk / impacted value	Strategies considered	Response
Management risk – impacts to cultural values and stakeholder values	Avoidance of sites and *in situ* conservation	– Two Aboriginal cultural heritage sites have been identified within the Subject Area with potential impacts resulting from the proposed works. – A consideration of the potential to avoid impacts within archaeologically sensitive areas was undertaken as part of the ACHA, however, given the results of the test excavation showing the extent of previous disturbance and limited spatial extent and complexity of the sites, avoidance of the sites is not warranted.
	Ongoing consultation	– Further community consultation and engagement are required for the future management of Aboriginal cultural heritage identified in relation to the proposed works. The involvement of RAPs in the salvage excavation, development of the salvage methodology and determination of a Care Agreement should include ongoing consultation including the engagement of representatives of the RAPs in all fieldwork.

Management risk / impacted value	Strategies considered	Response
Management risk – impacts to cultural values and stakeholder values	Mitigating harm through subsurface recovery of Aboriginal objects located in the Subject Area	– Given the limited nature of the subsurface artefact deposits present within the Subject Area and the extent of previous disturbance, the most appropriate approach to mitigate the impact on Aboriginal objects present is to ensure the Aboriginal community is provided an opportunity to recover sub-surface artefacts present within the extent of the Commercial Road AFT2 (AHIMS ID# 45-5-5671) deposit. – Further archaeological excavation of Commercial Road AFT1 (AHIMS ID# 45-5-5669) is not considered warranted as the test excavation has demonstrated the limited spatial extent and complexity of the site which Urbis (2023b) recommended no further investigation of.
Management risk – Compliance and unexpected finds	Communication with employees, site visitors, contractors and landowners	– As proposed activities include ground surface disturbance through excavation, all involved parties must operate under the unexpected finds procedure below. – All workers should be inducted into the Subject Area, so they are made aware of their obligations under the NPW Act and any conditions of the ACHMP and cultural heritage assessments prior to during and after construction activities. – In the event of the identification of artefacts within the Subject Area, work in the surrounding area is to stop immediately. – A temporary fence is to be erected around the unexpected Aboriginal cultural heritage site, with a buffer zone of at least 10 m around the known edge of the Aboriginal cultural heritage site. – An appropriately qualified archaeological consultant is to be engaged to identify the material present. – If the material is an Aboriginal object, the Proponent will notify: o The HNSW's Enviroline on 131 555; and o Representatives of the RAPs. – Facilitate, in co-operation with the appropriate authorities and the RAPs: o The recording and assessment of the finds of Compliance with any legal requirements and HNSW directions o The development and implementation of appropriate management strategies based on an assessment of the significance of the finds. – The recommencement of ground disturbance works may only resume once legal requirements are fulfilled.

Management risk / impacted value	Strategies considered	Response
Management risk – unexpected finds (human remains)	Stop work and follow the procedure for the discovery of suspected human remains	– As proposed activities include ground surface disturbance through excavation, all involved parties must operate under the unexpected finds (human remains) procedure below. – All workers should be inducted into the Subject Area, so they are made aware of their obligations under the NPW Act prior to and during and after construction activities. – In the unlikely event that suspected human remains are encountered during construction, all work in the area that may cause further impact, must cease immediately. – The location should be secured using barrier fencing and signage to avoid further harm. – The NSW Police must be contacted immediately. – No further action is to be undertaken until the NSW Police provide written notification – If the skeletal remains are identified as Aboriginal, Health Infrastructure NSW or their agent must contact: – The Heritage NSW's Enviroline on 131 555; and – Representatives of the RAPs. – No works are to continue until Heritage NSW provides written notification to the proponent or their Agent.
Management compliance	Care agreement	– A care agreement should be obtained for the long-term management of artefacts recovered from the test and salvage excavations of the Subject Area. RAPs should be consulted in order to reach an agreement as to the long-term management of all artefacts recovered.
	Completion of Aboriginal Site Impact Recording Forms (ASIRF)	– Following the salvage excavation of Commercial Road AFT2 (AHIMS ID# 45-5-5671), an ASIRF form should be submitted to provide details of the works undertaken and artefacts recovered. At the completion of the salvage excavation, the status of the site should be updated to 'destroyed' during the ASIRF submission. – Given the previous test excavation of artefacts at Commercial Road AFT1 (AHIMS ID# 45-5-5669) concluded to have recovered the full extent of the deposit present, an ASIRF should be submitted to change the site status to 'destroyed'.

The proposed mitigation measures for each individual site within the Subject Area are included in Table 38.

Table 38: Proposed mitigation measures for each site

AHIMS ID	Site name	Status	Type of harm (direct/indirect/none)	Primary proposed mitigation measure
45-5-5669	Commercial Road AFT 1	– The site is currently listed in AHIMS as being 'valid' however due to previous test excavation of the site it can be considered 'destroyed'.	– Direct	– ASIRF is to be submitted to confirm that no further archaeological investigation of the site is warranted. Given previous site impacts, the site status should be changed to 'destroyed'.
45-5-5671	Commercial Road AFT 2	– The site is currently listed as 'valid' however due to previous test excavation of the site it can be considered 'partially destroyed'.	– Direct	– Salvage excavation of the site is warranted. ASIRF is to be submitted at the completion of the salvage excavation to change the status to 'destroyed'.

The NSW Cumulative Impact Assessment Guidelines for State Significant Projects (DPIE, 2022) define cumulative impacts as:

> *' …. a result of incremental, sustained and combined effects of human action and natural variations over time and can be both positive and negative. They can be caused by the compounding effects of a single project or multiple projects in an area, and by the accumulation of effects from past, current and future activities as they arise.'*

In terms of Aboriginal cultural heritage, cumulative impacts can be measured across at various scales including an individual site, specific artefact and/or site types or other cultural features, the patterns and distribution of those artefacts, features across a geomorphological feature or landscape or even specific time periods that are represented in the archaeological record (Smith et al. 2019).

The sites recorded as part of the current assessment inform the broader archaeological record of Rouse Hill and the Cumberland Plains more broadly. Cumulative impact on Aboriginal cultural heritage within the Study Area can be directly related to the long-term loss of the archaeological record as well as changes to distribution patterns of sites within the local area and wider cultural landscape due to previous development and clearing. Impact through past land use practices within the Subject Area is largely limited to agricultural land clearance, modification during the period of use as a golf course, track construction and the development and use of the Mungerie Park electrical substation. Across the broader landscapes, these impacts include urban growth and the development of the Rouse Hill township. The cumulative impacts on Aboriginal heritage sites caused by past and

continuing urban, commercial and other developments in the area effectively impose a greater significance on those sites that do remain. The remaining sites hold cultural value due to their increasing rarity.

The Subject Area has limited potential to reveal evidence of the nature of Aboriginal occupation of the area due to the limited landform features and evidence of previous disturbance. The artefact scatters, though offering a tangible link to previous Aboriginal occupants, have been identified to offer limited research potential. Both sites are highly typical of the local area as isolated material traces of transient occupation.

The overall cumulative impact on the archaeological record for the region is therefore likely to be minimal, assuming a similar density of artefact sites remain across the wider region. The proposed Rouse Hill Hospital project will have minimal impacts to Aboriginal values if appropriate mitigation management measures are adhered to.

9.1 Consideration of ecologically sustainable development

Section 5(vii) of the EP&A Act requires proponents to consider the key principles of Ecologically Sustainable Development (ESD) in the design of their projects. The principles of ESD are defined within the *Protection of the Environment Administration Act 1991*. This Act defines the precautionary principle and the principles of inter-generational equity, conservation of biological diversity and ecological integrity. In the context of Aboriginal cultural heritage, the two relevant principles are:

- The precautionary principle—namely, that if there are threats of serious or irreversible environmental damage, lack of full scientific certainty should not be used as a reason for postponing measures to prevent environmental degradation.
- Inter-generational equity—namely, that the present generation should ensure that the health, diversity and productivity of the environment are maintained or enhanced for the benefit of future generations.

In accordance with the *Guide to Investigating, Assessing and Reporting on Aboriginal Cultural Heritage in NSW* (OEH 2011), intergenerational equity can be assessed in terms of the cumulative impact on Aboriginal objects, places, and cultural values in a region. Intergenerational equity is maintained by the continued dissemination of cultural knowledge and the ability to access Country and sites and places of cultural value into the future. It is detrimental to future generations if cultural knowledge and access to Country is lost by the current generation. Cumulative impacts are the successive, incremental and combined impacts of one or more activities on the environment, including cultural heritage values. The precautionary principle is defined as:

> *'If there are threats of serious or irreversible environmental damage, lack of full scientific certainty should not be used as a reason for postponing measures to prevent environmental degradation'.*

Australia's National Strategy for Ecologically Sustainable Development (Ecologically Sustainable Development Steering Committee: 1992) defines ecologically sustainable development as:

> *'Using, conserving and enhancing the communities' resources so that ecological processes, on which life depends, are maintained, and the total quality of life, now and in the future, can be increased.'*

Aboriginal heritage programs that seek to address Indigenous concerns in relation to the land, heritage, economic and cultural development include the Commonwealth Indigenous Protected Areas Initiative, Land Acquisition and Maintenance, and Heritage Protection Programs; the Victorian Aboriginal Capital Projects and Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Programs; and the South Australian Aboriginal Tourism Strategy' (Ecologically Sustainable Development Steering Committee 1992).

All Environmental Impact Assessments (EIAs) undertaken with respect to Aboriginal cultural heritage need to consider intergenerational equality; this is fundamental to identifying Aboriginal culture and identity in the future.

Table 39 considers the key principles of ESD with respect to the results of the literature review, Aboriginal heritage survey, test excavation and significance assessment detailed in this report.

Table 39: Assessment of ESD

Principles of the EIA and ESD guidelines	ESD assessment
A fundamental consideration for the conservation of biological diversity and ecological integrity.	This assessment provides a consideration of environmental and cultural features present within the Subject Area having intangible cultural value to the Aboriginal community. The Proponent has undertaken an ACHA in consultation with the RAPs in order to identify these values and engage Aboriginal community members in the future management of these features. The desktop assessment has identified sensitive landforms with intangible cultural value to Aboriginal people that occur within proximity to the Subject Area including the regionally significant Second Ponds and Caddies Creeks. Though affected by previous development and land clearance, the association between these resource-rich zones and the traces of Aboriginal occupation have been affirmed. Within the Subject Area itself, limited landform features have been identified to indicate the likelihood of concentrated or prolonged Aboriginal occupation however directly to the south an extant creek line runs parallel to the Subject Area and would have previously provided a source of fresh water and potential to support various plant communities.
Careful evaluation to avoid, wherever practicable, serious, or irreversible damage to the environment.	The proponent has undertaken an ACHA and has provided consideration of options to avoid harm to Aboriginal objects. In the case of this assessment, complete avoidance of the two artefact scatters identified within the Subject Area is not warranted given their limited archaeological potential, the absence of highly sensitive landform features, the sparse density of Aboriginal objects and evidence of previous disturbance. The proposed activity has nonetheless been assessed to have the potential to impact cultural values held by the Aboriginal community as well as physical impacts on two identified Aboriginal cultural heritage sites resulting from the hospital development. A salvage program is proposed to mitigate the potential impacts on Aboriginal objects and intangible values detailed in this report. This must be informed by further consultation to ensure irreversible damage to the cultural heritage environment and intergenerational loss of Aboriginal cultural heritage associated with this culturally significant landscape are adequately mitigated in consultation with the Aboriginal community.
Consideration of intergenerational equity.	The assessment has considered intergeneration equity by: – Undertaking community consultation with RAPs regarding the cultural values within the Subject Area and the management of Aboriginal sites and Aboriginal heritage values. – Considering the cumulative impacts of the proposed development. Commercial Road AFT1 (AHIMS ID# 45-5-5669) and Commercial Road AFT2 (AHIMS ID# 45-5-5671) have previously been subject to test

Principles of the EIA and ESD guidelines	ESD assessment
	excavation. As part of the research design, some research questions related to the use of landforms could be established from the results of the excavation program, however, the limited number of artefacts recovered was a constraint on broader questions of the temporal use of and spatial expressions of occupation. The small assemblage recovered precludes detailed analysis or comparison with other sites excavated within the local area and region more broadly. Nonetheless, the recovery of artefacts from the test excavation and proposed within the future salvage program provide further understanding of the limited nature of Aboriginal occupation within the Subject Area. They have also confirmed the notion considered in the predictive model that shallow sub-surface artefact-bearing deposits can occur within Blacktown soils even where no evidence is observed from the surface. The salvage excavation proposed for Commercial Road AFT2 (AHIMS ID# 45-5-5671) has the potential to further inform an understanding of the spatial extent and nature of Aboriginal occupation within an area relatively removed from key local resource zones.
Where the risk of serious or irreversible harm and lack of scientific knowledge of the nature of environmental harm combine, the precautionary principle applies. Where there is a risk of serious or irreversible harm, it is necessary to establish whether there is adequate scientific knowledge of the subject to evaluate the perceived threat.	This assessment has considered a review of all Aboriginal heritage sites within and in proximity to the Subject Area. Consultation with the RAPs has been undertaken in accordance with the Aboriginal community consultation requirements for proponents. The assessment requires further consultation to definitively identify Aboriginal objects present and provide an assessment of significance.
An assessment of the risk-weighted consequences of various options.	A consideration of harm and mitigation is provided above in Sections 8 and 9. Avoidance is always preferred however the characteristics of the landform on which the Subject Area is situated and the minor material traces of Aboriginal occupation of the site provide little justification for the redesign of the proposed hospital development. To offset the proposed impacts, therefore, a salvage excavation guided by the methodology outlined in Section 16 is proposed.

10 Conclusion and recommendations

Niche was commissioned by TSA Management on behalf of Health Infrastructure NSW to prepare an ACHA for the proposed Rouse Hill Hospital Development.

The ACHA was carried out in accordance with the Code of Practice (DECCW 2010b) and the *Guide to investigating, assessing and reporting on Aboriginal cultural heritage in NSW* (OEH 2011). It included consultation with RAPs in accordance with the Consultation Requirements (DECCW 2010a) (details of which are provided in Section 3 and in Appendix 1 and Appendix 2).

An assessment of the potential impact of the proposed works and associated ground disturbance indicates that two Aboriginal cultural heritage sites have the potential to be directly harmed. Avoidance or mitigation measures are therefore warranted and must be implemented prior to works proceeding.

Following the test excavation of Commercial Road AFT 1 (AHIMS ID# 45-5-5669), it was concluded that no further investigation of the site is warranted. Commercial Road AFT 2 (AHIMS ID# 45-5-5671) will require a salvage excavation prior to the proposed works.

The management of both sites are outlined in the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Plan (ACHMP) developed for the project (Appendix 5).

The recommendations for the project, based on community consultation with the RAPs for the Project, and with the completion of this ACHA by Niche, are included in Table 40.

Table 40: Recommendations for the project

Recommendations	
Aboriginal heritage	
1.	The Proponent should continue to consult with the RAPs in regard to the project in accordance with the Aboriginal cultural heritage consultation requirements for Proponents 2010. Consultation may include, but is not limited to: – Finalisation of ACHA – Participation in the proposed salvage excavation – Determination of the long-term management of recovered artefacts under a care agreement – The provisions of the ACHMP – Project updates – Unexpected finds Project updates should be sent to all RAPs every 6 months at a maximum to ensure the consultation associated with this ACHA remains active.

Recommendations	
Aboriginal heritage	
2.	The Proponent should finalise and submit an ACHMP for the project that includes: – The outcomes of the ACHA. – Measures agreed with the Traditional Owners for the protection and management of both tangible and intangible cultural heritage values and mitigation of impacts. – Agreed protocols for the identification, protection and management of any cultural heritage values discovered during the project. – A methodology for the salvage excavation of Commercial Road AFT 2 (AHIMS ID# 45-5-5671). – Delivery of cultural awareness training to project staff and contractors to ensure that ACHMP measures are implemented. RAPs should be included in the development of the ACHMP.
3.	An area of PAD associated with Commercial Road AFT 2 (AHIMS ID# 45-5-5671) will require a salvage excavation in accordance with the salvage methodology outlined in Appendix 5 for the project.
4.	The long-term management of any artefacts recovered during the test and salvage excavation of Commercial Road AFT 2 (AHIMS ID# 45-5-5671) and the test excavation of Commercial Road AFT 1 (AHIMS ID# 45-5-5670) should be formalised in a care agreement as determined by the RAPs. Where requested by the RAPs, the feasibility of on-Country reburial of artefacts within a conservation area should be considered by the Proponent.
5.	Aboriginal Site Impact Recording Forms (ASIRFs) should be submitted for sites Commercial Road AFT 1 (AHIMS ID# 45-5-5670) and Commercial Road AFT 2 (AHIMS ID# 45-5-5671) once archaeological investigations have been finalised.
General	
6.	All workers and contractors associated with the works within the Subject Area should be inducted, so they are made aware of their obligations prior to, during and after work.
7.	The Proponent should not publicise the location of Aboriginal cultural heritage sites or other cultural information without prior consent from the Aboriginal community. This includes the public distribution of any mapping, AHIMS data and/or cultural information contained within this report.
8.	In the event of unexpected finds, notification is required under s89A of the NPW Act. In this scenario, work must cease in the affected area(s). Additional assessment and approval may be required under the relevant legislation prior to works continuing in the affected area(s) based on the nature of the discovery.

Recommendations	
Aboriginal heritage	
	In the event that unexpected finds are encountered during construction, all work in the area must cease immediately and: – The location should be secured using barrier fencing and signage to avoid further harm. – Contact suitable qualified archaeologists immediately. No further action is to be undertaken until archaeologists have assessed the finds.
9.	In the unlikely event that suspected human remains are encountered during construction, all work in the area that may cause further impact must cease immediately and: – The location should be secured using barrier fencing and signage to avoid further harm. – The NSW Police must be contacted immediately. – No further action is to be undertaken until the NSW Police provide written notification. – If the skeletal remains are identified as Aboriginal, the Proponent or their agent must contact: – The NSW Environment and Heritage's Enviroline on 131 555 and representatives of the RAPs. – No works are to continue until NSW Environment and Heritage provides written notification.

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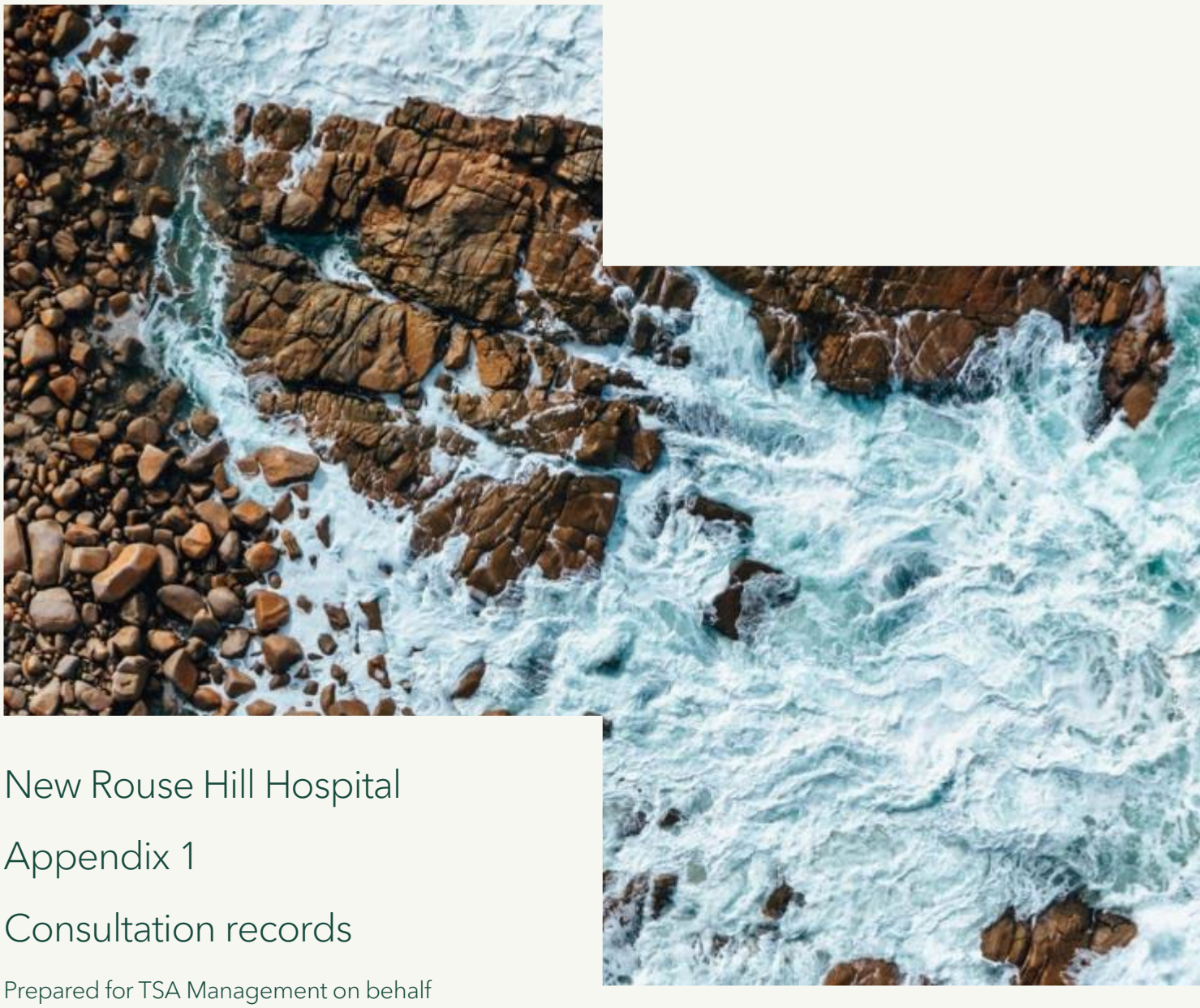

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Cc: Ben Slack
Subject: 8595 Rouse Hill Hospital Development ACHA/Consultation - Agency Notice Hills Council
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Attachments: 8595_Native Title Request_20240520.docx

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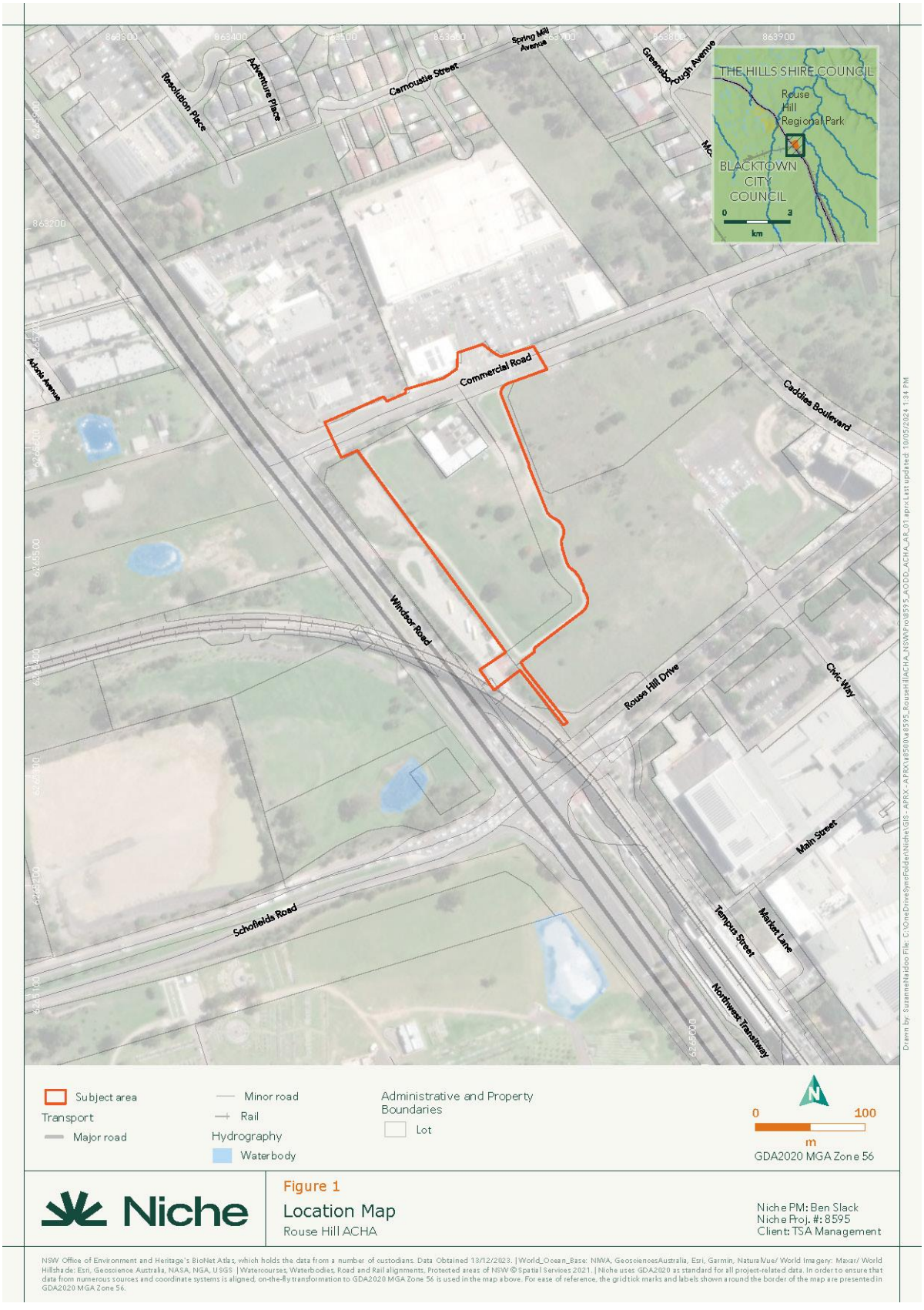

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20 May 2024

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To whom this may concern,

Re: Rouse Hill Hospital Development, Rouse Hill NSW – Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessments (Niche ref: #8595)

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Urbis (2023) previously conducted an initial ACHA for the Project to inform the original Concept and Stage 1 Early Works State Significance Development Application (SSDA) (SSD-45373580), completing test excavations under the *Code of Practice for Archaeological Investigation of Aboriginal Objects in NSW* (DECCW 2010). The SSDA has since been withdrawn and a single-stage SSDA pathway has been adopted for the Project (SSD# 6611708). A Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) has been issued for the single-stage SSDA for the proposed Works.

An ACHA will be required as part of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) associated within the Project, as required by the SEARs. The ACHA is to be prepared in accordance with the *Guide to Investigating Aboriginal Cultural Heritage in NSW* (OEH 2010) and the *Aboriginal cultural heritage consultation requirements for proponents 2010* (OEH 2010) and the *NSW National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*.

Health Infrastructure is seeking to consult with any Aboriginal persons or groups who may hold cultural knowledge of, or who have the right or interest in, Aboriginal cultural heritage of the Subject Areas. The purpose of the consultation will be to assist in the preparation of:

- ACHAs in order to fulfil the conditions of the SEARs and prepared in accordance with the *Guide to Investigating Aboriginal Cultural Heritage in NSW* (OEH 2010)
- Appropriate management recommendations for any potential Aboriginal objects that might be identified in the Subject Area during the process
- To assist the Director General of Heritage NSW in the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) in his or her consideration and determination of any subsequent applications.

If you know of any Aboriginal people who hold cultural knowledge relevant to, or who have a right or interest in determining the cultural heritage significance of Aboriginal object(s) and/or place(s) in the Subject Areas, please provide their details by 5pm on 3 June 2024. Submissions must be made in writing to:

Ben Slack

Acting Heritage Principal

Niche

E – [redacted]

T – [redacted]

Niche 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.

The Proponent, Health Infrastructure, can be contacted via:

Health Infrastructure

c/o TSA Management

Alison Suwal

Senior Project Manager

Ph: [redacted]

[redacted]

We encourage any project specific consultation to be directed to Niche.

Please be advised that, as per the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents (OEH 2010) the names of Aboriginal persons and groups who register an interest will be forwarded to Heritage NSW in the DPHI and the Deerubbin Local Aboriginal Land Council unless the person or group specifies that they do not want their details released.

Yours sincerely,

Olivier Rochecouste

Consultant - Heritage

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Stage 1.2 Agency response

From: Ben Slack
To: Olivier Rochecouste
Subject: FW: Heritage NSW Aboriginal stakeholder list for Rouse Hill Hospital Development.
Date: Friday, 24 May 2024 10:59:54 AM
Attachments: Heritage NSW Aboriginal stakeholder list for the Hills LGA.docx
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Hi Oli

See attached stakeholders list for Rouse Hill. Can you please file

Ben Slack BA
Acting Heritage Principal

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From: Barry Gunther [redacted]
Sent: Friday, May 24, 2024 10:56 AM
To: Ben Slack <[redacted]
Subject: Heritage NSW Aboriginal stakeholder list for Rouse Hill Hospital Development.

Hi Ben,

Please find attached the Heritage NSW Aboriginal stakeholder list for Rouse Hill Hospital Development.

regards

Barry Gunther
Aboriginal Senior Assessment Officer
Heritage NSW
Department of Climate Change,
Energy, the Environment and Water

www.environment.nsw.gov.au/topics/heritage

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LIST OF ABORIGINAL STAKEHOLDERS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT (DPE) HELD BY DPE FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE OEH ABORIGINAL CULTURAL HERITAGE CONSULTATION REQUIREMENTS FOR PROPONENTS 2010

The purpose of this letter is to assist you as the proposed applicant in undertaking Aboriginal community consultation in accordance with the relevant legislation and guidelines.

The consultation process involves getting the views of, and information from, Aboriginal people and reporting on these. It is not to be confused with other field assessment processes involved in preparing a proposal and an application. Consultation does not include the employment of Aboriginal people to assist in field assessment and/or site monitoring. Aboriginal people may provide services to proponents through a contractual arrangement however, this is separate from consultation. The proponent is not obliged to employ those Aboriginal people registered for consultation. Consultation as per these requirements will continue irrespective of potential or actual employment opportunities for Aboriginal people.

In accordance with Clause 60 (10) of the National Parks and Wildlife Regulation 2019, where an agreement of the kind listed below specifies or identifies a modified or alternative consultation process for the purposes of Part 6 of the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974, the applicant is to undertake consultation in accordance with the modified or alternative process. The applicable agreements are:

a) a registered Indigenous Land Use Agreement under the Native Title Act 1993 of the Commonwealth entered into between an Aboriginal community and the State,

b) a lease entered into under Part 4A of the Act,

c) an agreement entered into by the Secretary and a board of management reserved under Part4A of the Act that has the consent of Aboriginal owner board members for the land concerned,

d) an agreement entered into between an Aboriginal community and the Department of Planning, Industry and the Environment.

Where you believe your application is wholly or partially located within an area subject to any of the above agreements, please provide further correspondence (including mapping, if required) detailing the applicable agreement and its relationship to the application area to heritagemailbox@environment.nsw.gov.au. Heritage NSW will respond with further advice.

Where the above does not apply, please proceed with consultation in accordance with the Clause 60 (1-9) of the National Parks and Wildlife Regulation 2019 and Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents 2010 (the “Consultation Requirements”). A copy of the Consultation Requirements can be found on the OEH website at: http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/resources/cultureheritage/commconsultation/09781ACHconsultreq.pdf.

Under the Consultation Requirements, a proponent is required to provide Aboriginal people who may hold cultural knowledge relevant to determining the cultural significance of Aboriginal objects and/or places as relevant to the proposed project area, with an opportunity to be involved in consultation. Section 3.3.1 of the Consultation Requirements states that Aboriginal people who can provide this information are, based on Aboriginal lore and custom, the traditional owners or custodians of the land that is the subject o the proposed project.

The Consultation Requirements also state that:

Traditional owners or custodians with appropriate cultural heritage knowledge to inform decision making who seek to register their interest as an Aboriginal party are those people who:

- continue to maintain a deep respect for their ancestral belief system, traditional lore and custom

- recognise their responsibilities and obligations to protect and conserve their culture and heritage and care for their traditional lands or Country
- have the trust of their community, knowledge and understanding of their culture, and permission to speak about it.

This list is provided to proponents in accordance with Clause 60(2)(a)(i) of the National Parks and Wildlife Regulation 2019 and section 4.1.2 of the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents 2010.

The stakeholders identified on this list may have an interest in the proposed project area and may hold knowledge relevant to determining the cultural significance of Aboriginal objects and/or places.

How to use this list

- Contact the organisations/individuals who have indicated an interest in the relevant LGA/s and invite them to register an interest in your project.
- Do not reproduce the attached list in publicly available reports and other documents. Your report should only contain the names of the organisations and individuals who you have invited to register an interest in your project and those who have registered as stakeholders for your project.
- Note that the provision of this Aboriginal stakeholder list does not override a proponent's requirement to also advertise in the local newspaper and to seek from other sources the names of any other Aboriginal people who may hold cultural knowledge as required under clause 60 (2) of the National Parks and Wildlife Regulation 2019.
- Please refer to Clause 60 of the National Parks and Wildlife Regulation 2019 and the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents 2010 for further information on the requirements of the consultation process.
- If contact details of stakeholders are found to be incorrect or outdated, please contact heritagemailbox@environment.nsw.gov.au.

Last updated April 2024

Our reference: Doc24/399653

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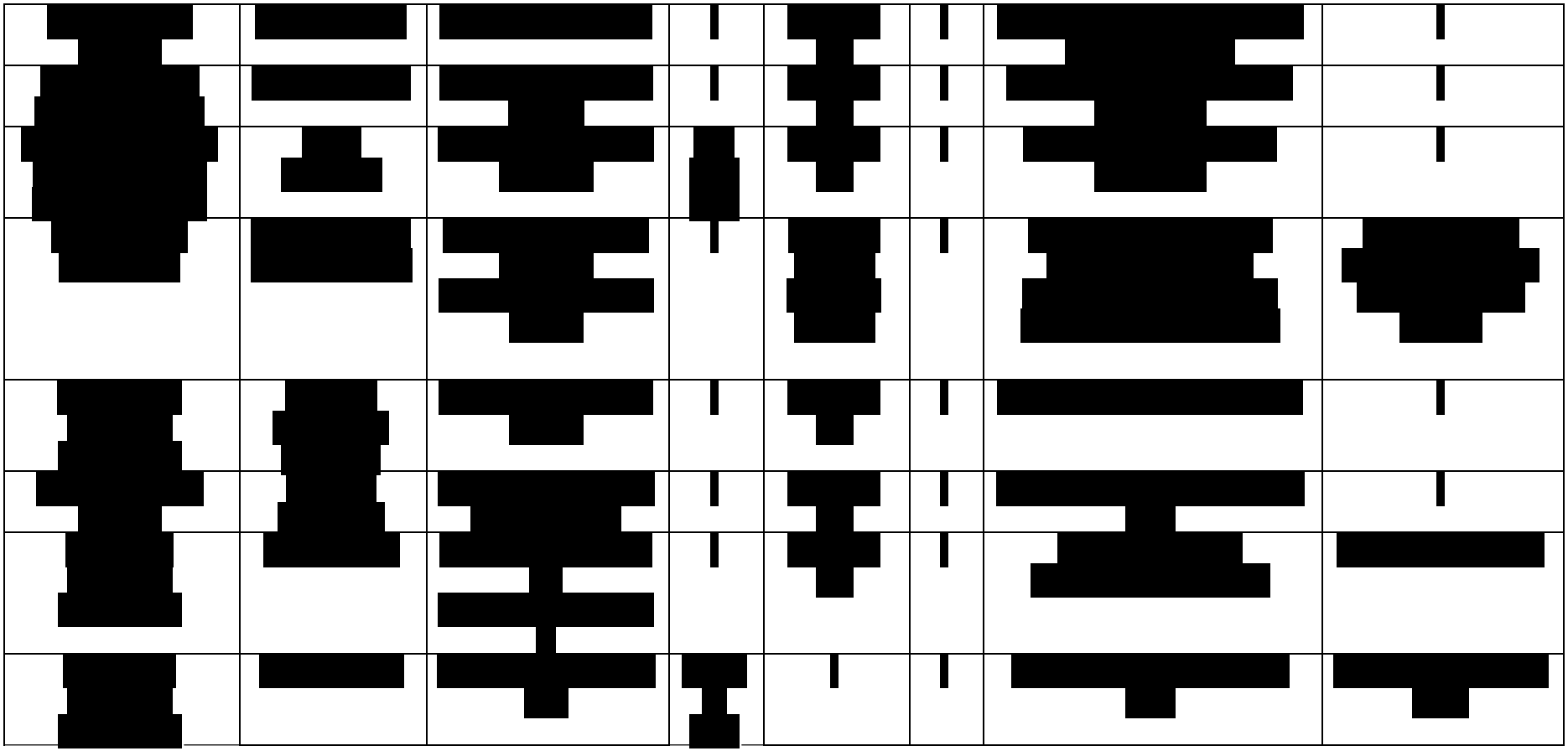
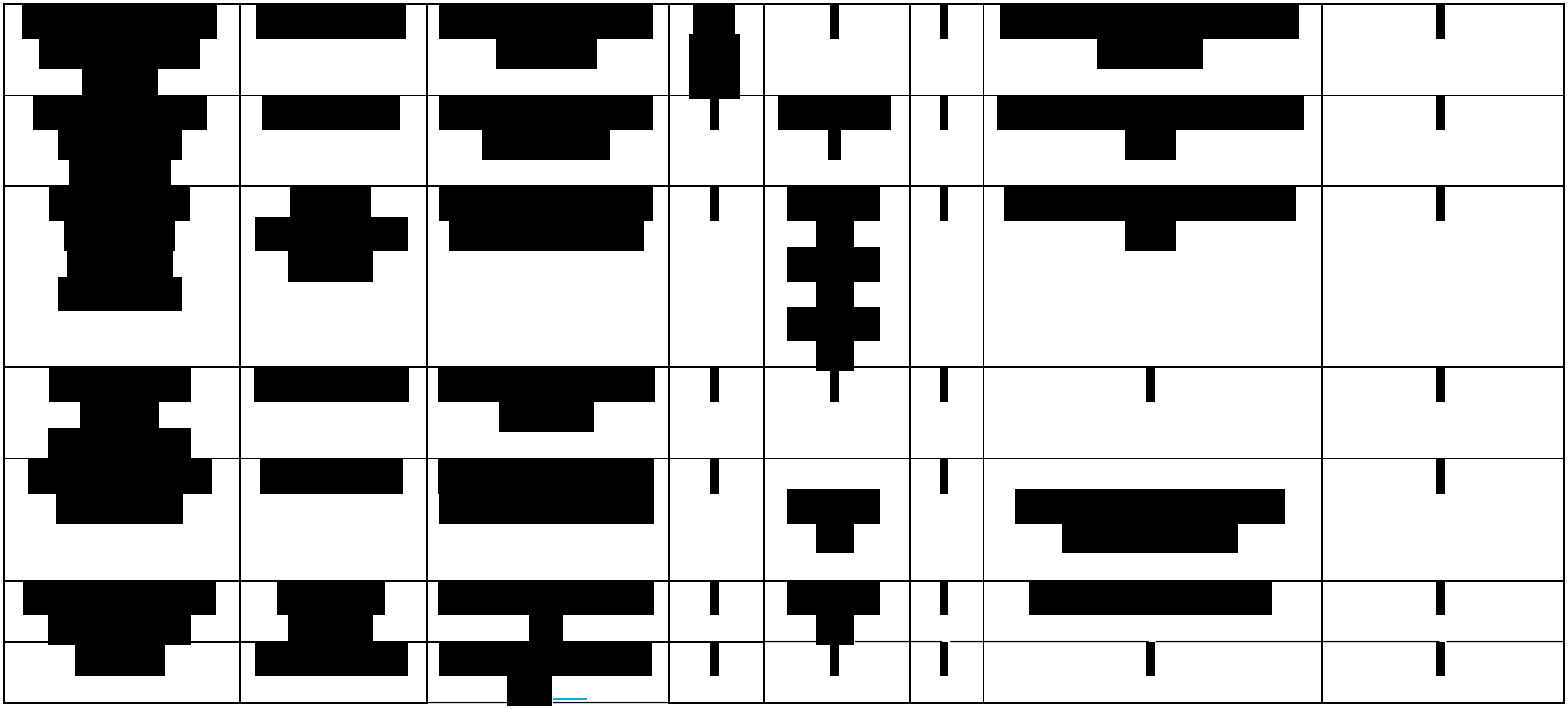
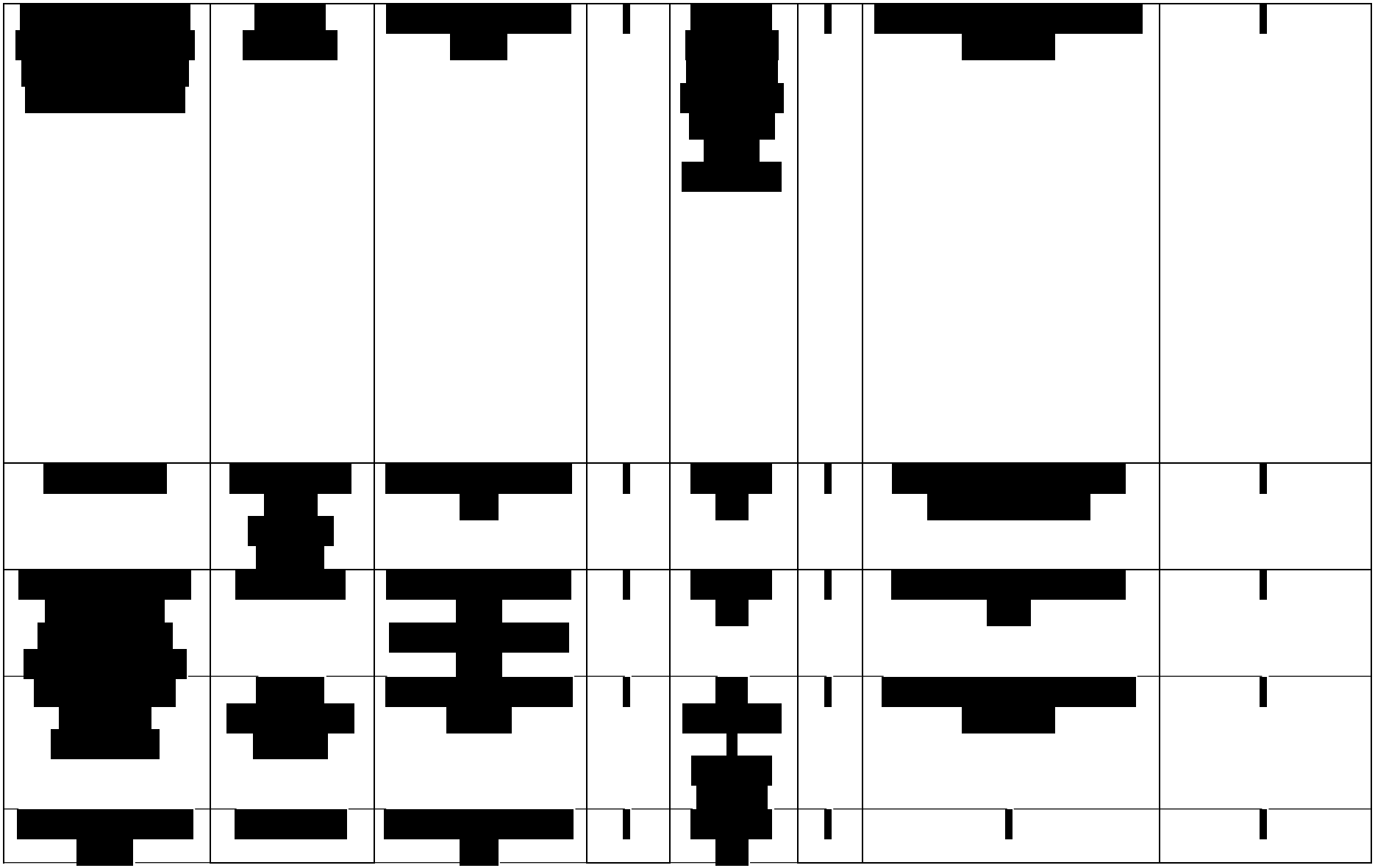
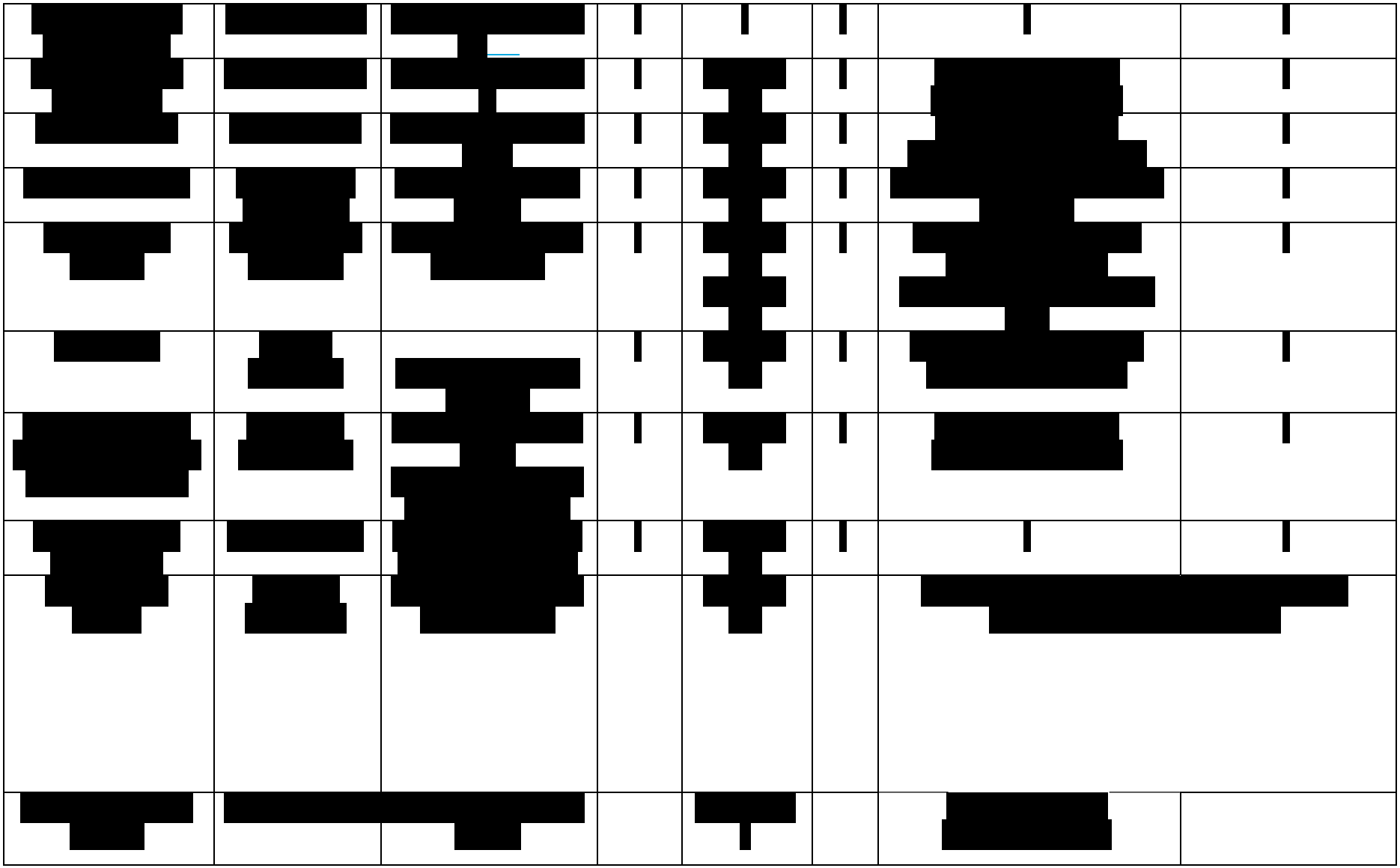
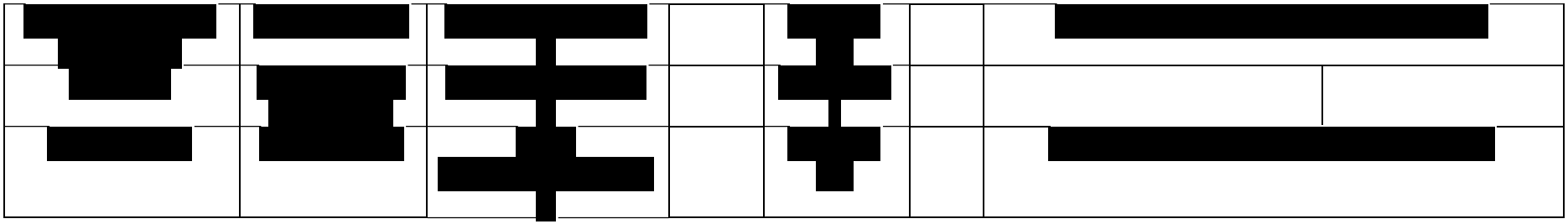
Aboriginal Stakeholders –The Hills Local Government Area.











From: Emma Langan
To: Olivier Rochecouste
Cc: Ben Slack
Subject: RE: 8595 Rouse Hill Hospital Development ACHA/Consultation - Agency Notice Hills Council
Date: Friday, 24 May 2024 3:57:15 PM
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Hi Olivier,

Thanks for your enquiry regarding Aboriginal Community contacts.

Please find attached the contact details of relevant Aboriginal Stakeholders with respect to Rouse Hill Hospital.

I hope this information assists in your enquiry.

Kind regards,
Emma

Emma Langan
Senior Town Planner
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24 May 2024

Olivier Rochecouste
Niche Environment and Heritage
Level 3, 93 George Street,
PARRAMATTA NSW 2150

Via email: [redacted]

Our Ref: FP18

Dear Olivier,

Request for Aboriginal Stakeholder Contact

Thank you for contacting The Hills Shire Council regarding contact details for interested Aboriginal community groups for land at the corner of Commercial Road and Windsor Road, Rouse Hill (Lot 311 DP 1274392 and Lot 312 DP 1274392). The subject site is located within the Deerubbin Local Aboriginal Land Council boundary.

Their relevant contact details are as follows:

Office location:	Level 1, 295 High Street, Penrith
Postal address:	PO Box 40, Penrith NSW 2751
Email:	[redacted]
Office Phone:	02 4724 5600
Fax:	02 4722 9713

Aside from this, Council does not have a register of any individuals who have an interest in these lands.

Yours faithfully

Emma Langan
SENIOR TOWN PLANNER

From: LLS GS Service Mailbox
To: Olivier Rochecouste
Subject: Re: 8595 Rouse Hill Hospital Development ACHA/Consultation - Agency Notice Greater Sydney LLS
Date: Thursday, 6 June 2024 10:14:22 AM
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Dear Olivier

Thank you for your recent letter seeking assistance to identify Aboriginal stakeholder organisations and persons who may hold an interest in Country at the project area designated in your correspondence.

Greater Sydney Local Land Services (GS LLS) acknowledges that Local Land Services (formerly as Catchment Management Authorities) has been listed in Section 4.1.3.(g) of the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation requirements for proponents 2010, to support Part 6, of the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974 as a source of information to obtain the 'names of Aboriginal people who may hold cultural knowledge relevant to determining the significance of Aboriginal objects and/or places'.
GS LLS understands and respects the significant role and values that tangible and intangible Aboriginal Cultural Heritage holds for First Nations/Aboriginal people with Country. GS LLS also partners with many First Nations communities on Caring for Country projects that aim to protect and enhance those tangible and intangible values in Country including Aboriginal Cultural Heritage. GS LLS considers Aboriginal Cultural Heritage matters in relation to its role in land management and considers cultural heritage issues in the context of Natural Resource Management.

However, GS LLS feels that it is not a primary source of contact for First Nations (Aboriginal) communities or persons that may inform or provide comment on development or planning issues.

GS LLS strongly recommends you contact Heritage NSW to seek their advice on all-inclusive contact lists of persons and organisations who 'speak for Country' and that may assist with your investigation.

Regards

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Local Land Services | Greater Sydney
Department of Regional NSW

Telephone 02 4724 2100

Level 4, 2-6 Station Street Penrith
PO Box 4515 PENRITH

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You can also get in touch with us is through our online enquiry form

Your opinion is valuable and will help us improve our service

Greater Sydney Local Land Services acknowledges we operate in and deliver services throughout Country of First Nations people in the Greater Sydney Region.
We recognise and respect Elders and cultural knowledge holders, past and present, while acknowledging the unique and diverse enduring cultures and histories of all First Nations people.
Always was and always will be Aboriginal land.

From: Olivier Rochecouste <[redacted]
Sent: Monday, 20 May 2024 4:59 PM
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Zoe Robertson | Paralegal

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Hi Oliver,

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Hi Zoe,

Thank you for clarifying the new email for NTSCorp.

Can you confirm whether NTSCorp knows of any Aboriginal people who hold cultural knowledge relevant to, or who have a right or interest in determining the cultural heritage significance of Aboriginal object(s) and/or place(s) in the Rouse Hill Subject Area?

Kind regards,

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Olivier

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To: Olivier Rochecouste
Cc: Ben Slack; Olivier Rochecouste
Subject: RE: SR24/863 - Request for Spatial Search of Tribunal Registers Rouse Hill Hospital Development (Niche ref#8595) [SEC=OFFICIAL]
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Your ref: *8595* **Our ref:** *SR24/863*

Dear Olivier Rochecouste

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:

0. Schedule of Native Title Determination Applications
1. Register of Native Title Claims
2. Native Title Determinations
3. 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				
311//DP1274392	FREEHOLD	8/03/2024	0.0180	**NNTT File Number**	**Name**	**Category**	**Overlap Area SqKm**	**% Selected Feature**
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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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If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us via GeospatialSearch@NNTT.gov.au

Regards,

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To whom it may concern,

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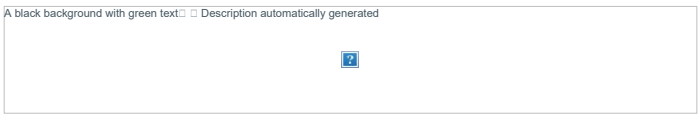

Stage 1.3 Newspaper notice

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Aboriginal Community Consultation

Aboriginal cultural heritage consultation requirements for proponents 2010

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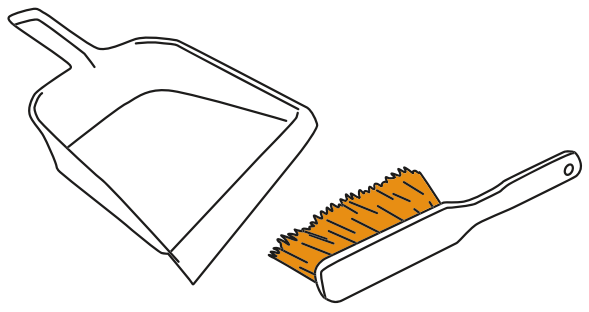

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OLDFIELD, R.
PALLETT, L. N.

This summary is a complimentary service. All care is taken to endeavor to include all names from the notices appearing today, however there are circumstances when this is beyond our control and some names may be omitted. Please read all advertisements within the Death and Funeral Notices columns for comprehensive list. Wherever possible we endeavor to place Death and Funeral notices into "family order". There are circumstances when this is beyond our control.

Deaths

BACKHOUSE, Robert "John"

4.9.1937 – 30.5.2024

Passed away peacefully at Bupa Aged Care, Wodonga. Beloved husband of Carmel (dec) and Ruth (dec). Loved father of Michael Gerard (dec), Jennifer, Anne, Robert, and Paul. Loving Uncle John to all his nieces and nephews.

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GUESDON, William Andrew V

17 Oct 1963
25 May 2024

Guesdon, William Andrew V, MBA
Suddenly, 25th of May 2024
Eldest son of William Andrew (Decd.) and Helen. Brother of Alison, Grant and Craig. Husband of Cassie, father of William Andrew, Isabella, Charlotte and Keira. Loving, devoted and caring to all of us. Missing him too much already.
Privately cremated.

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Funerals

BLYTON, Robert 'Bob'

Late of Rutherford formerly of Auburn
Passed away surrounded by his loving family
5th June 2024
aged 91 years

Dearly loved husband of the late Rita Blyton.
Loving father and father-in-law of Anne & Kevin (both dec'd), Peter & Waty, Bruce & Erma.
Adoring Pop of his grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great great grandchildren.

Family and friends of **Bob** are warmly invited to attend a Celebration of His Life to be held in The Chapel, 7 Murray Dwyer Cct Mayfield West, this **Thursday 13th June 2024**, service commencing at **12noon**

For those who wish **Bob's** service will be live streamed. Visit **pettigrew.com.au**

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CATLEY, Thomas "Peter"

Passed away peacefully on 4th June 2024.
Late of Emu Plains, previously Winmalee.

Loving husband of Anne. Beloved father of Michelle and doting grandfather of Neve.
Will be greatly missed by all of his family & friends.

"Forever in our hearts."
Aged 83 years.

Peter's family & friends are warmly invited to attend his funeral service to be held at Pinegrove Memorial Park, Kington St, Minchinbury on Thursday, 13th June 2024, to commence at 12:00pm.
In lieu of flowers, a donation can be made Alzheimer's Research Australia in Peter's name.

GRACE FUNERALS PENRITH 02 4735 6900

MALES, Ronald Philip OAM "Ron"
18/10/1931-3/06/2024
Aged 92 years

18/10/1931 – 3/6/2024
Passed away peacefully at home.
Beloved husband of Val. Much loved father & father in law of Kerry & Peter, Philip & Sue, Peter & Kathleen.
Cherished "Poppy/Pop" of 9 Grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.
Precious brother, uncle, cousin and treasured friend to many.

Renowned horseman.
Forever in our hearts.

Family and friends are warmly welcomed to celebrate Ron's life in its entirety at Richmond Anglican Church (St Peter's), 830 Windsor St, Richmond on Saturday 15th June at 10:30am.

To view Ron's service via live stream, please go to www.windsorfuneralhome.com.au and click on "notices and services".

Please feel free to come in casual attire as you feel appropriate.

WINDSOR FUNERAL HOME
95A Macquarie Street 4577 2322

MAYER Paul Michael
7/6/2024

Formerly of Balmain

Beloved Father of Yvette, Warwick and Bronwyn. Loved Brother of Barry, Neil and Ray (dec).
Adored Pop to his grandchildren.

Aged 78 years

Always Remembered

Paul's family and friends are warmly invited to attend his Funeral Service to be held in the Magnolia Chapel of Macquarie Park Crematorium cnr of Delhi/Plassey Roads, North Ryde on Wednesday June 12th 2024 commencing at 2:00pm.

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MCGOWAN, Elizabeth Anne Mary
23 August 1966 – 3 June 2024
Aged 57 years

First born and only daughter of Anne Therese and Peter William McGowan.
Sister and Sister-in-law to Michael & Katrina, David & Louise, Andrew & Flora.
Aunty Liz to Caitlin, Erin, Jacqueline, Pace, Chloe & Erica.
Veteran employee of Campbelltown Catholic Club for 30 years.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at St Joseph's Church Newbridge Road, Moorebank Friday 14th June 2024 at 11am.
To truly celebrate Liz, we would love for people to wear something colourful and bright!
In lieu of flowers a onation to Macarthur Accommodation System, Elizabeth's home for 37 years would be appreciated.

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OLDFIELD, Ronald

Passed away peacefully June 4, 2024 surrounded by his loving family
Late of Gwynneville, formerly Appin
Dearly loved Husband of Christine.
Devoted Father and Father-in-law of Nicole and Glen.
Adored Grandpop of his Grandchildren Kaitlyn and Rhys.
Ronald will be dearly missed by all his Family and Friends.

Aged 74 Years

Forever in our Hearts

Relatives and Friends of Ronald are invited to attend his Funeral Service to be held at Hansen & Cole, 634 Northcliffe Drive, Kembla Grange on Monday, June 17, 2024 commencing at 12 midday.

Alternatively, you may view the Service via streaming, for details please go to www.hansenandcolefunerals.com.au and select "Upcoming Funerals".

Hansen & Cole Funerals
KEMBLA GRANGE 02 4272 4900

PALLETT, Linda Nell

Aged 97 years.
Late of Fairfield West.
Loving wife of John (dec)
Much loved mother of Yvonne & Chris, Gail & Ken, and Kevin & Kathy.
Loved Nan of Stuart & Alison, Fiona & Ian, Russell & Vanessa, Mitchell & Elise, Jack & Jenna and Harry.
Nan-Nan of Oliver, Hamish, Matilda, Lily, Emilia Nell, William, Lara, Flynn and Mia.

Linda's family & friends are warmly invited to attend her funeral service to be held at West Chapel Pinegrove Memorial Park, Minchinbury on Wednesday 12th June 2024, to commence at 11:30am. Livestream available at www.gracefunerals.com.au

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Carolyn Hickey

A1 Indigenous Services

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Dear Carolyn,

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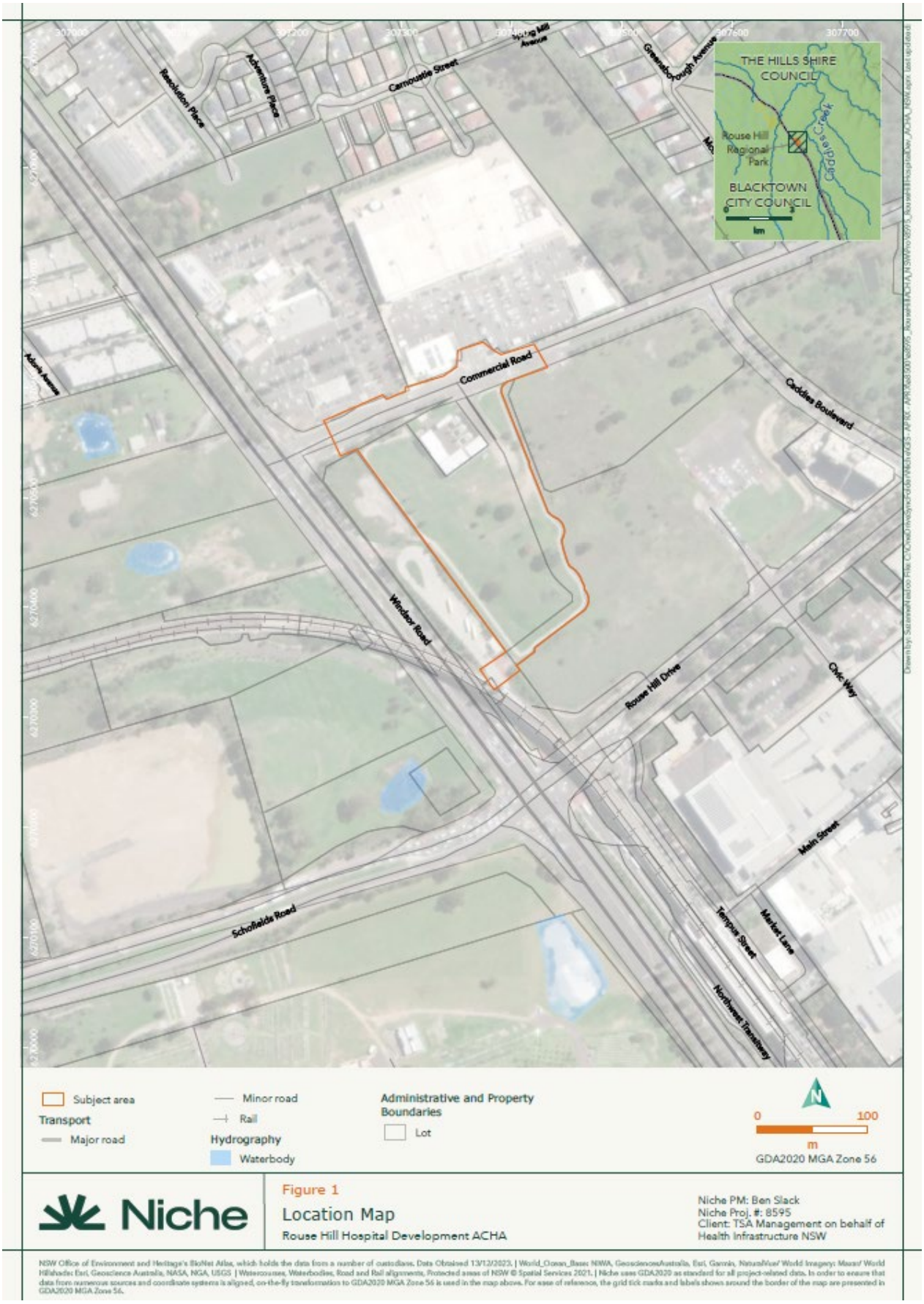

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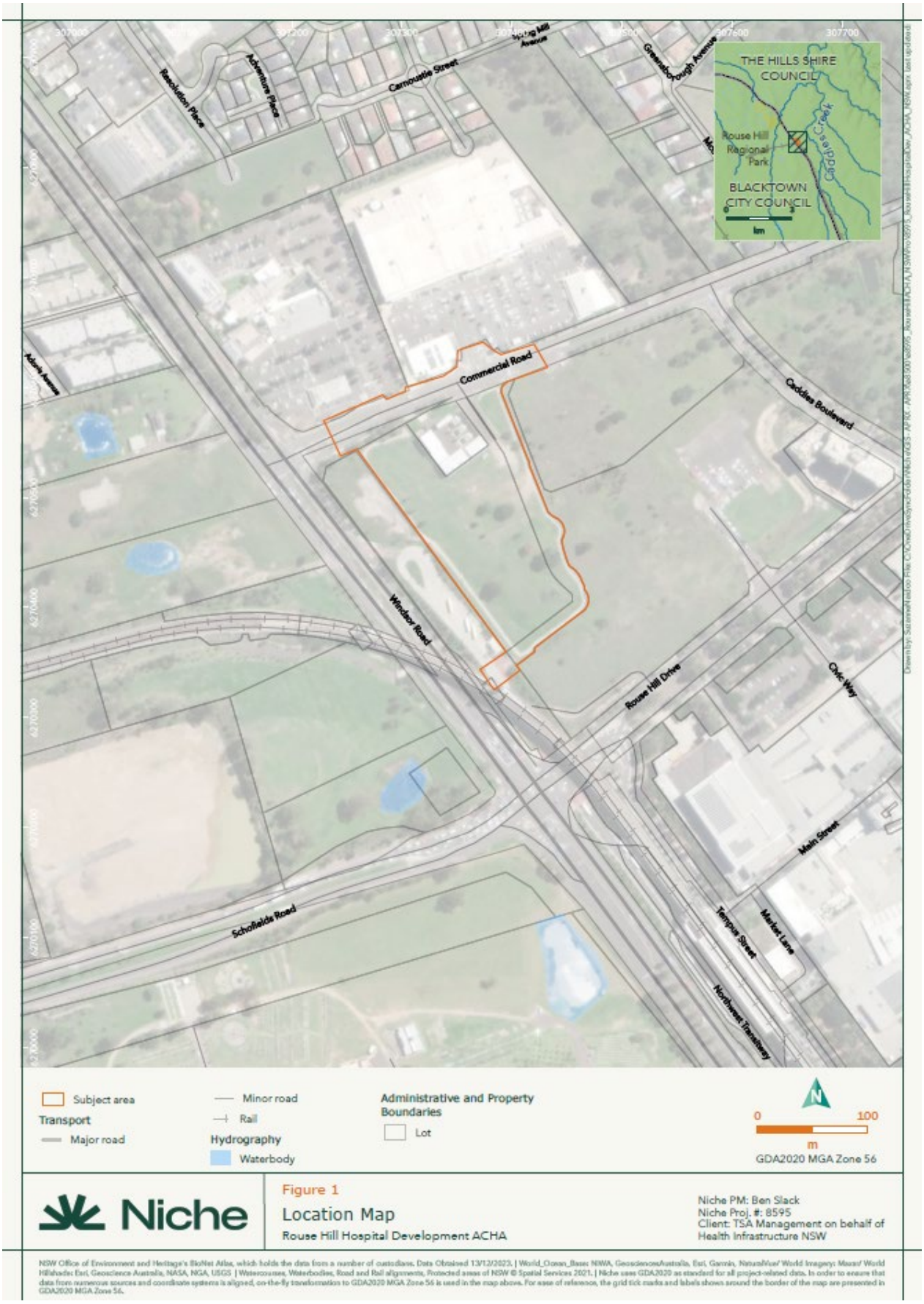

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Aragung Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Site Assessments

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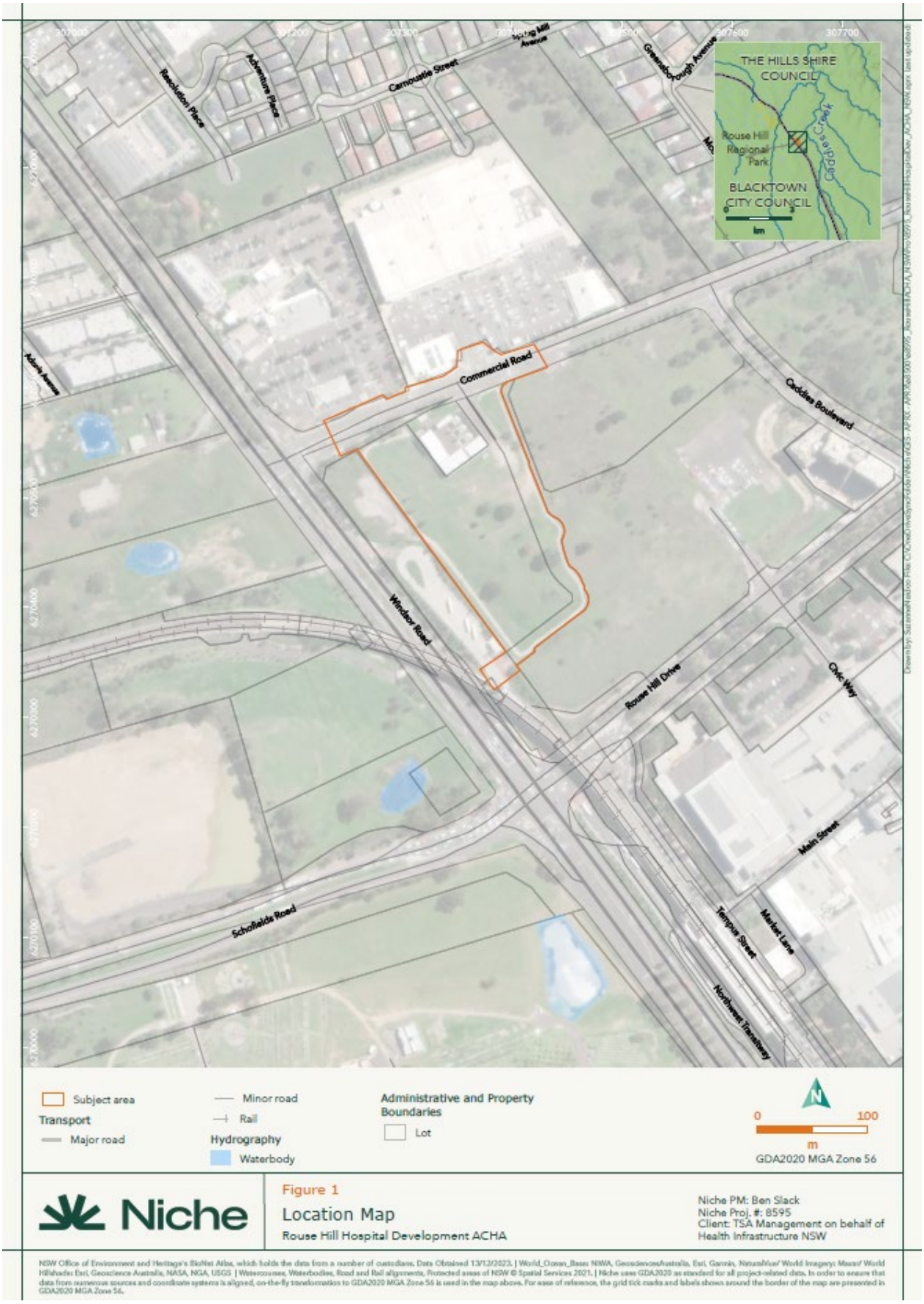

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B.H. Heritage Consultants

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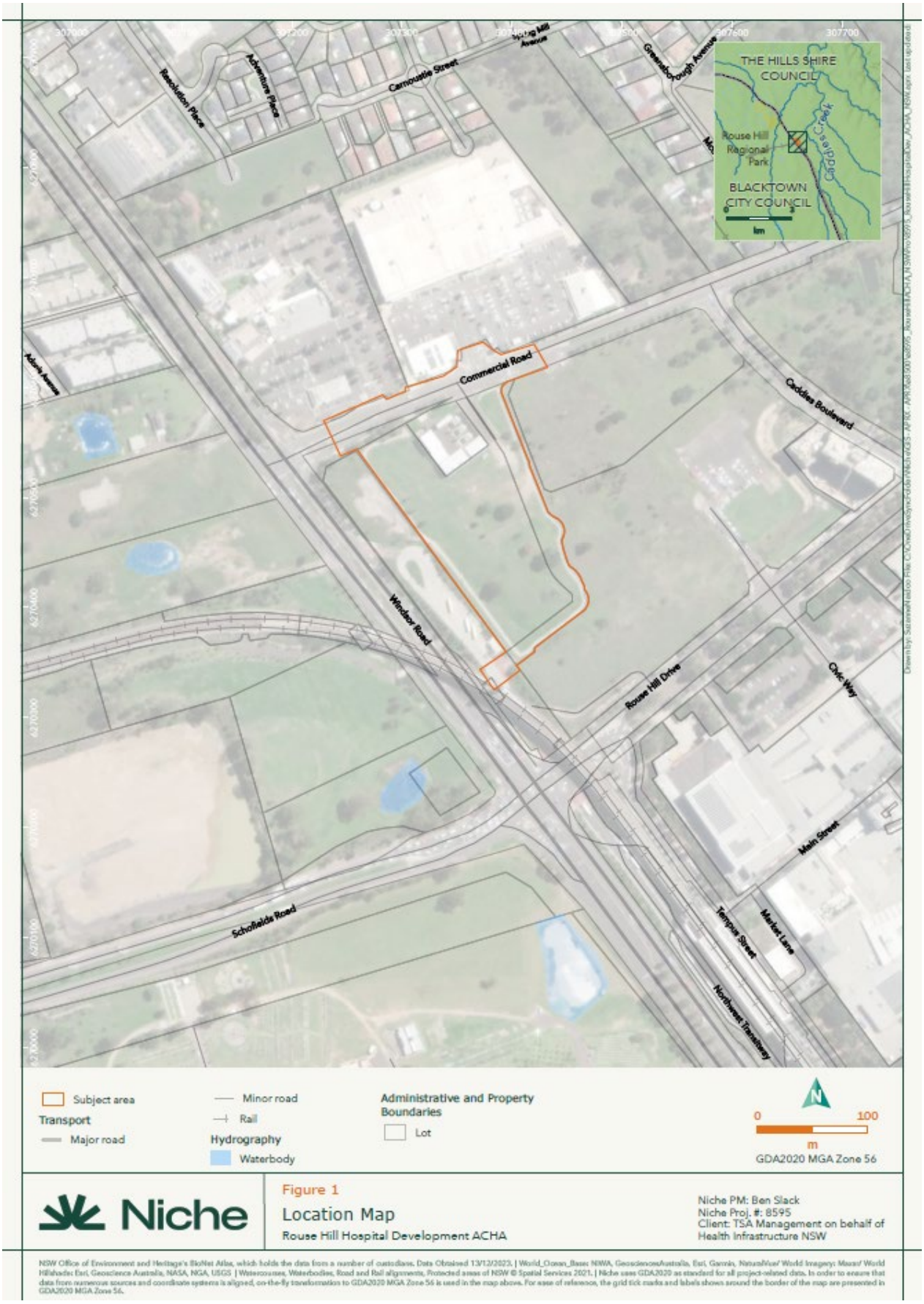

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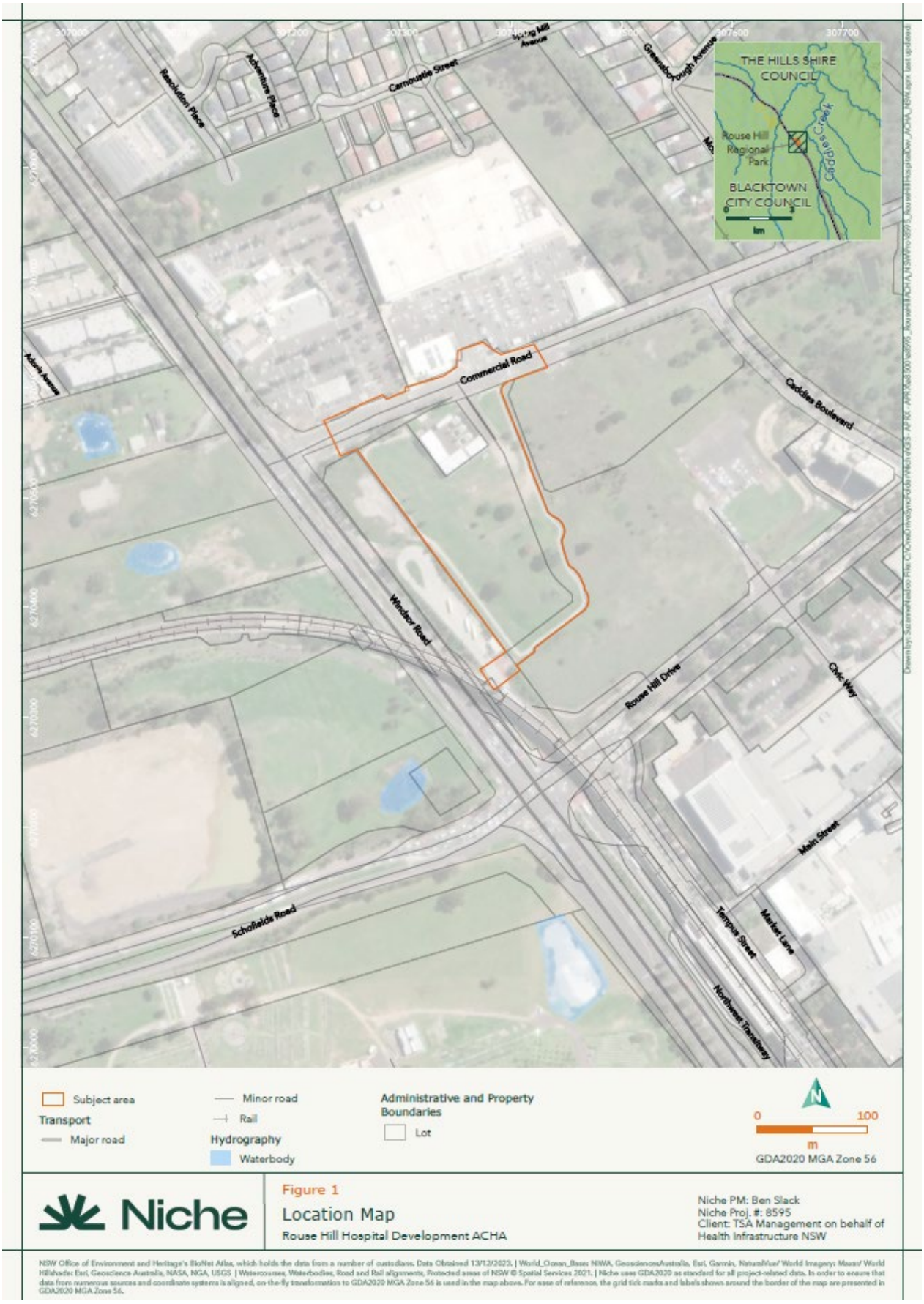

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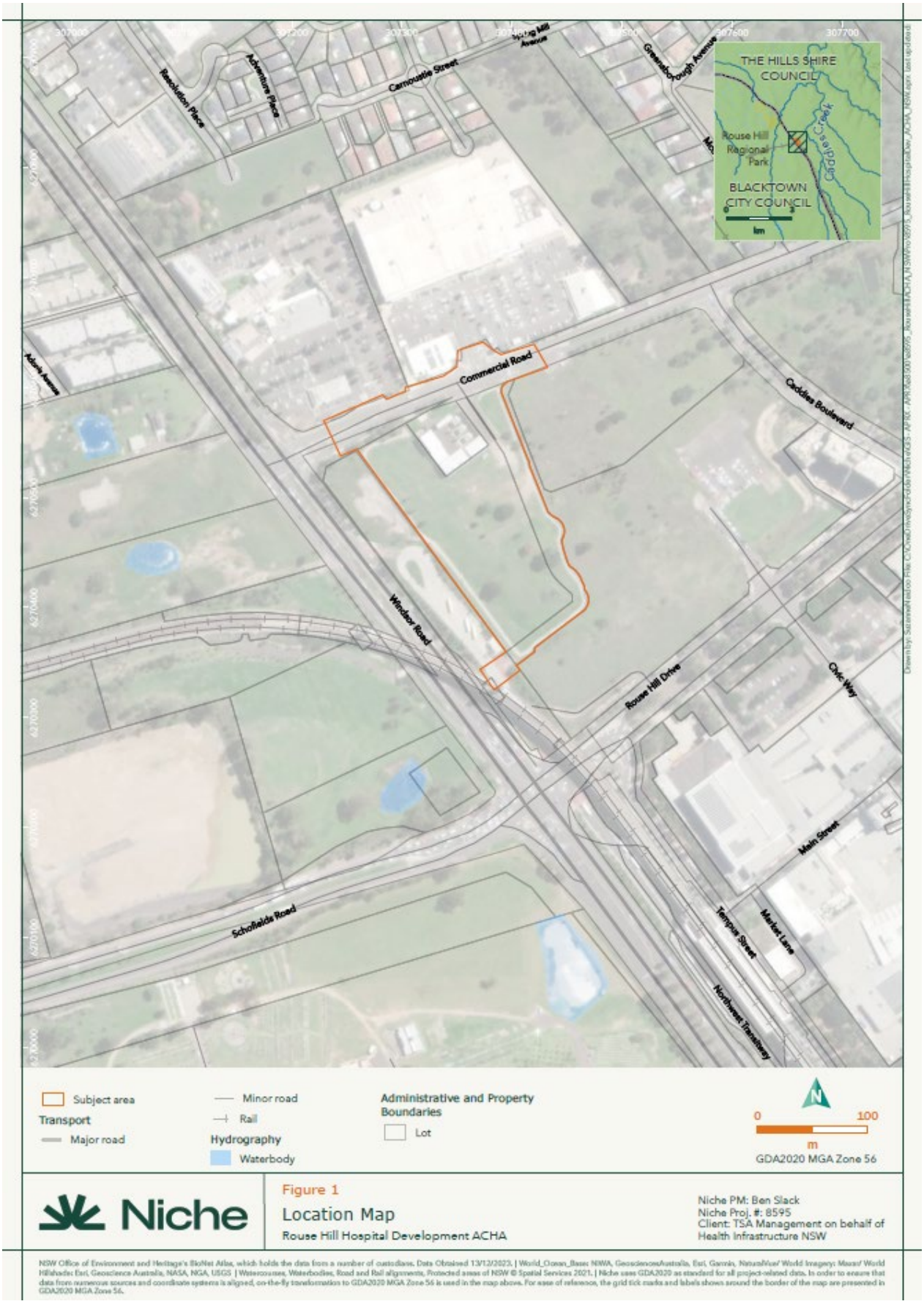

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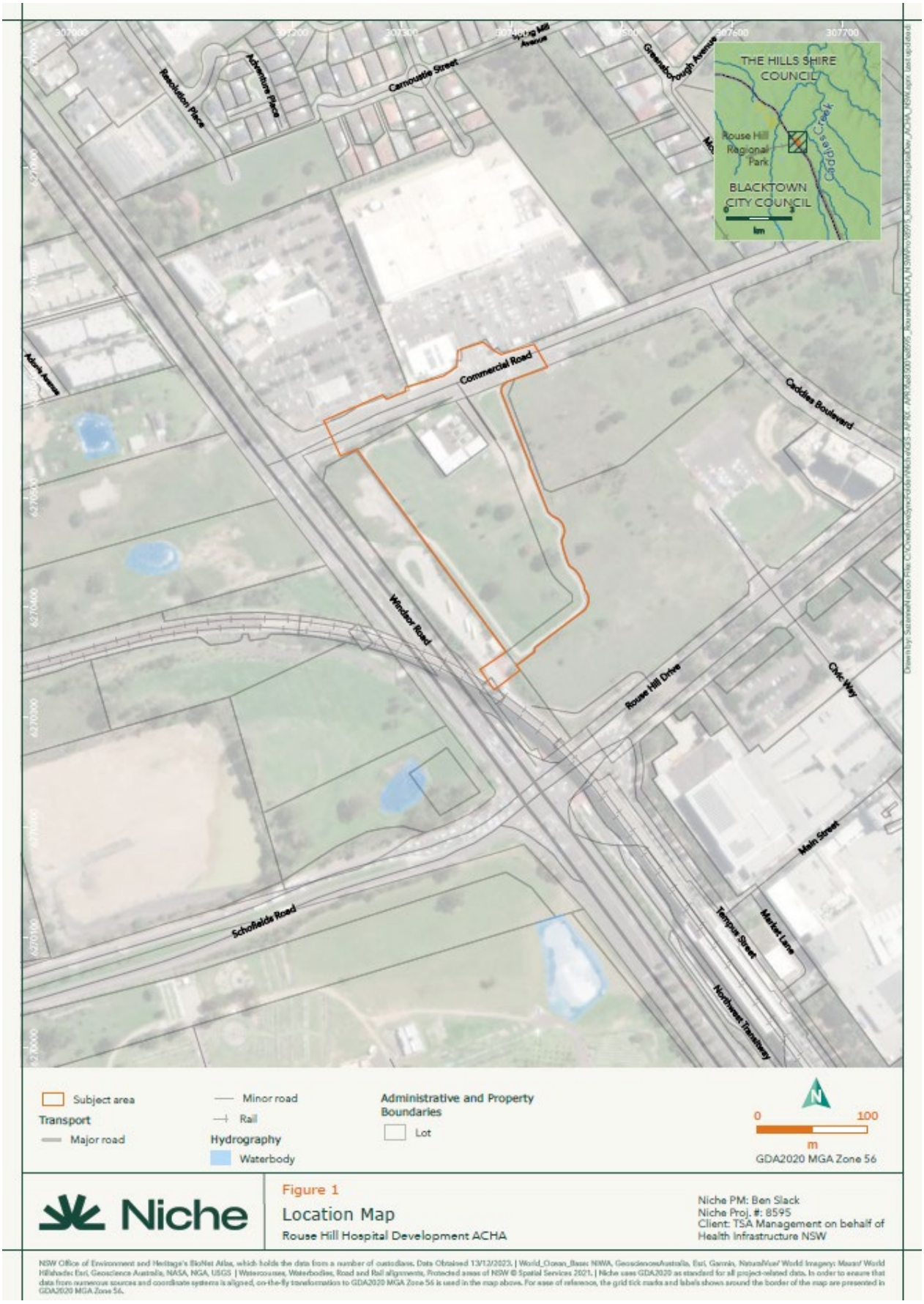

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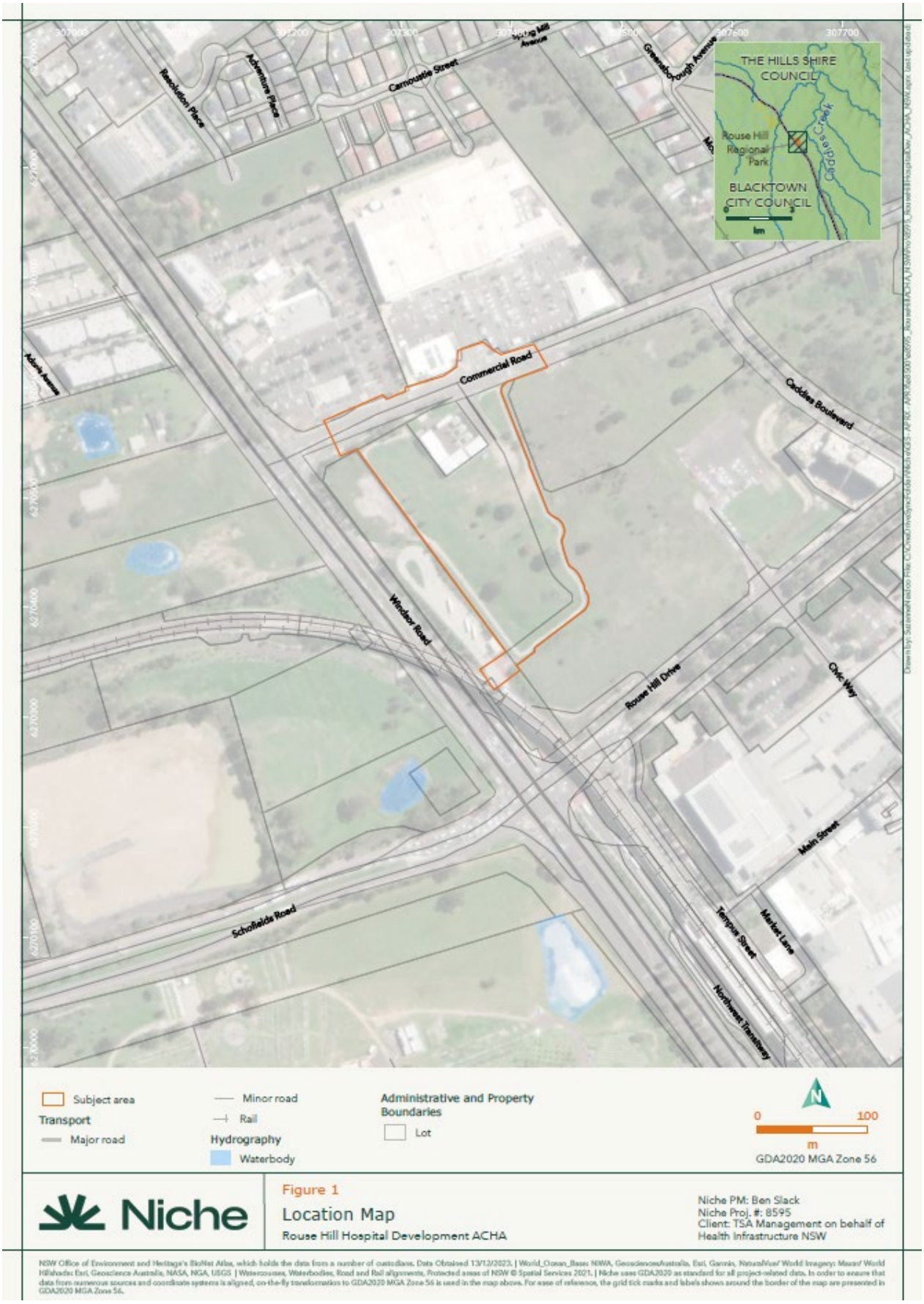

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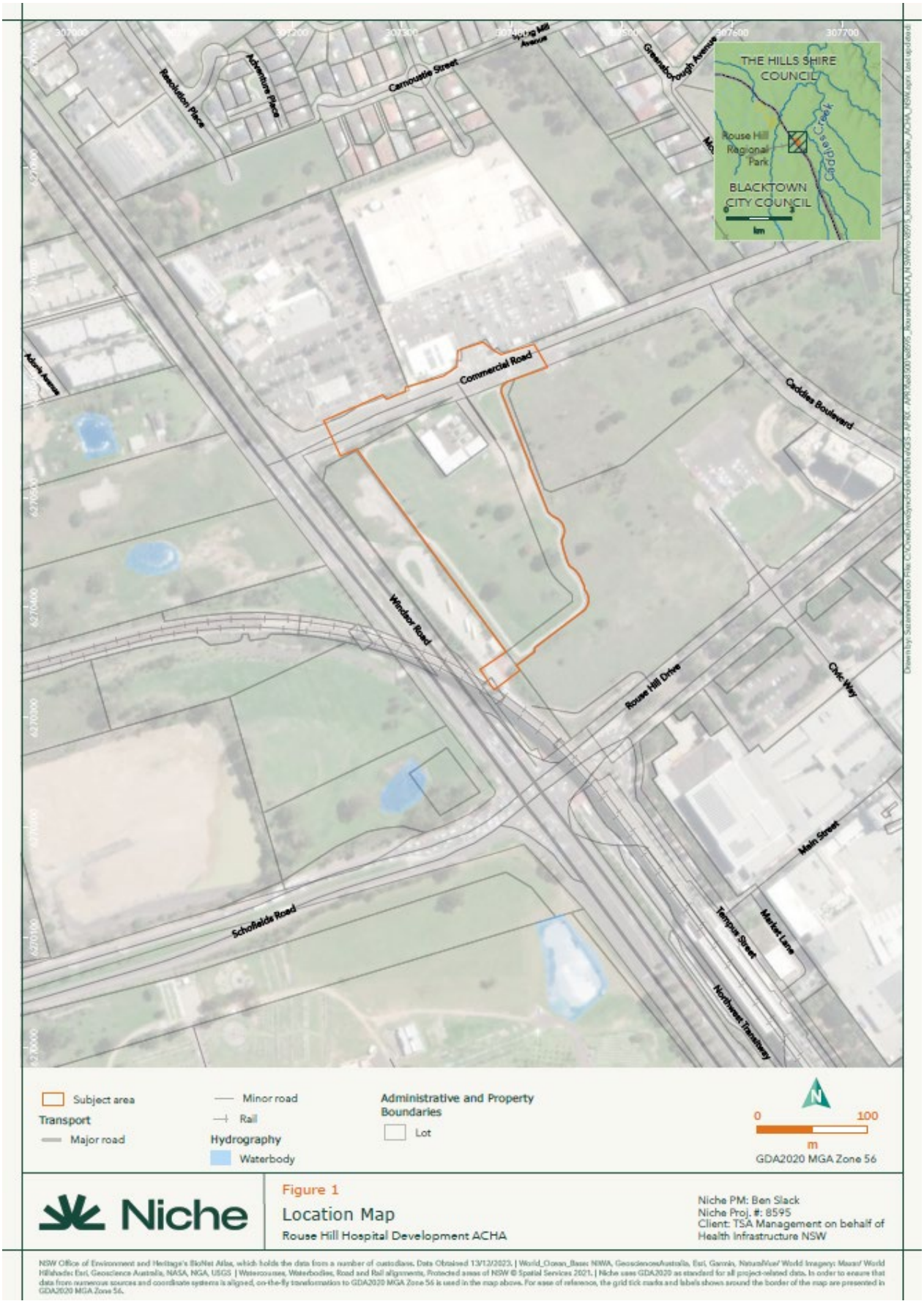

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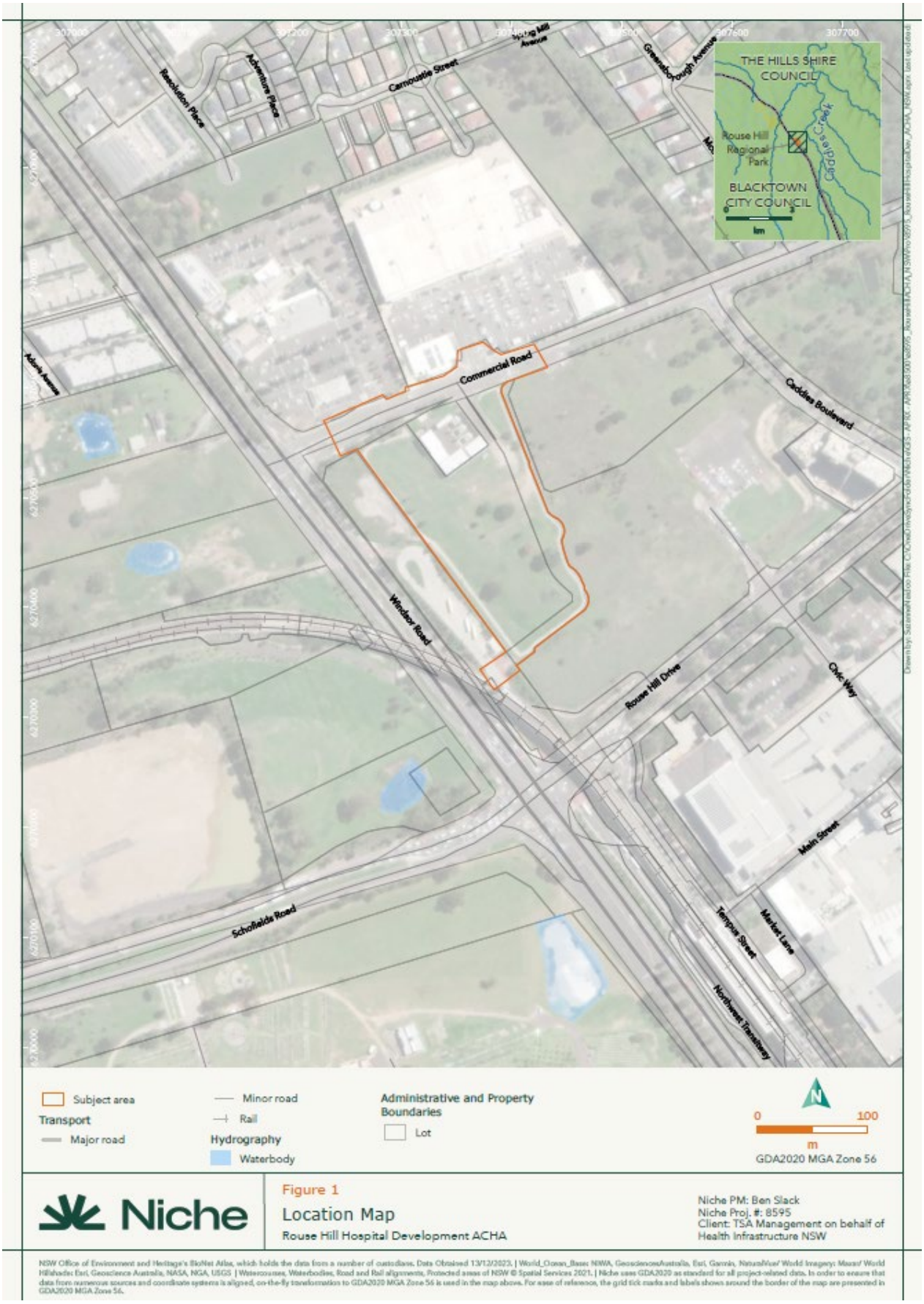

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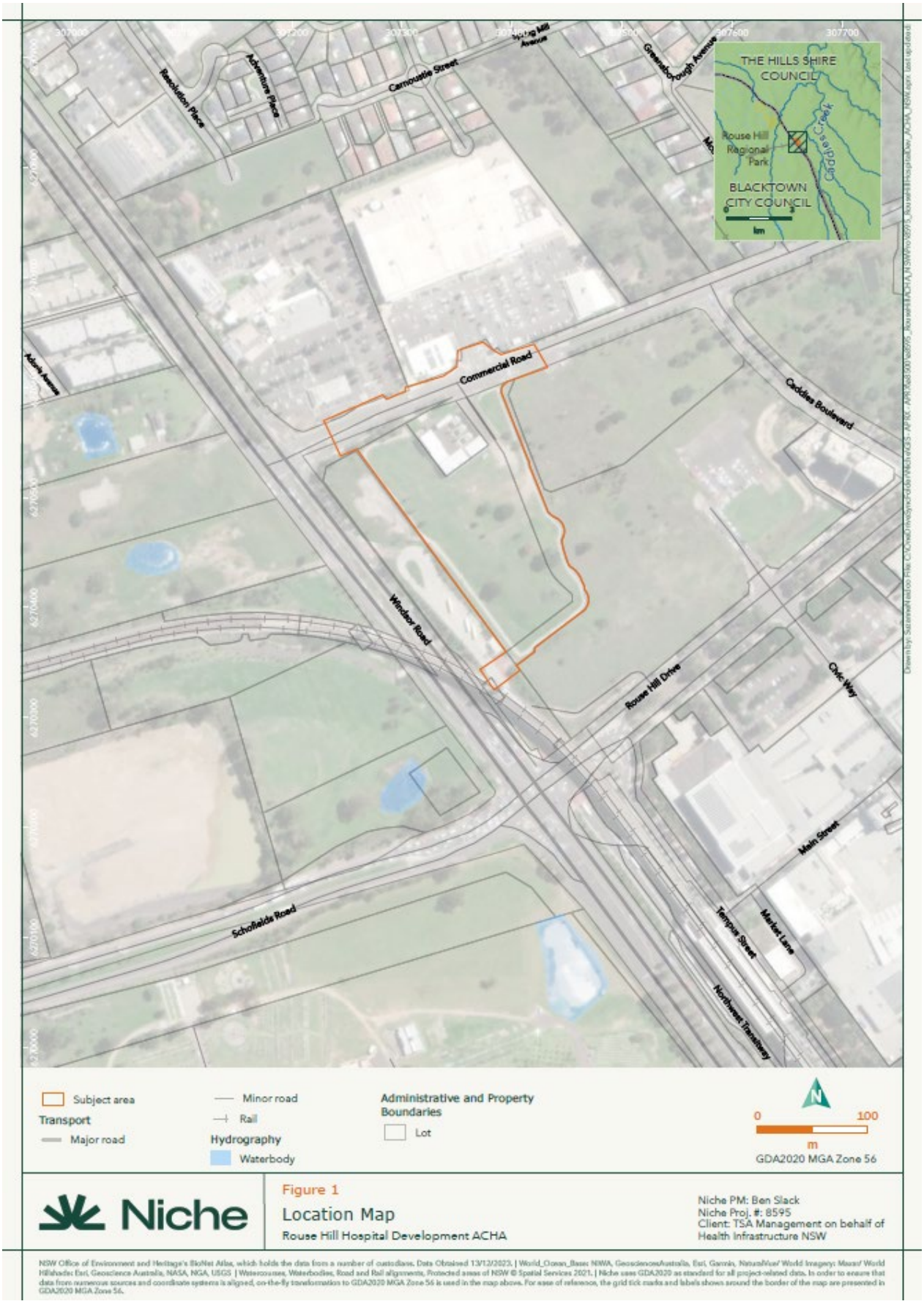

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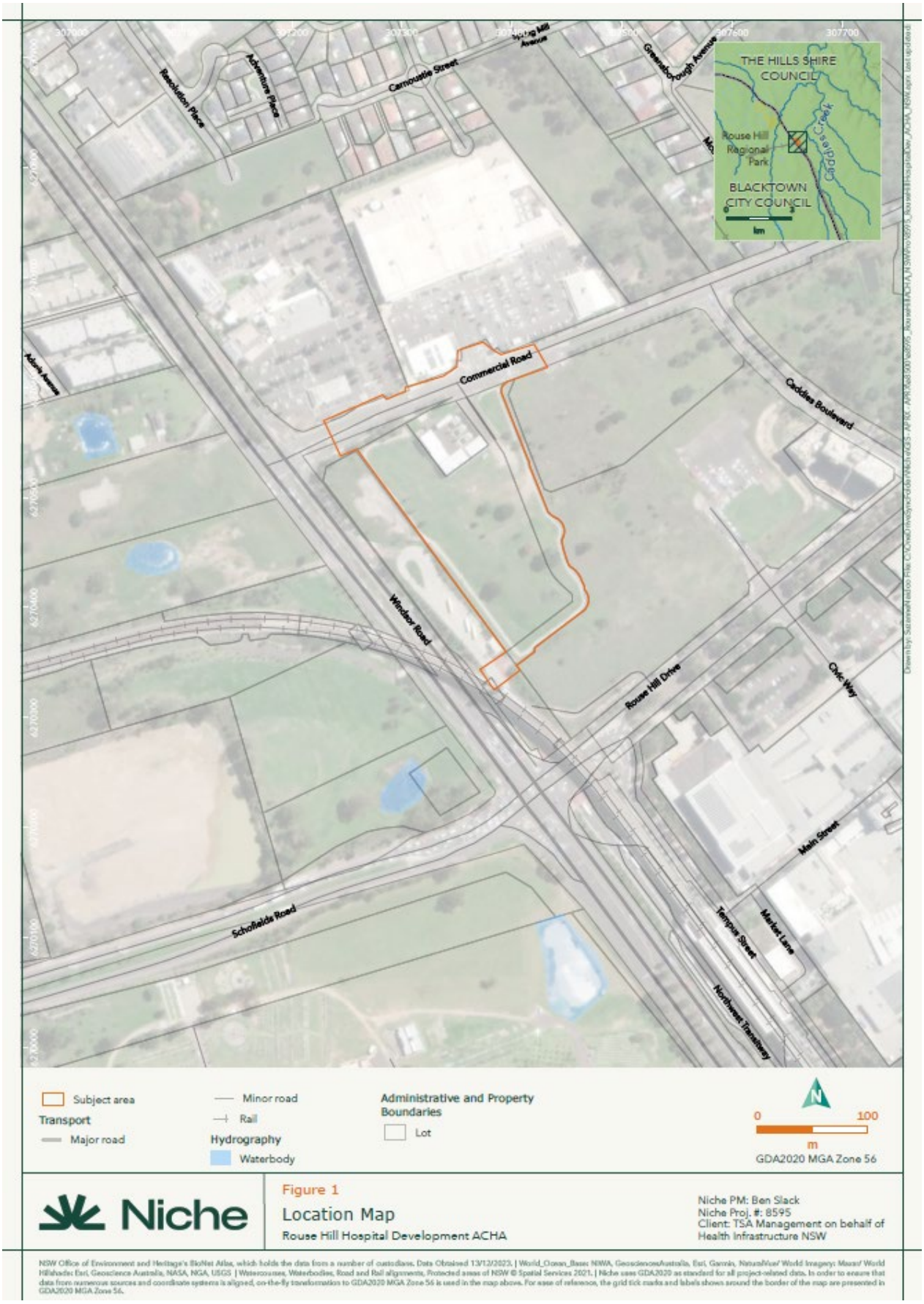

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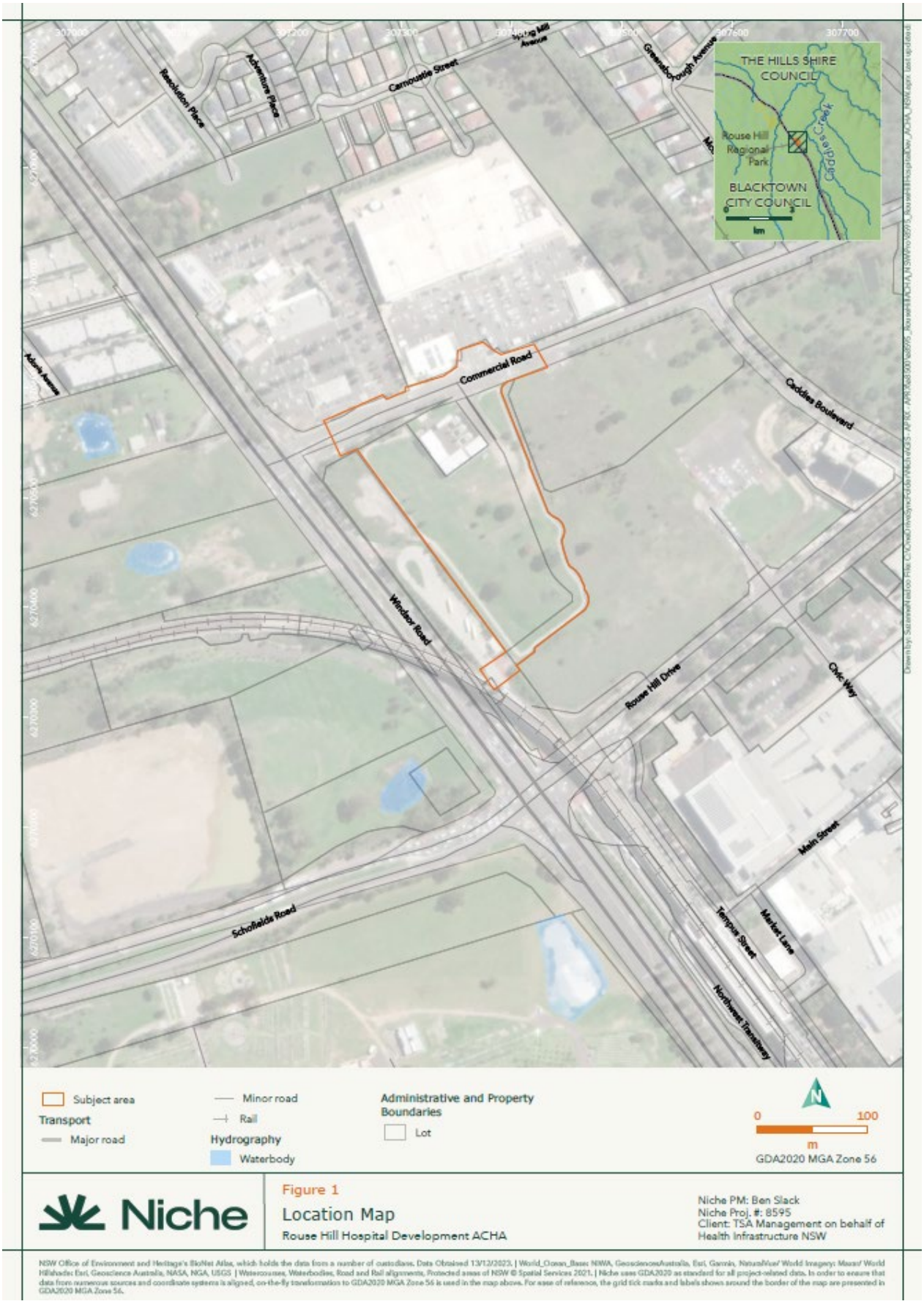

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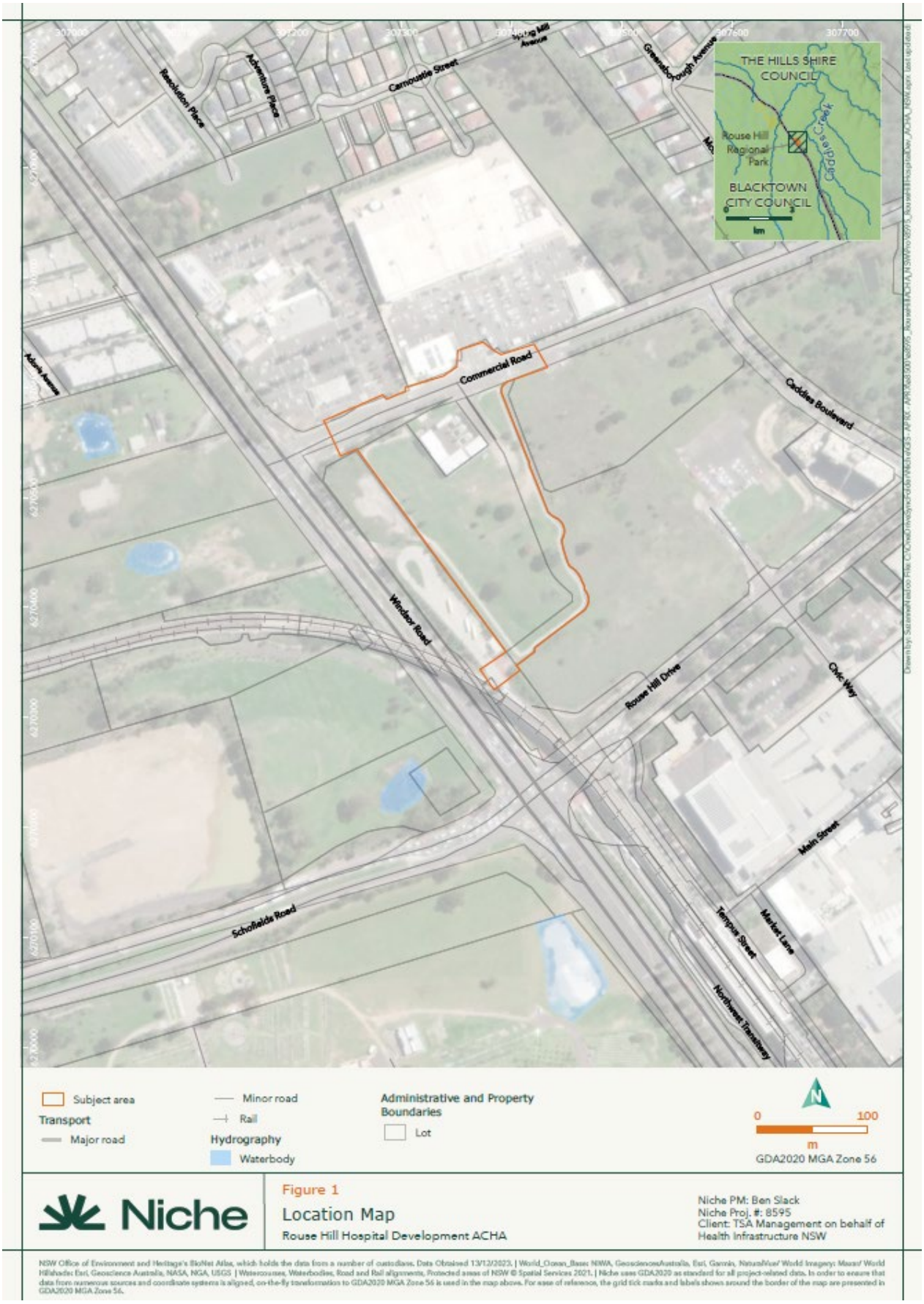

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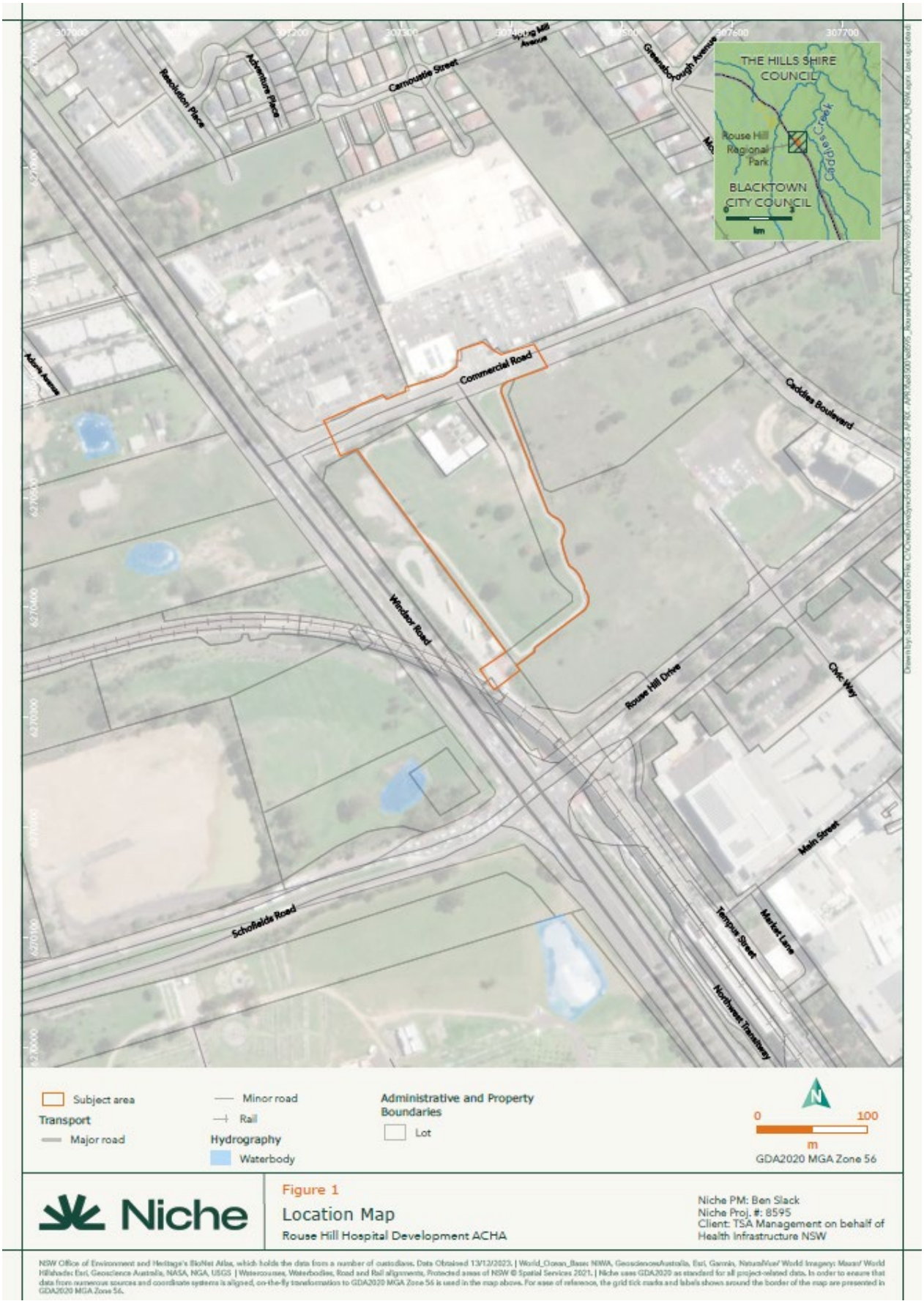

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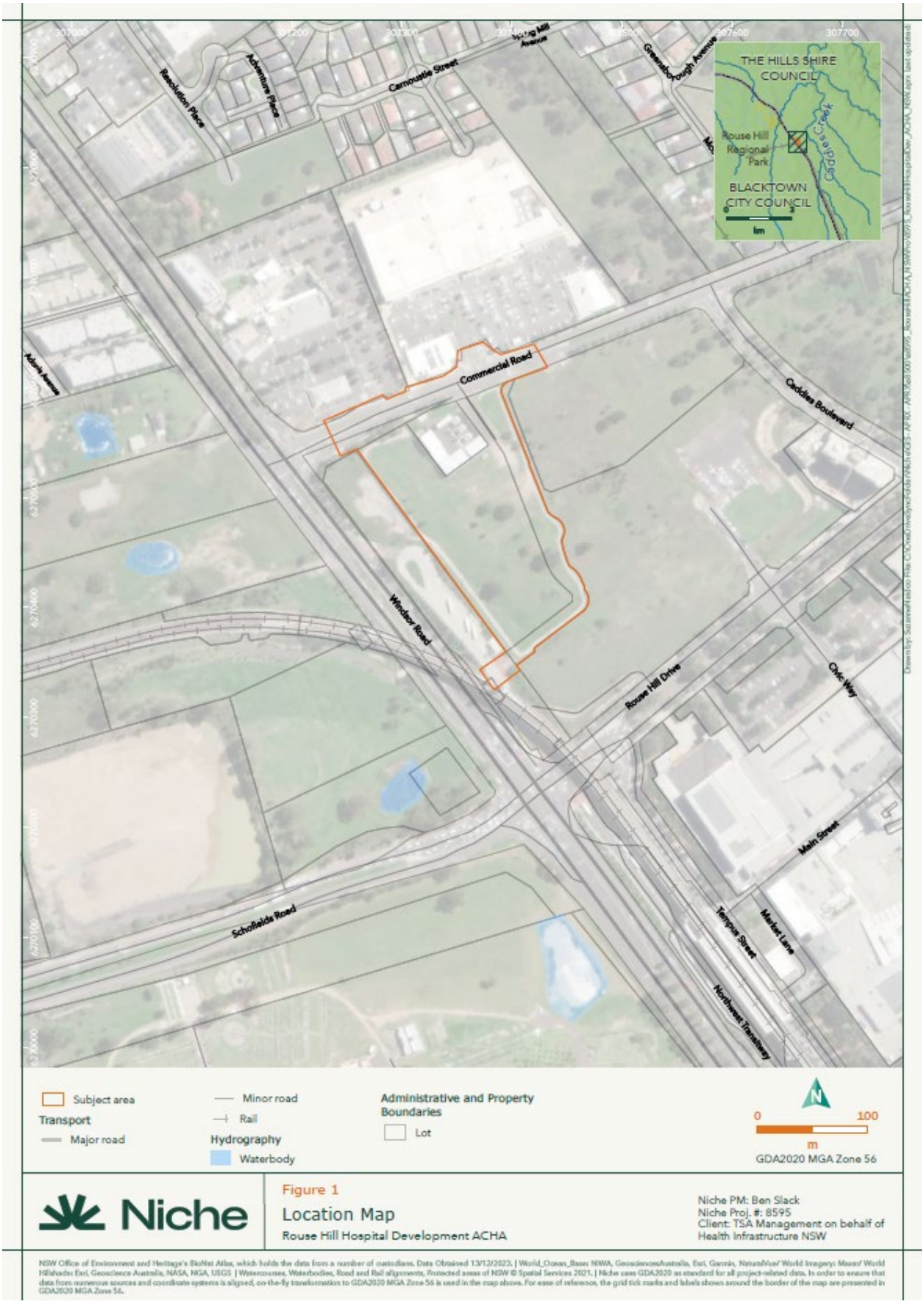

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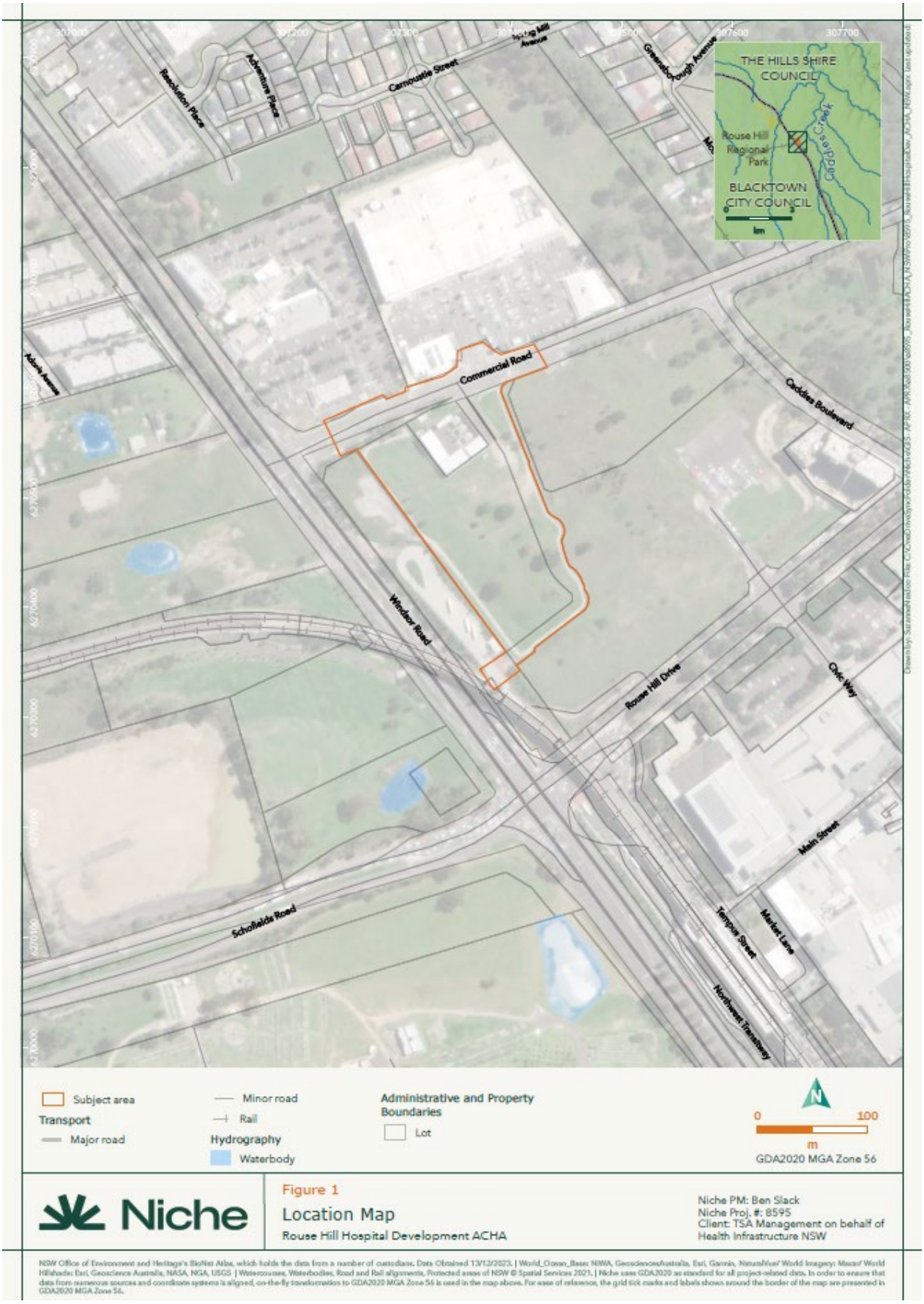

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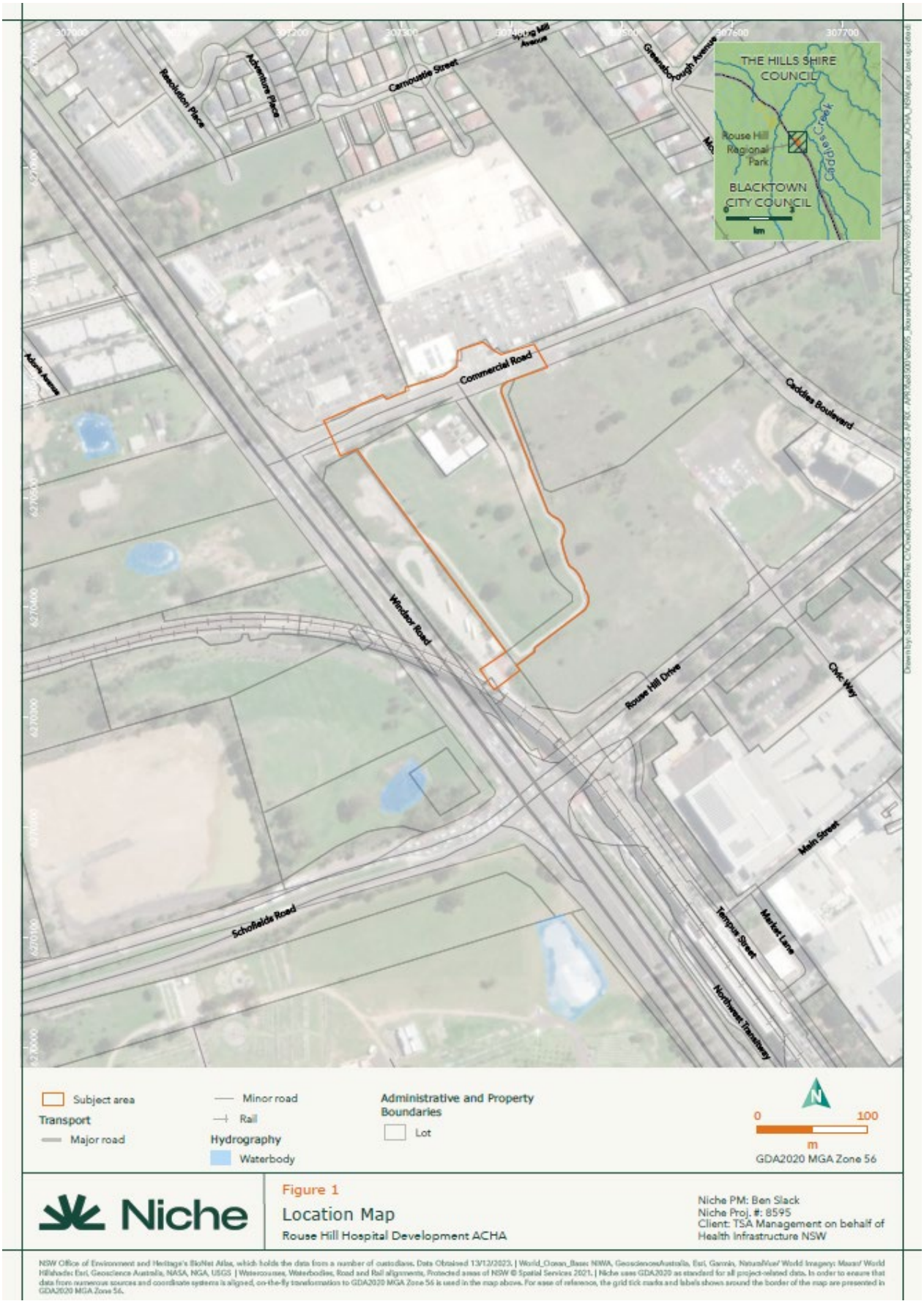

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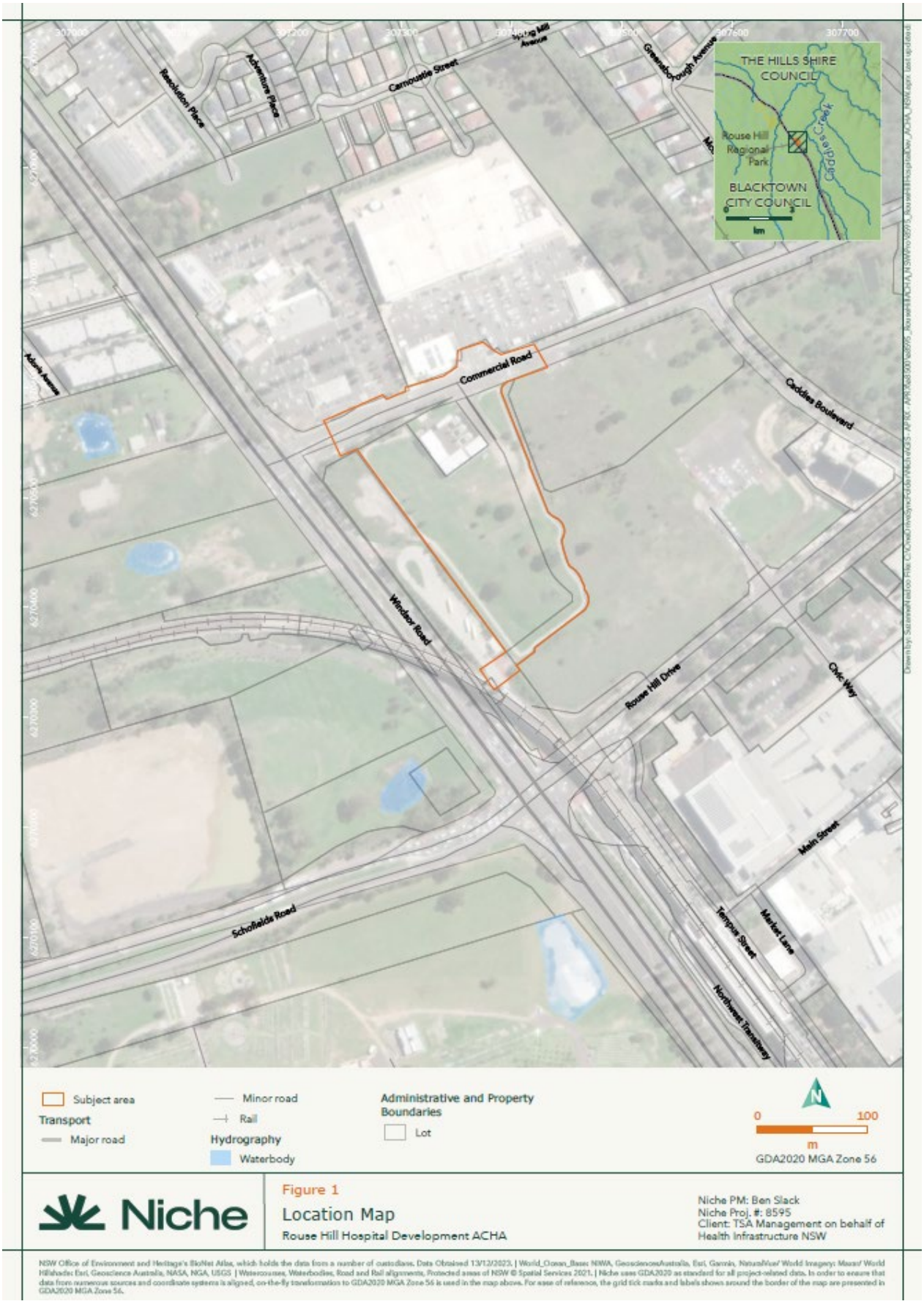

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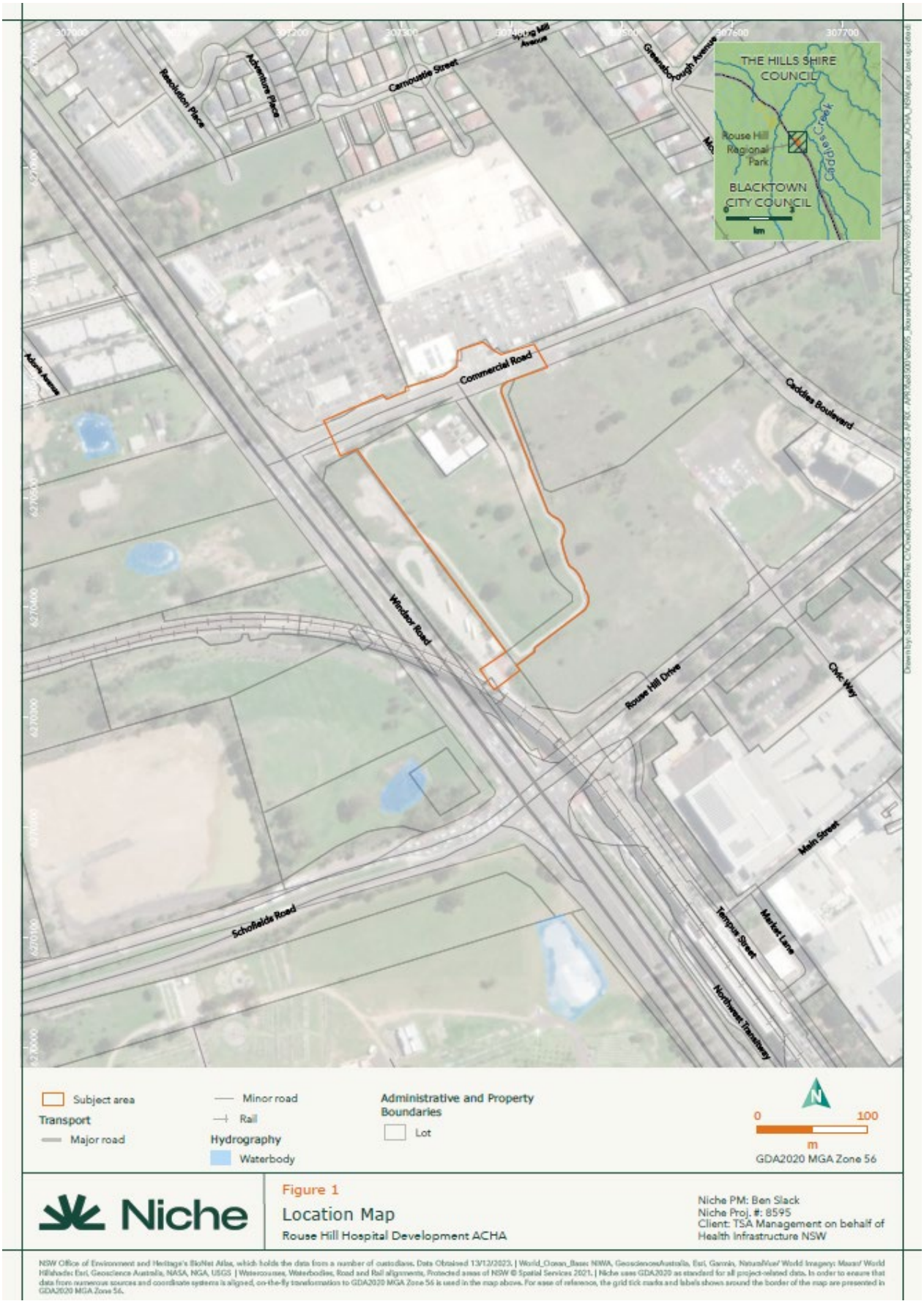

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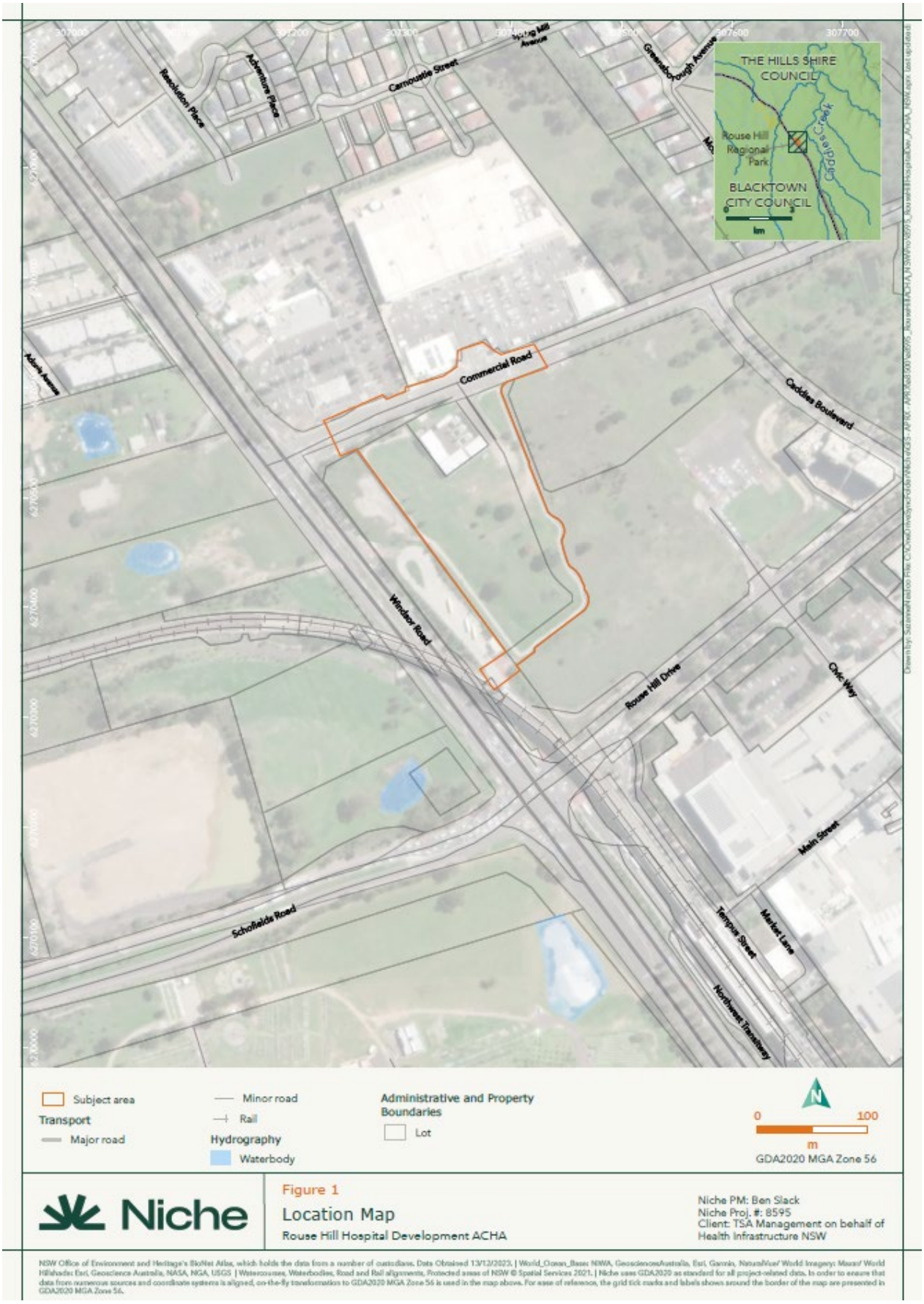

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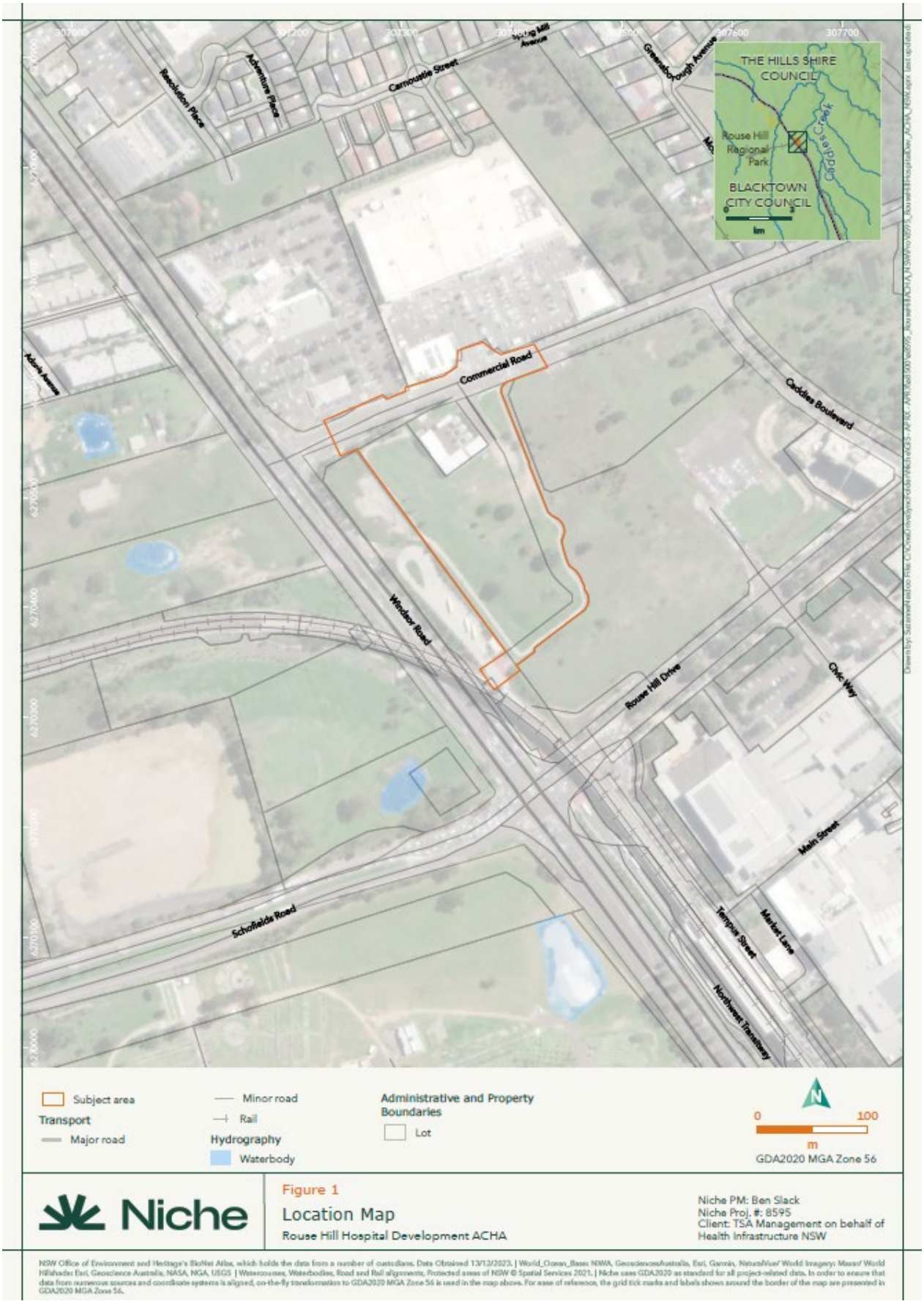

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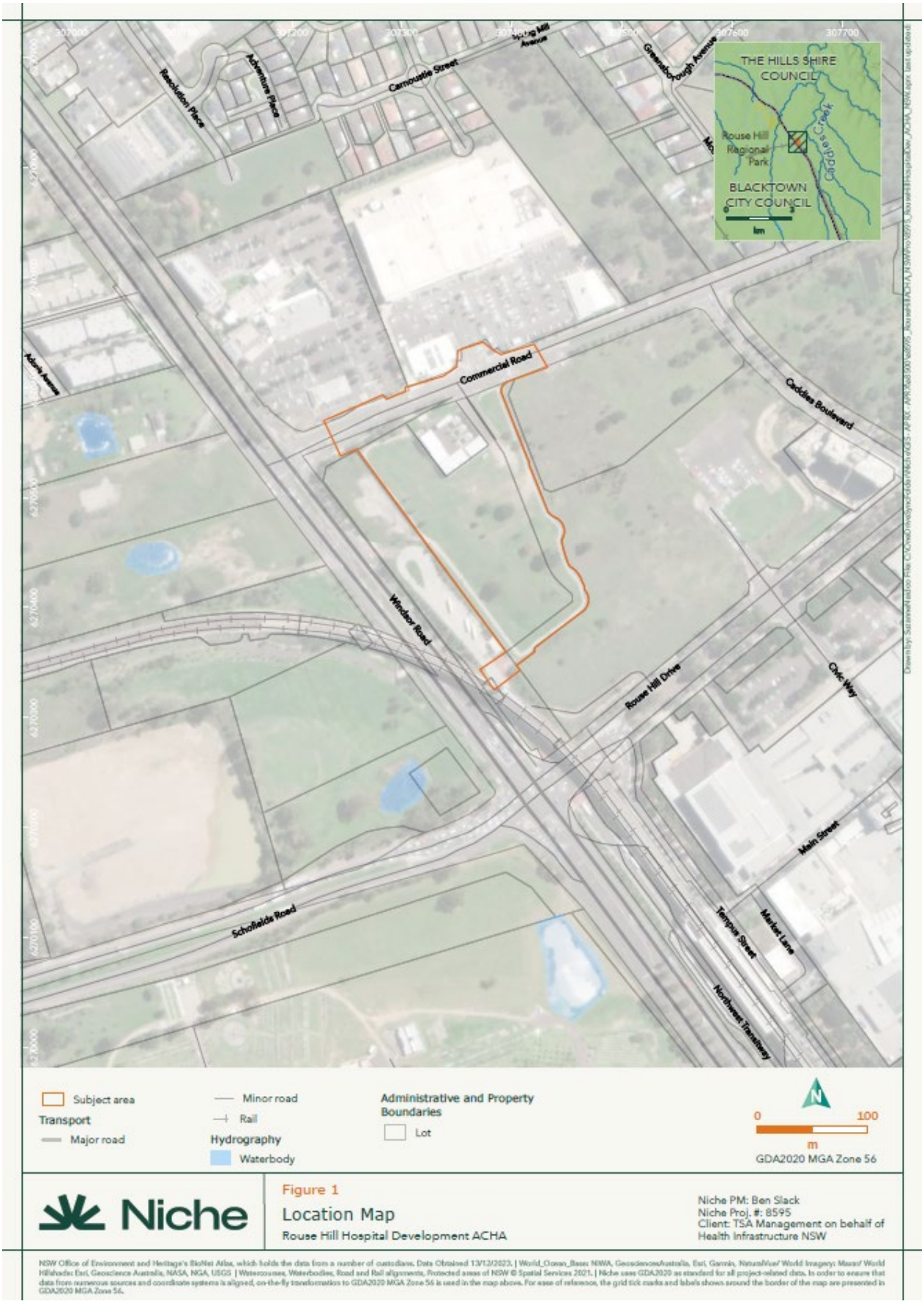

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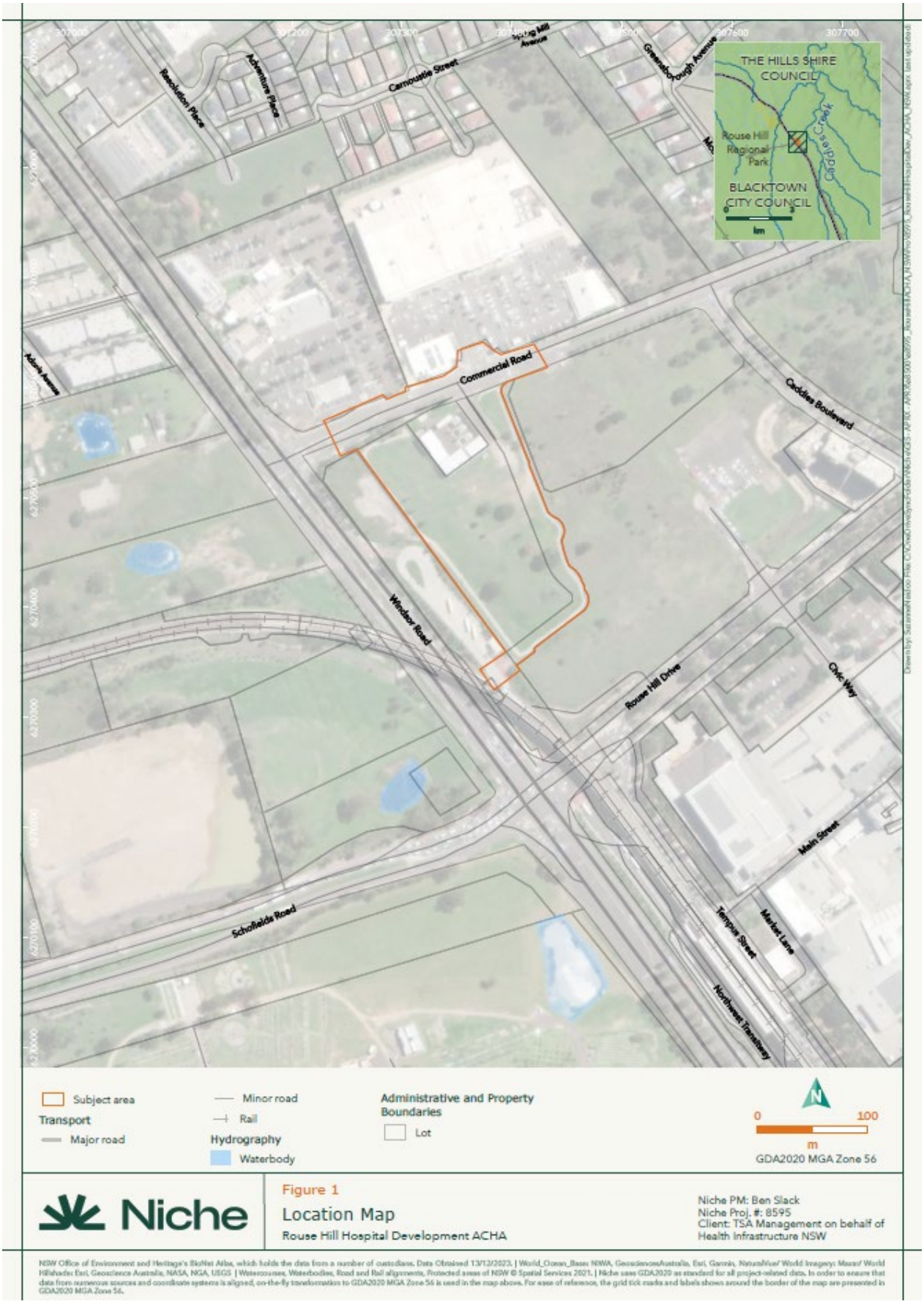

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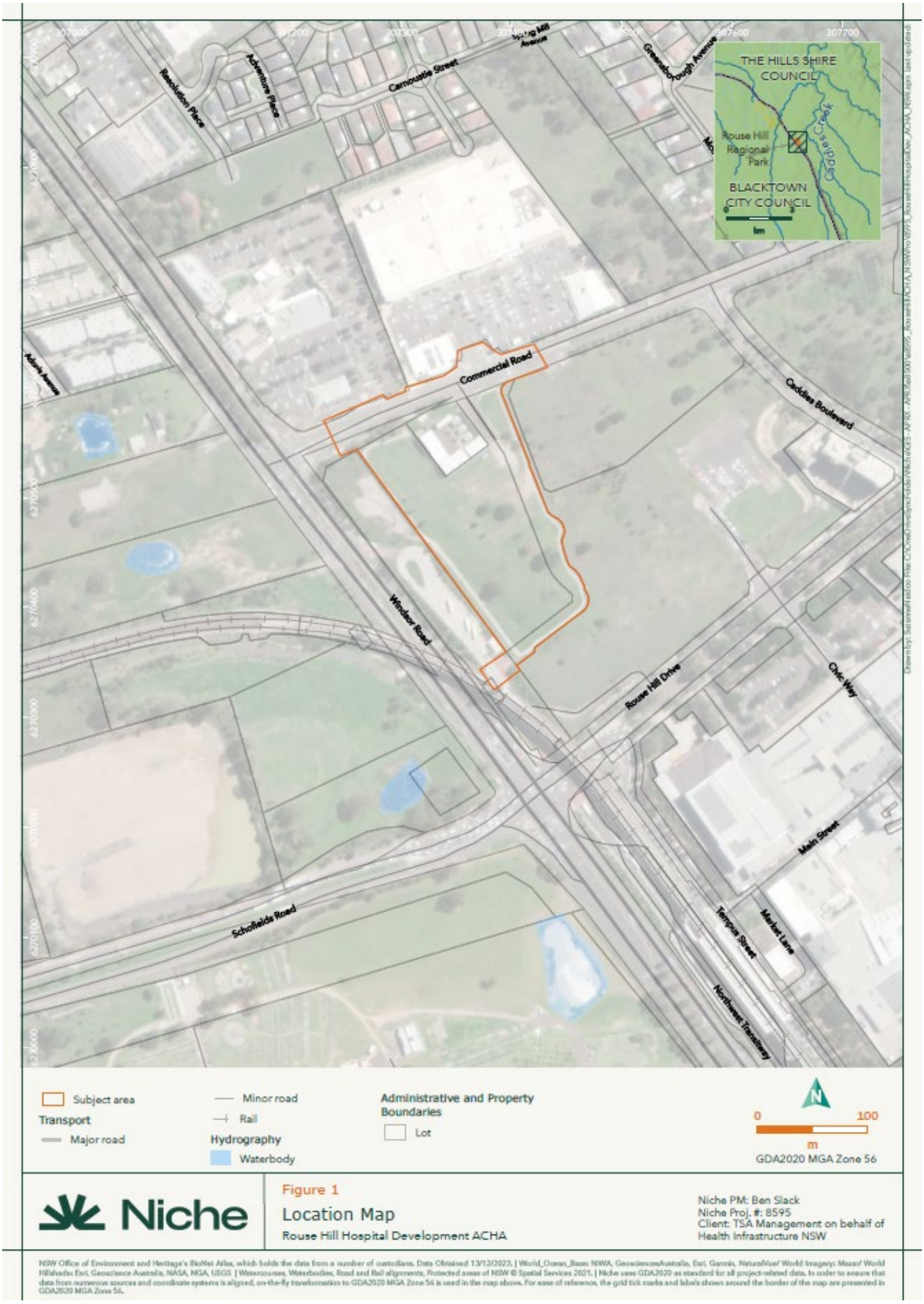

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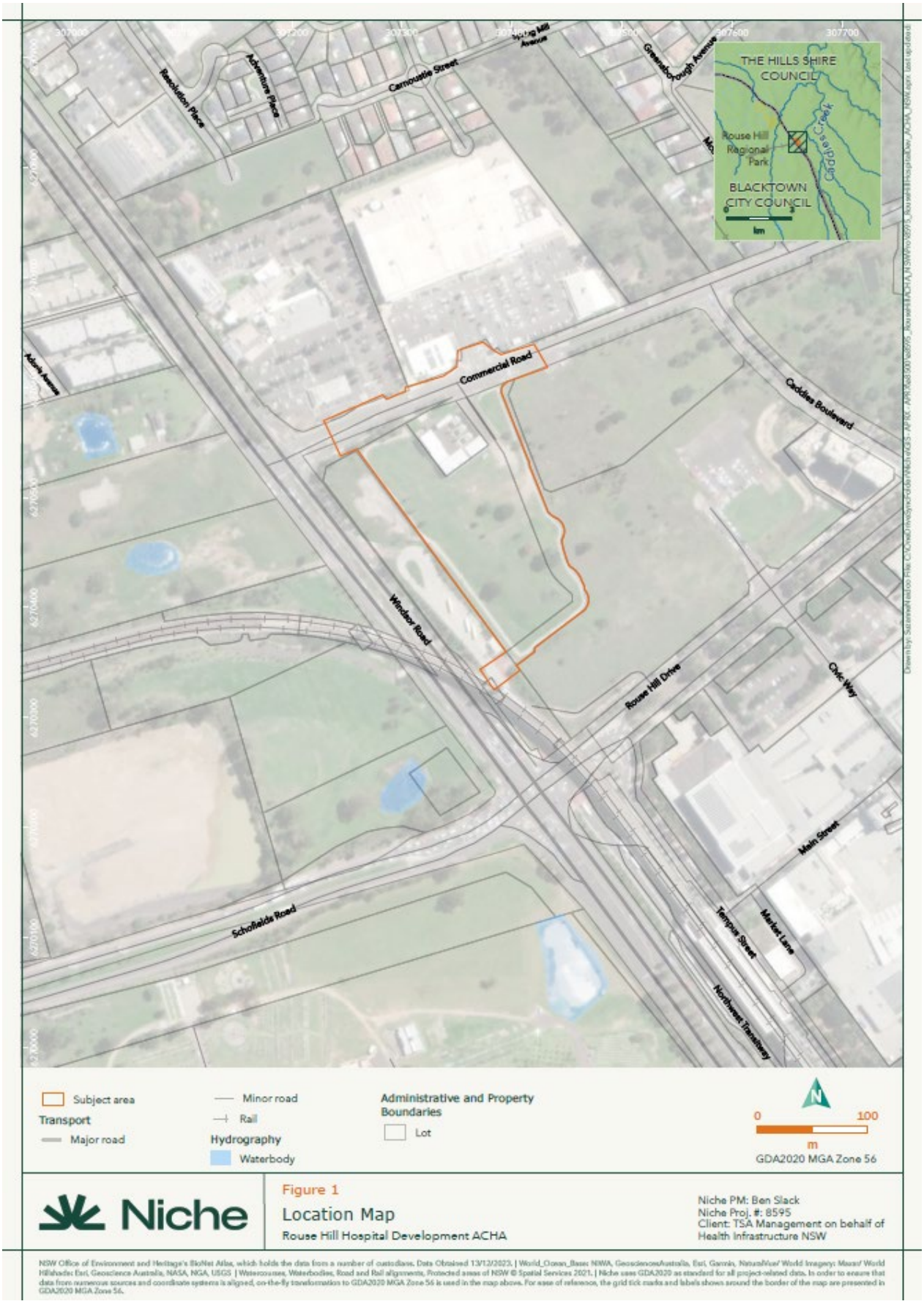

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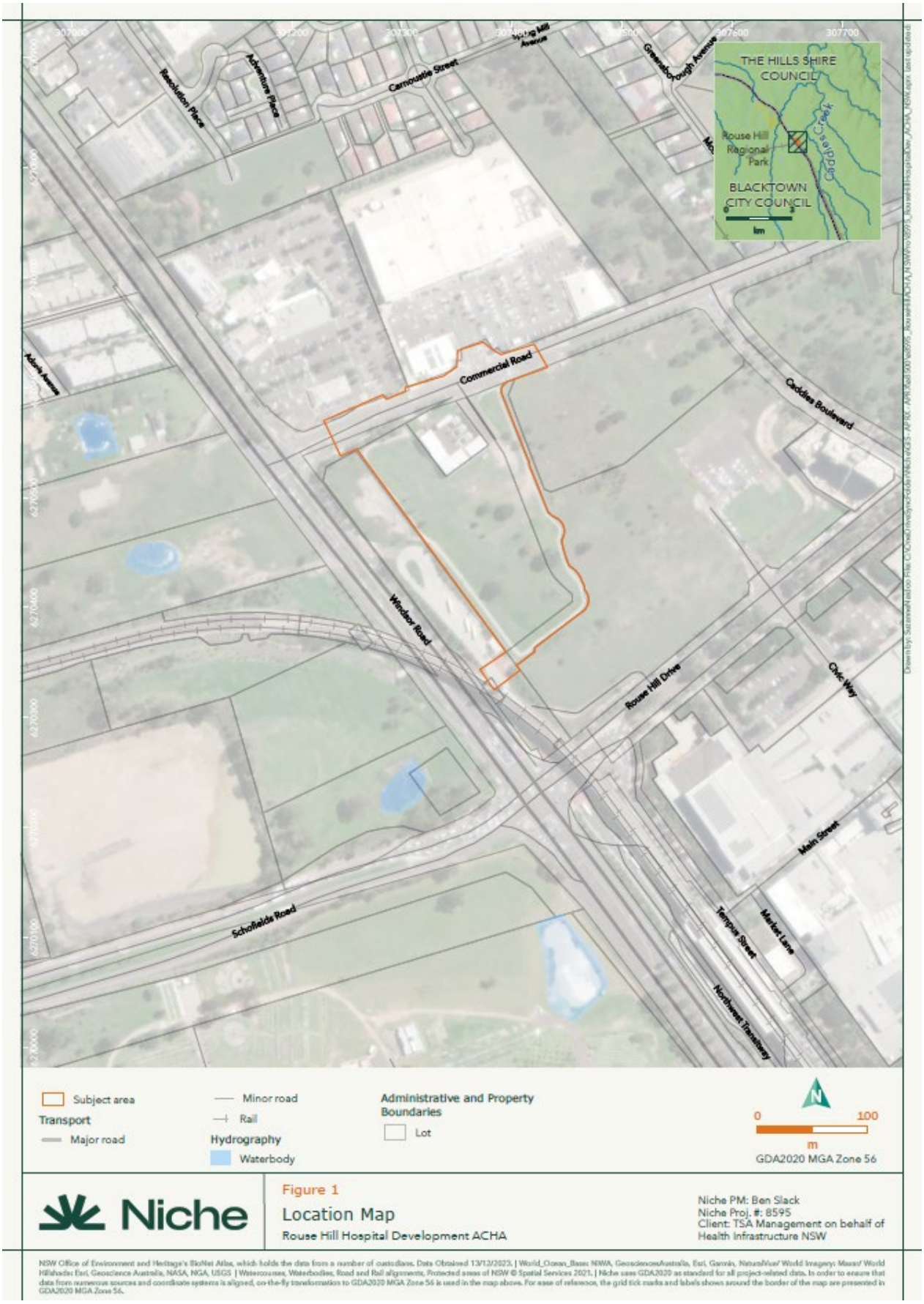

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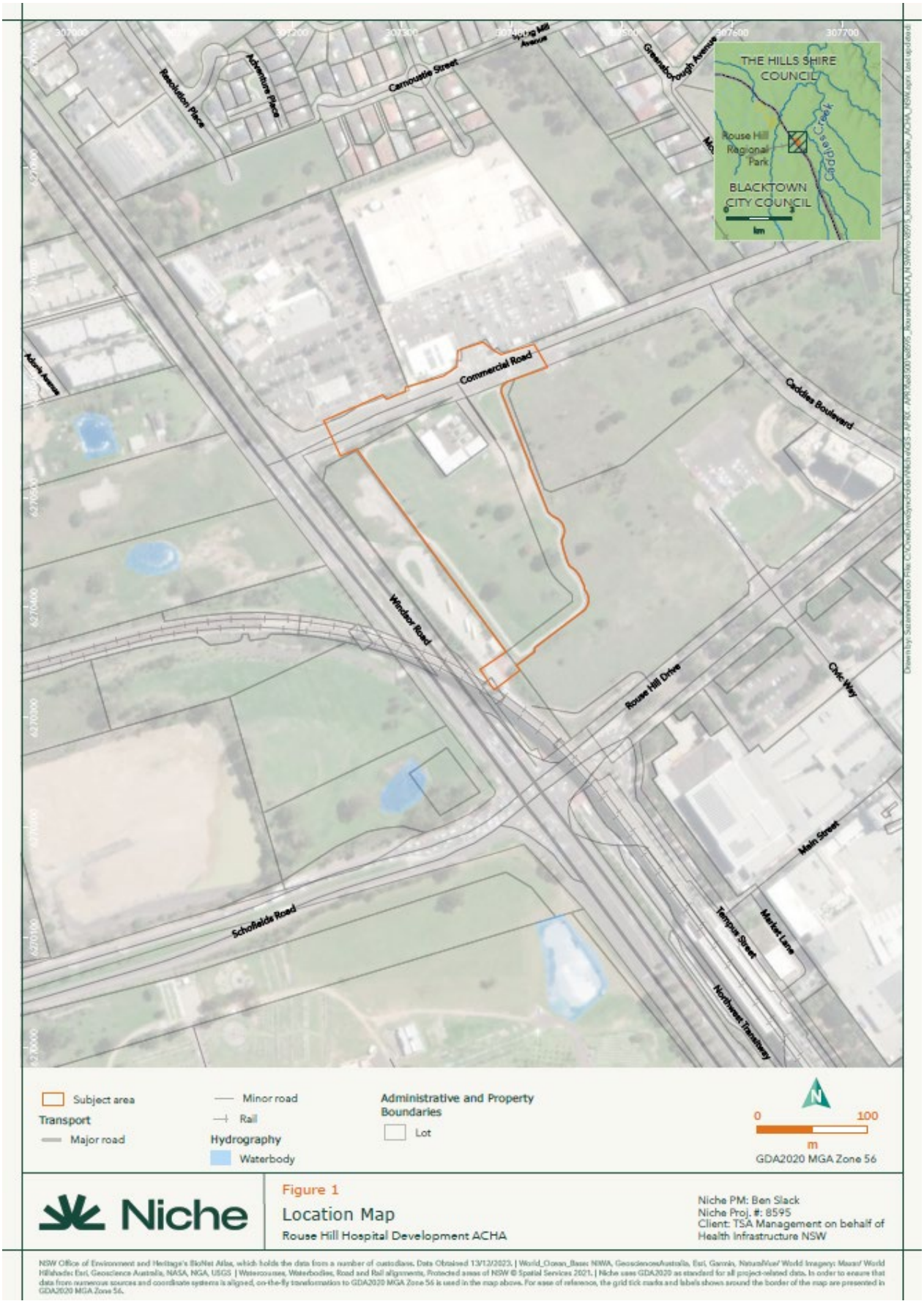

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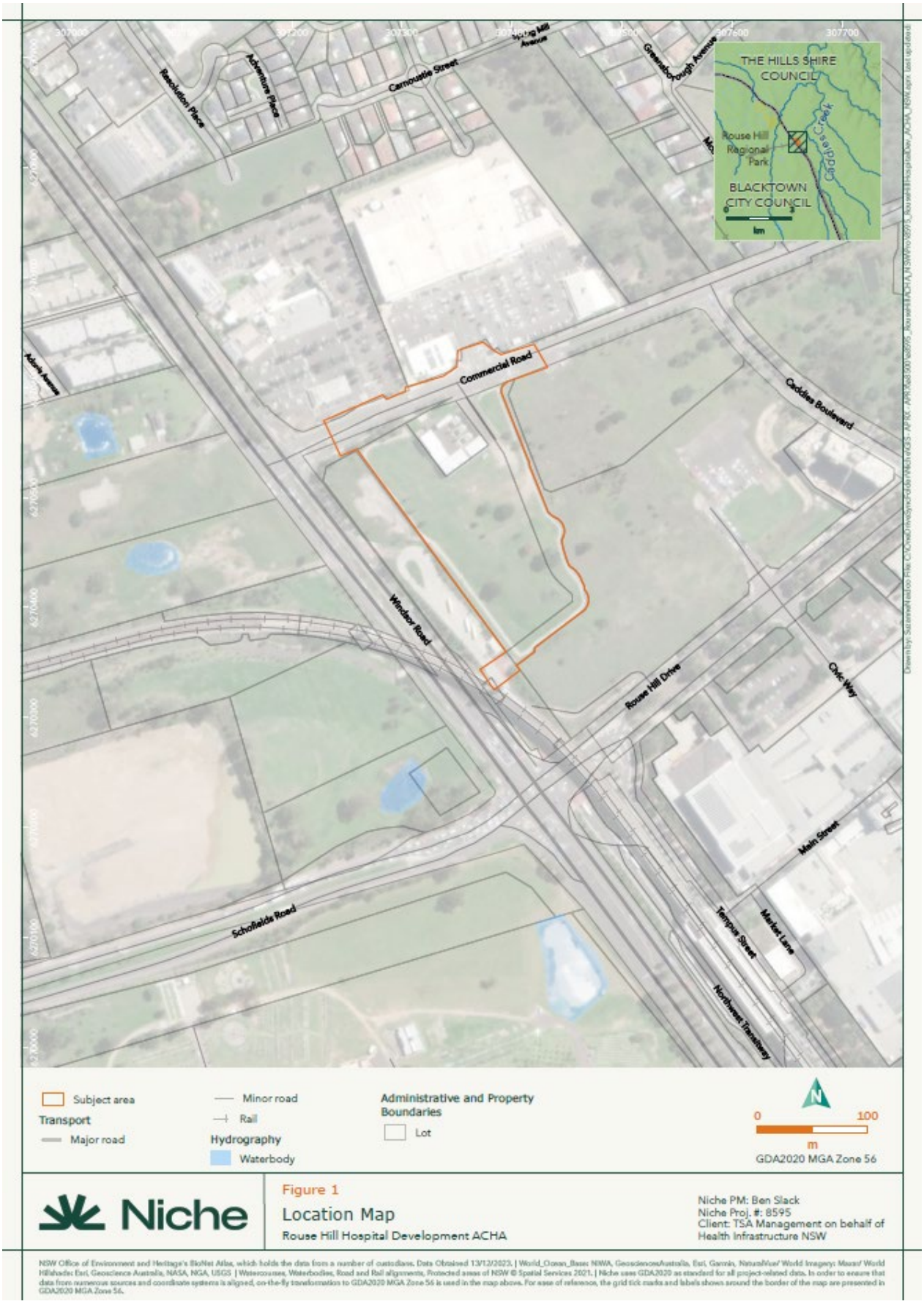

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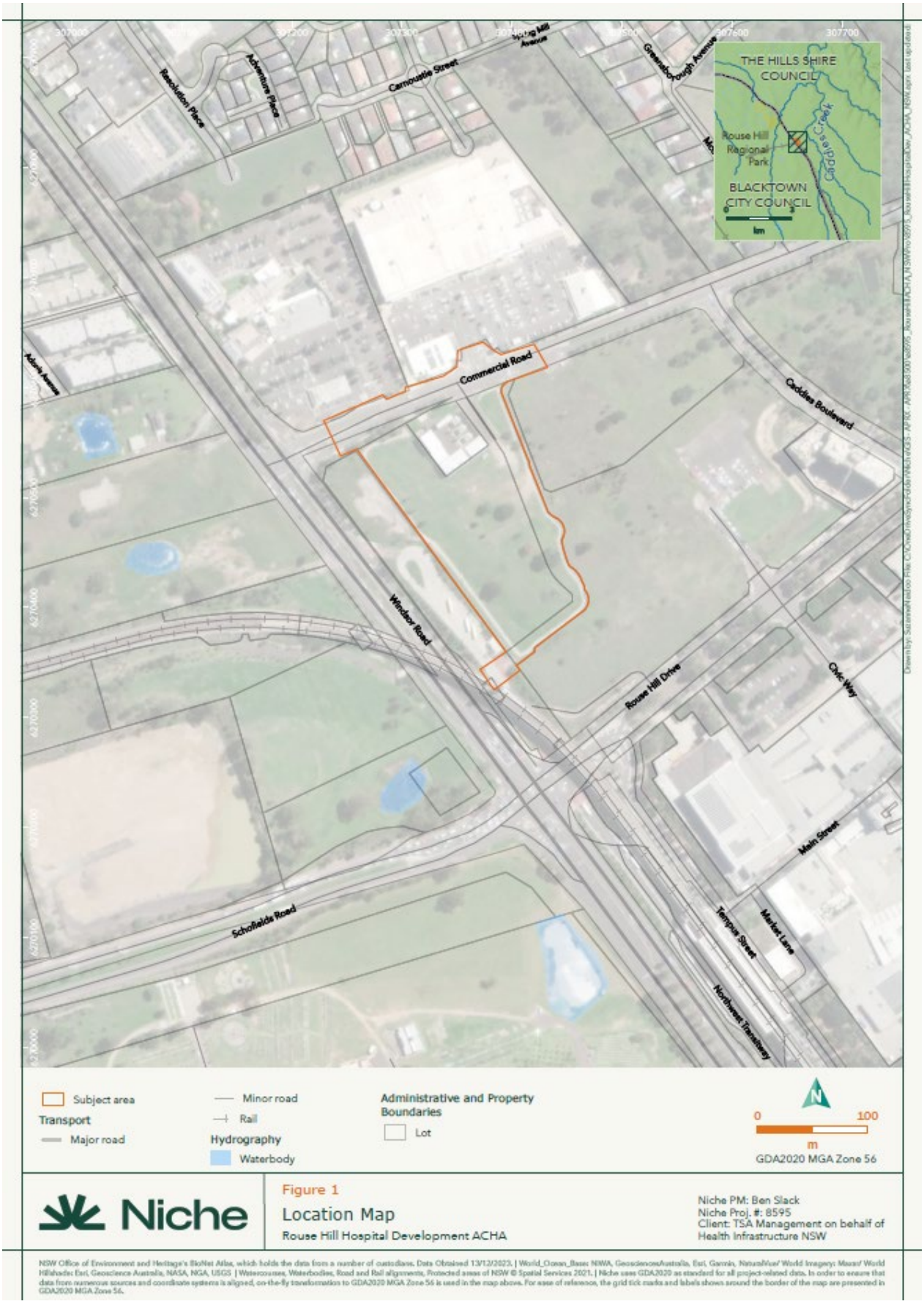

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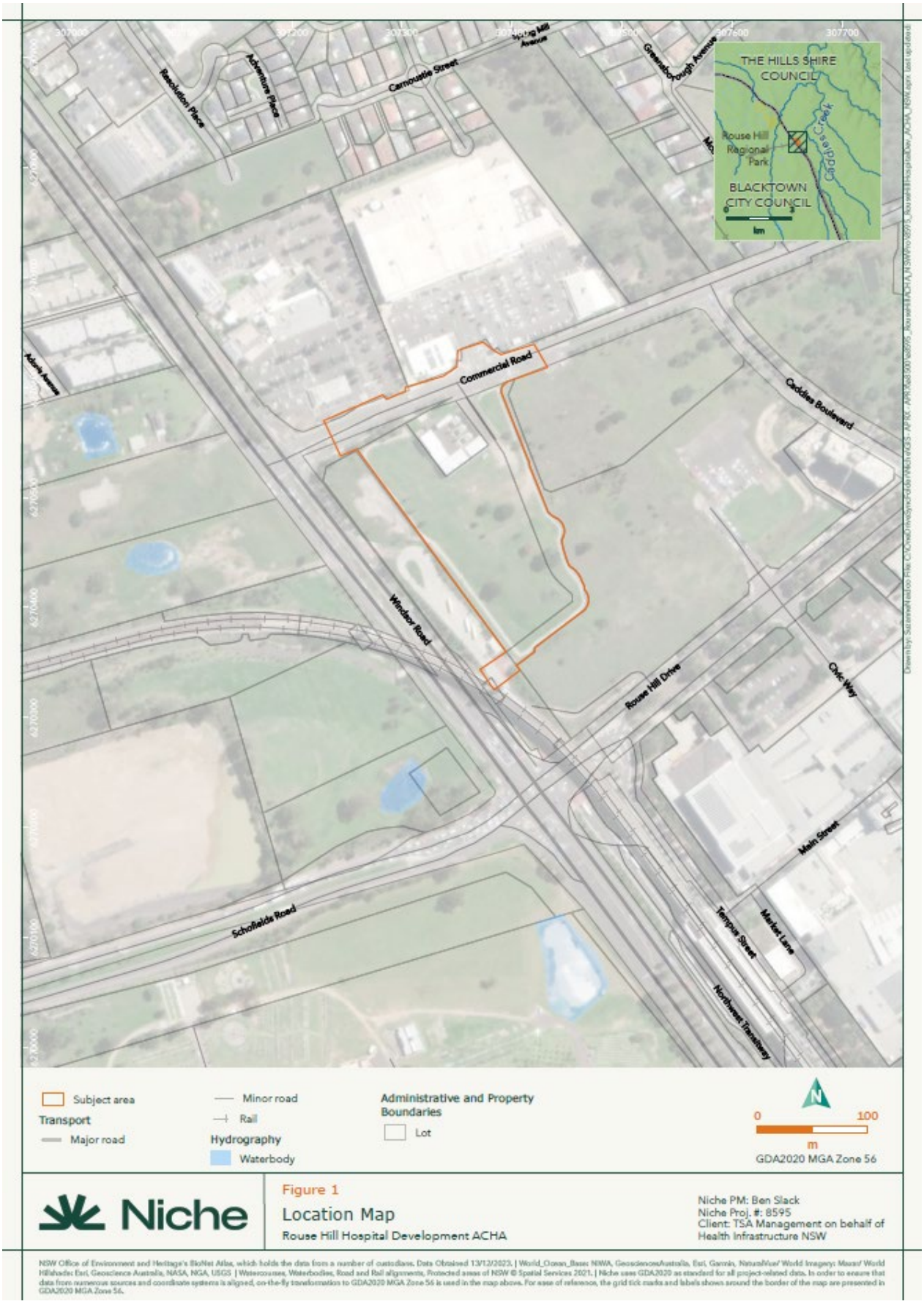

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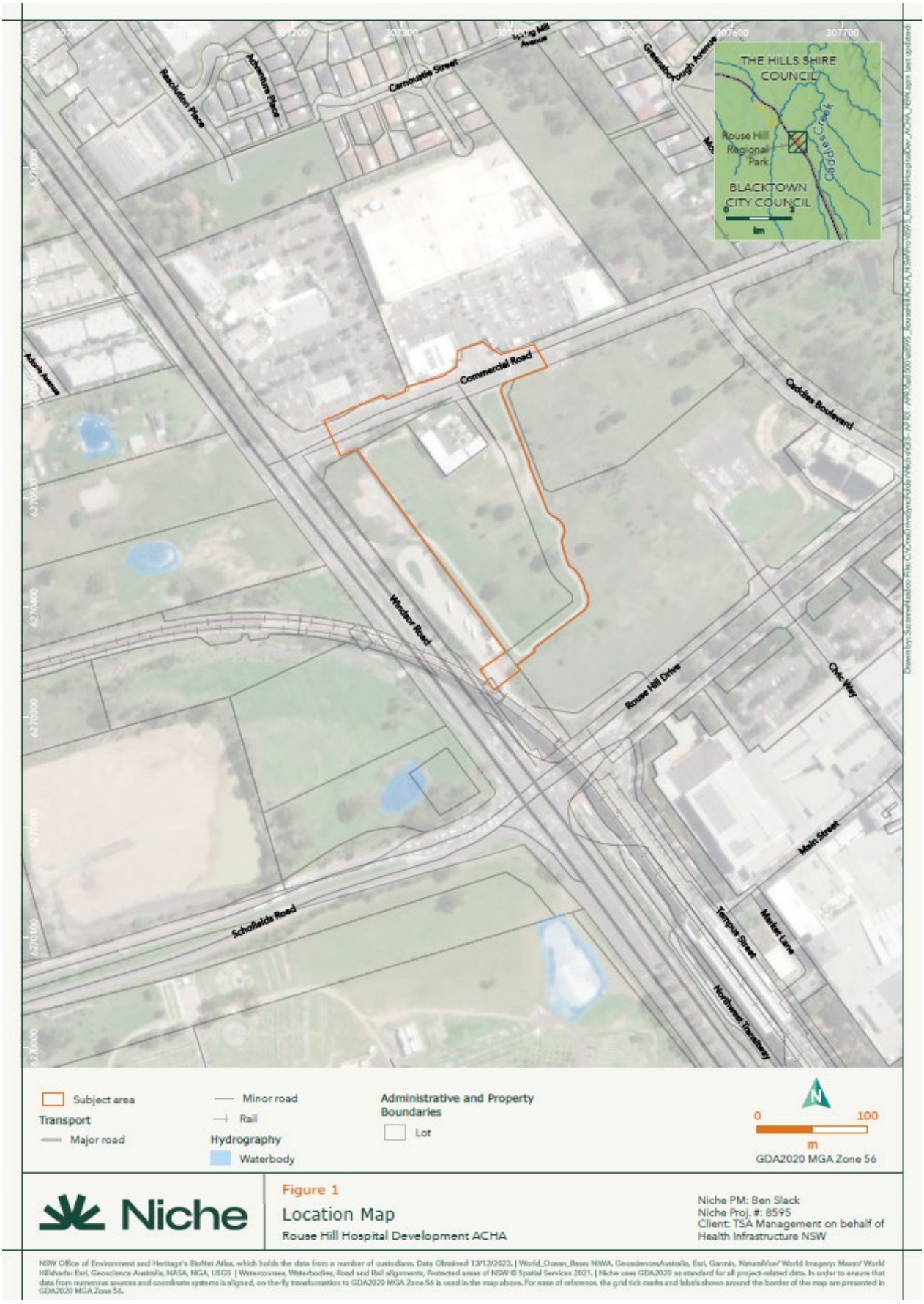

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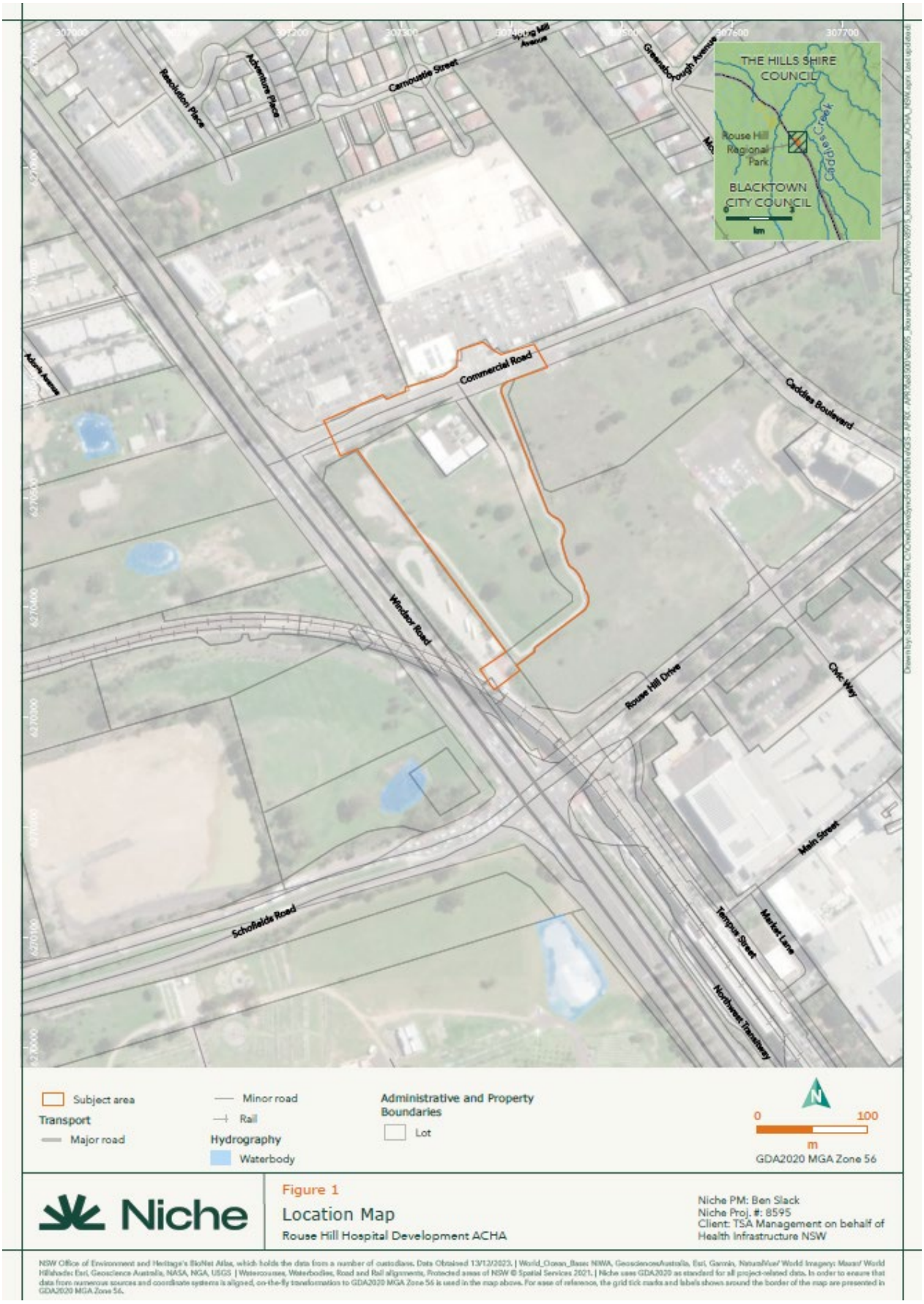

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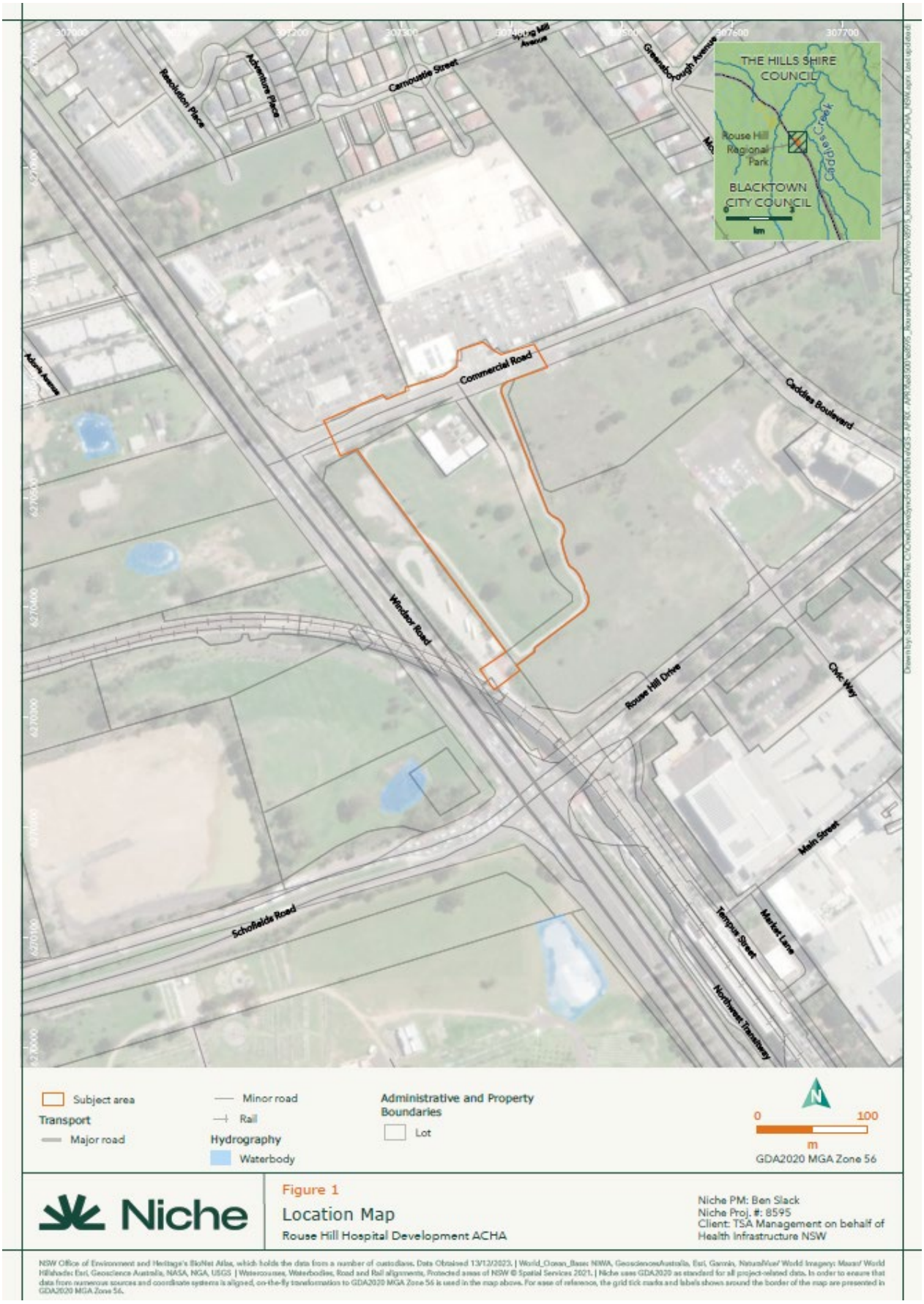

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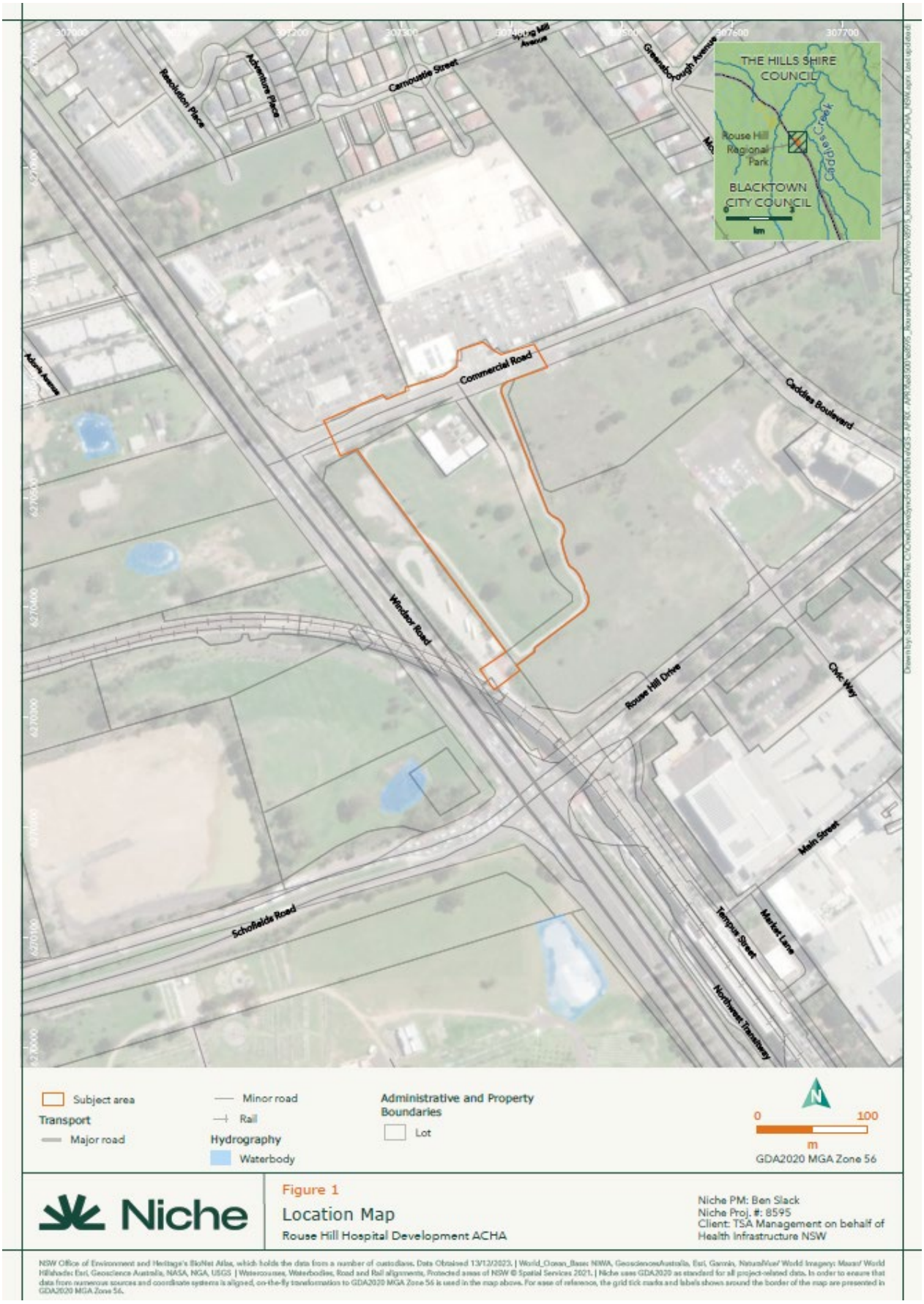

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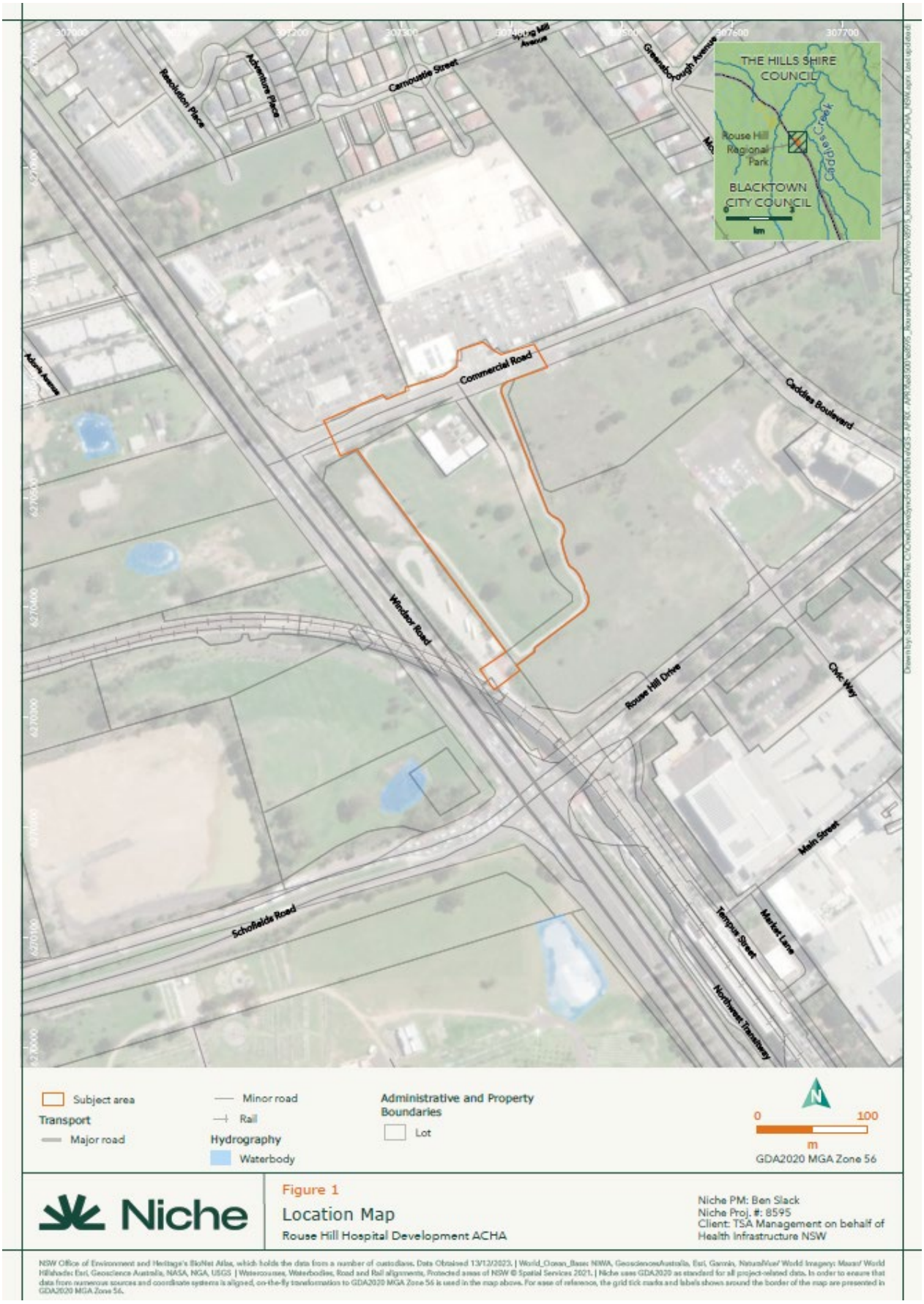

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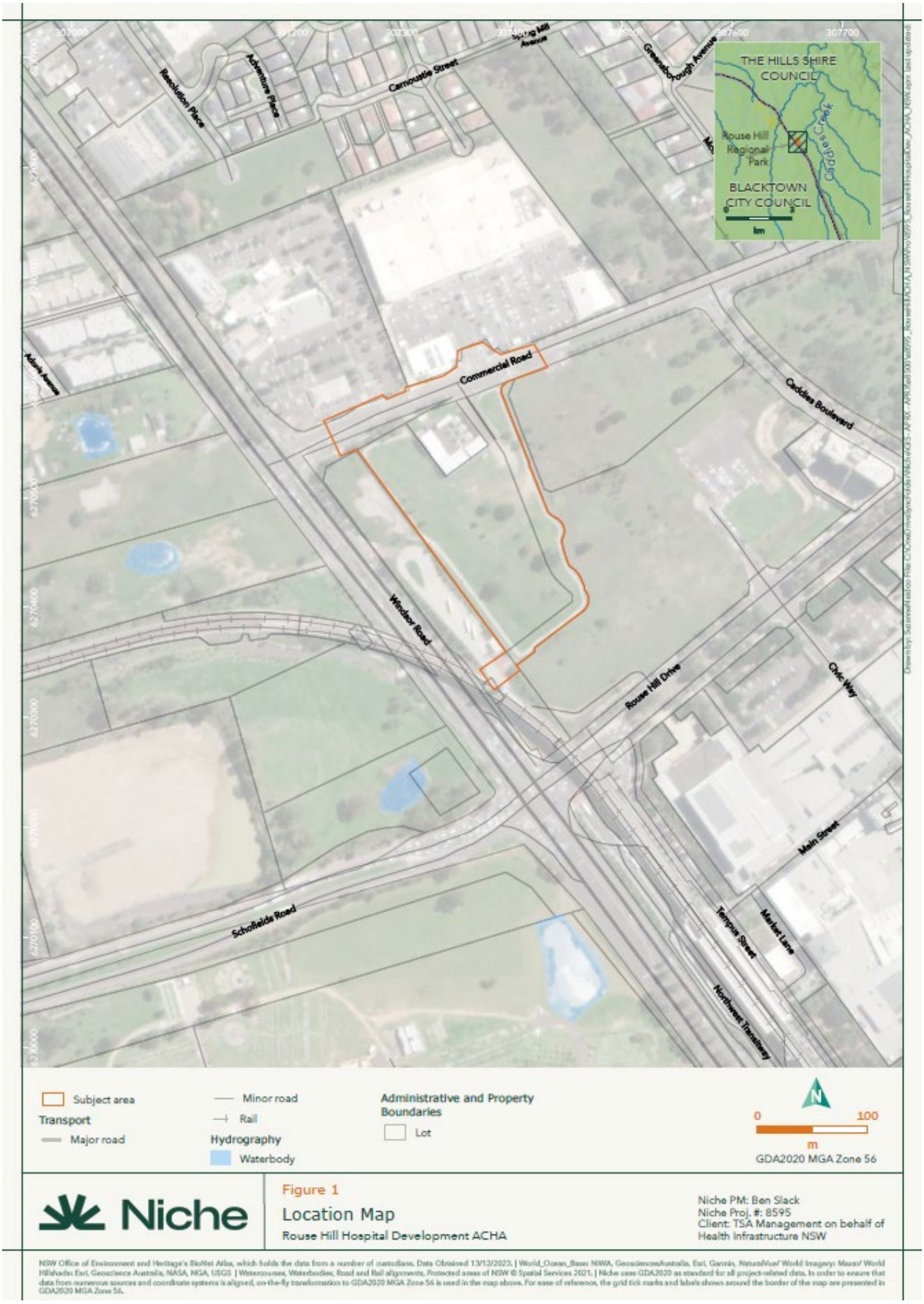

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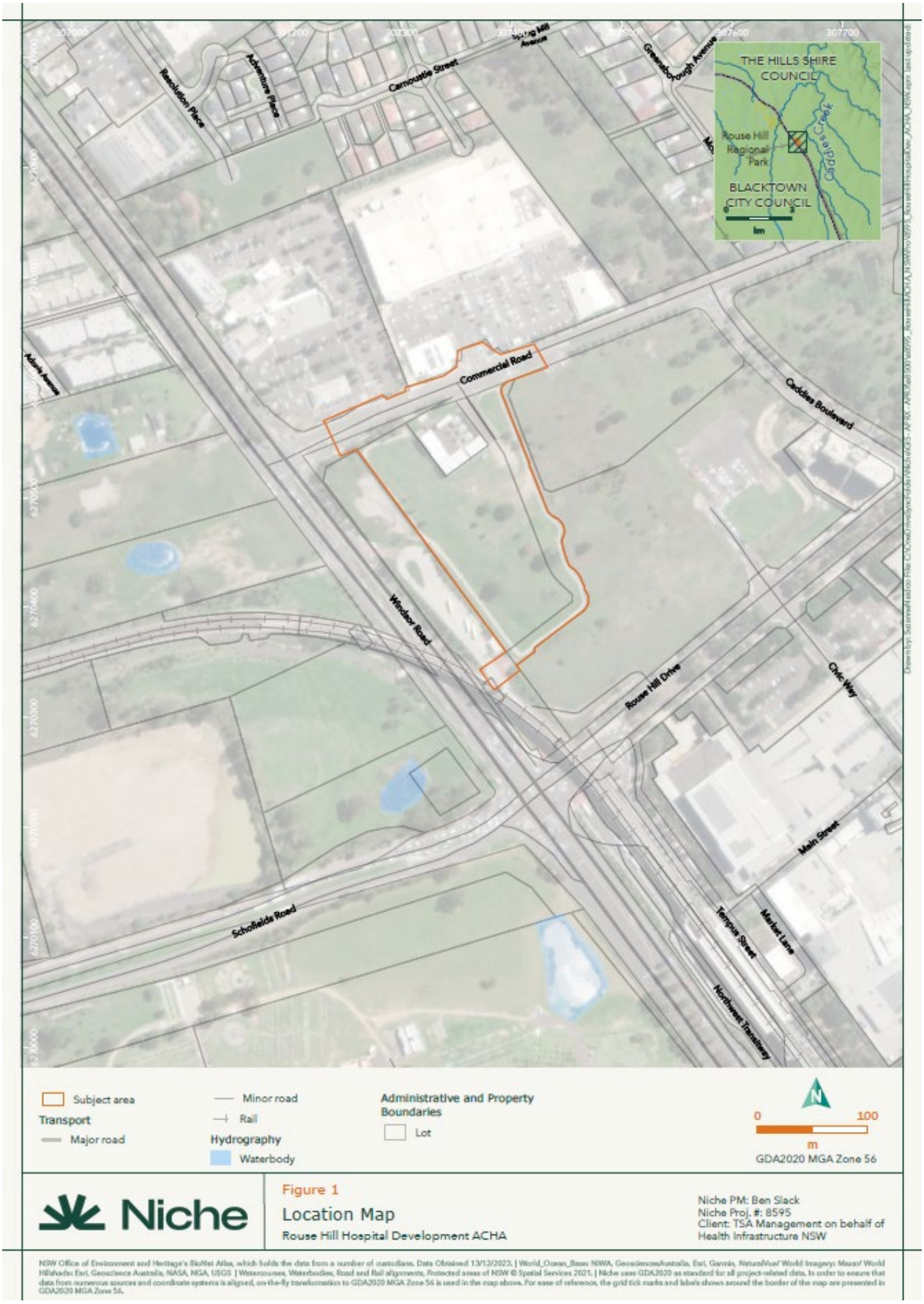

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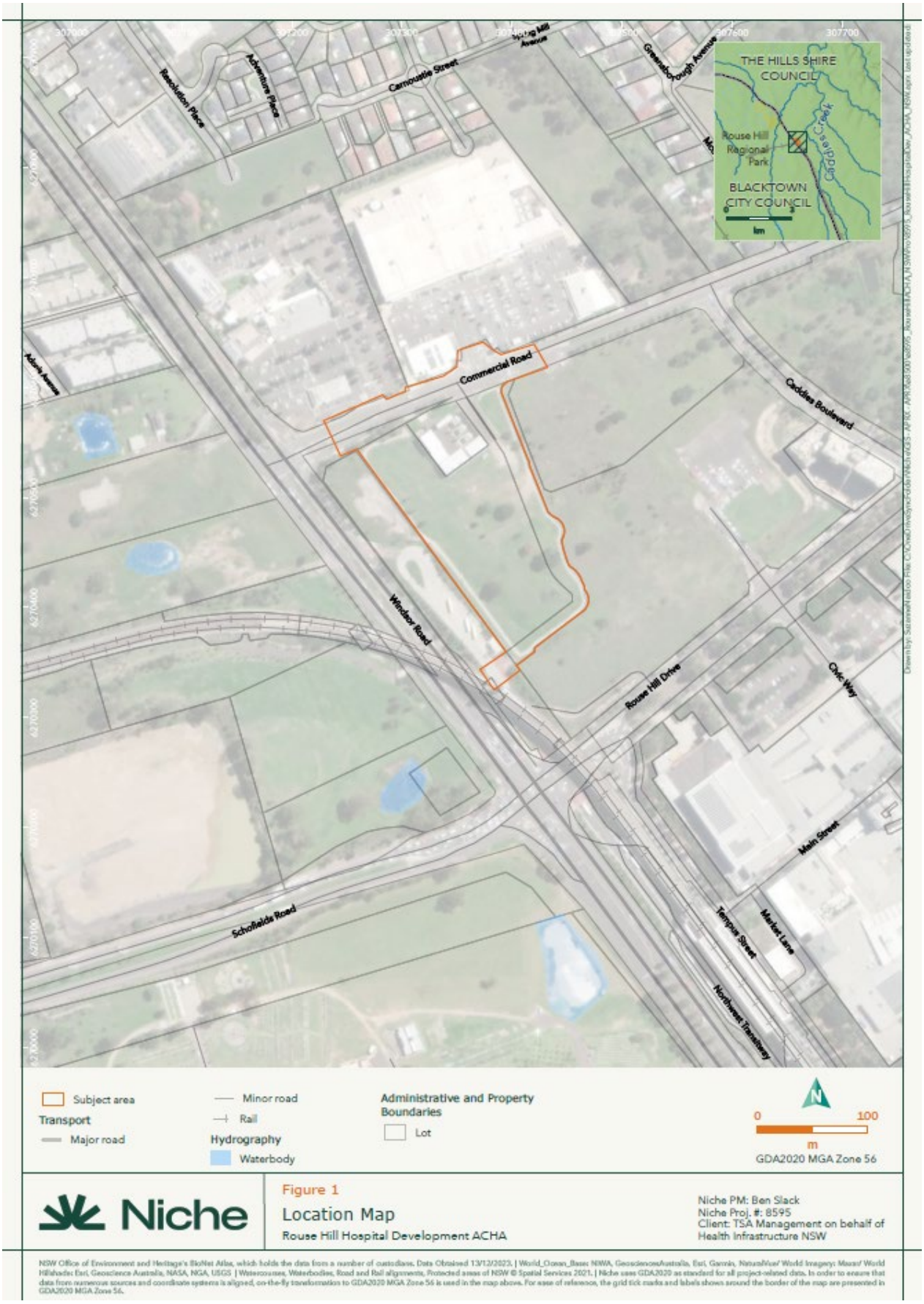

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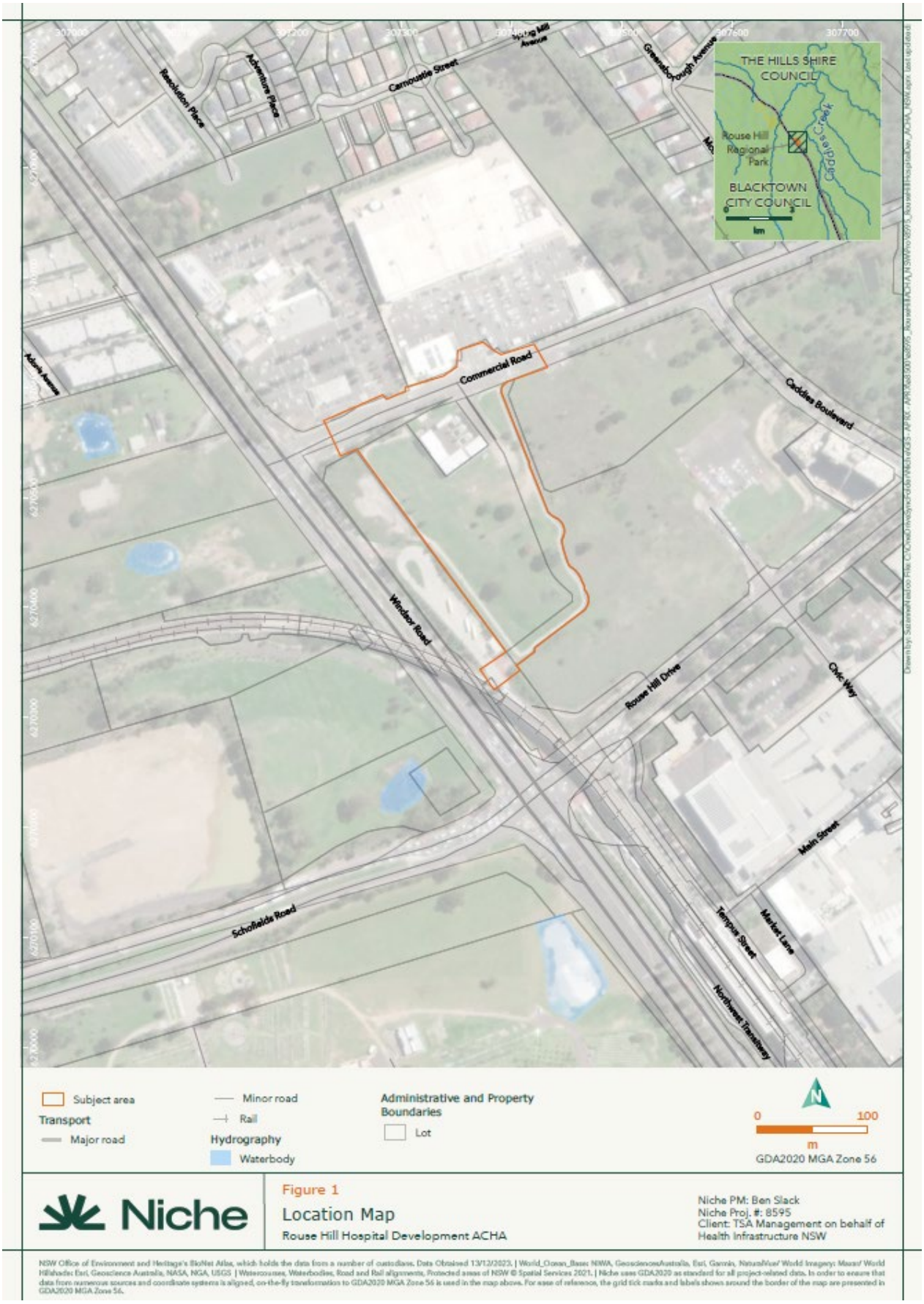

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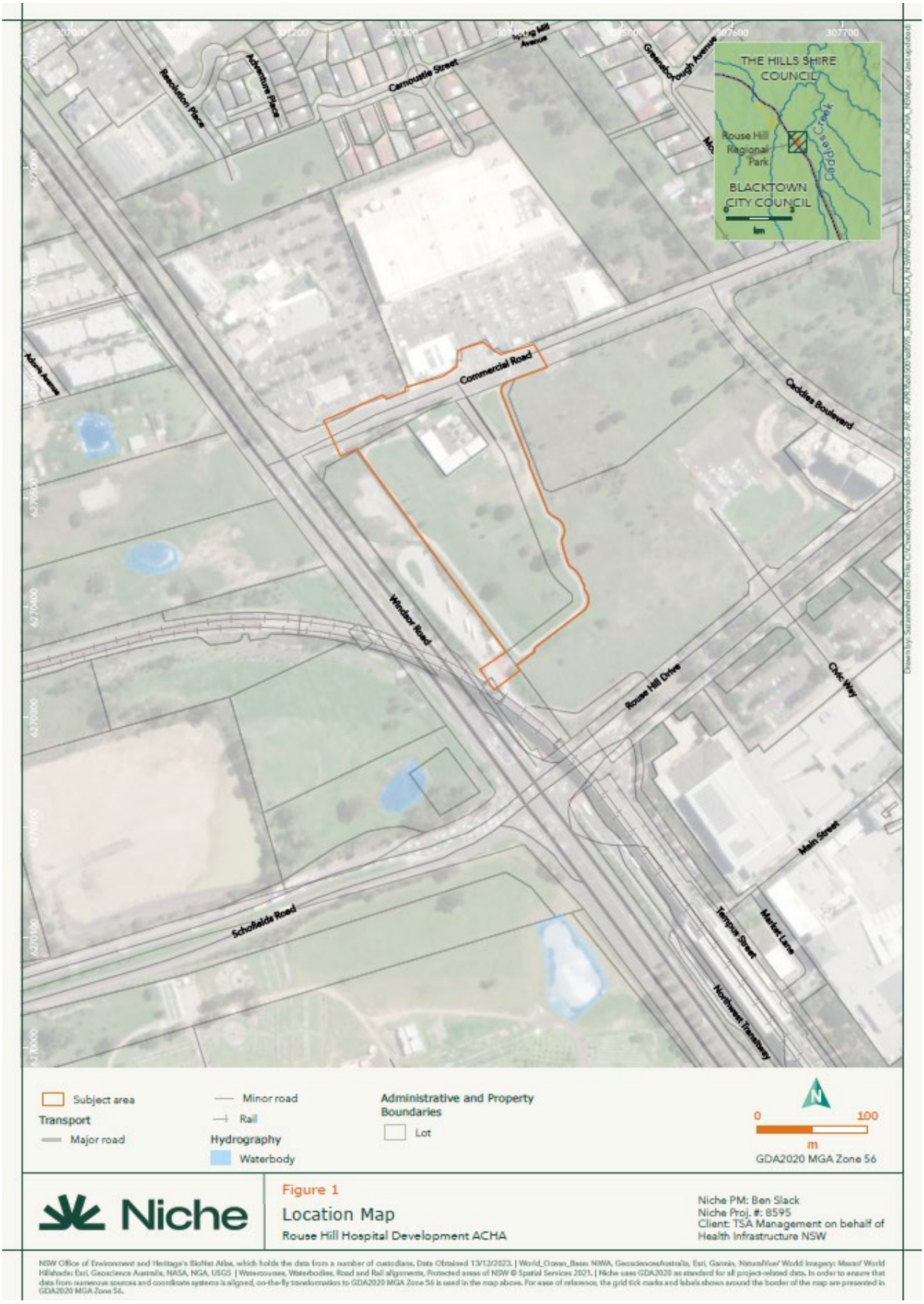

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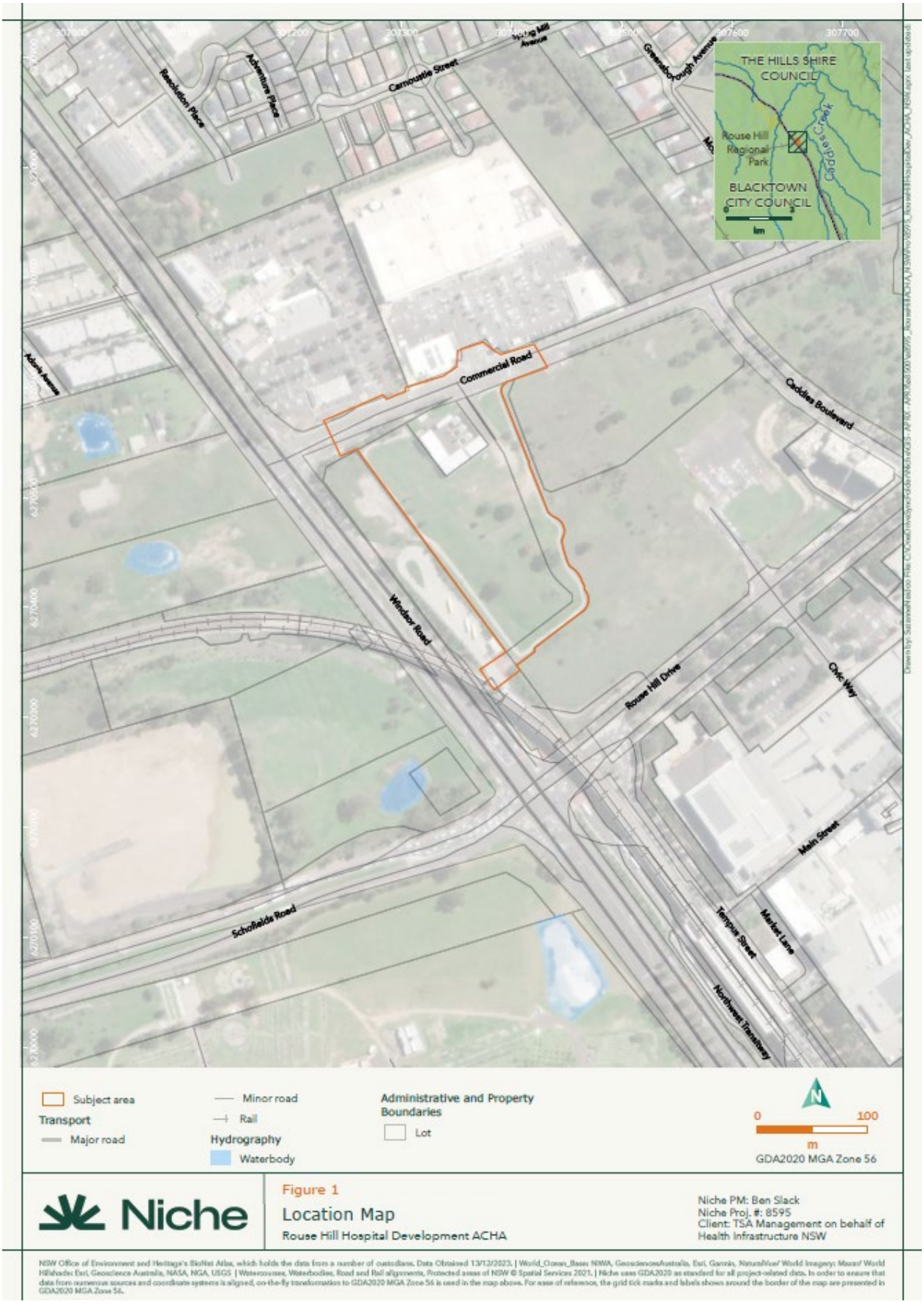

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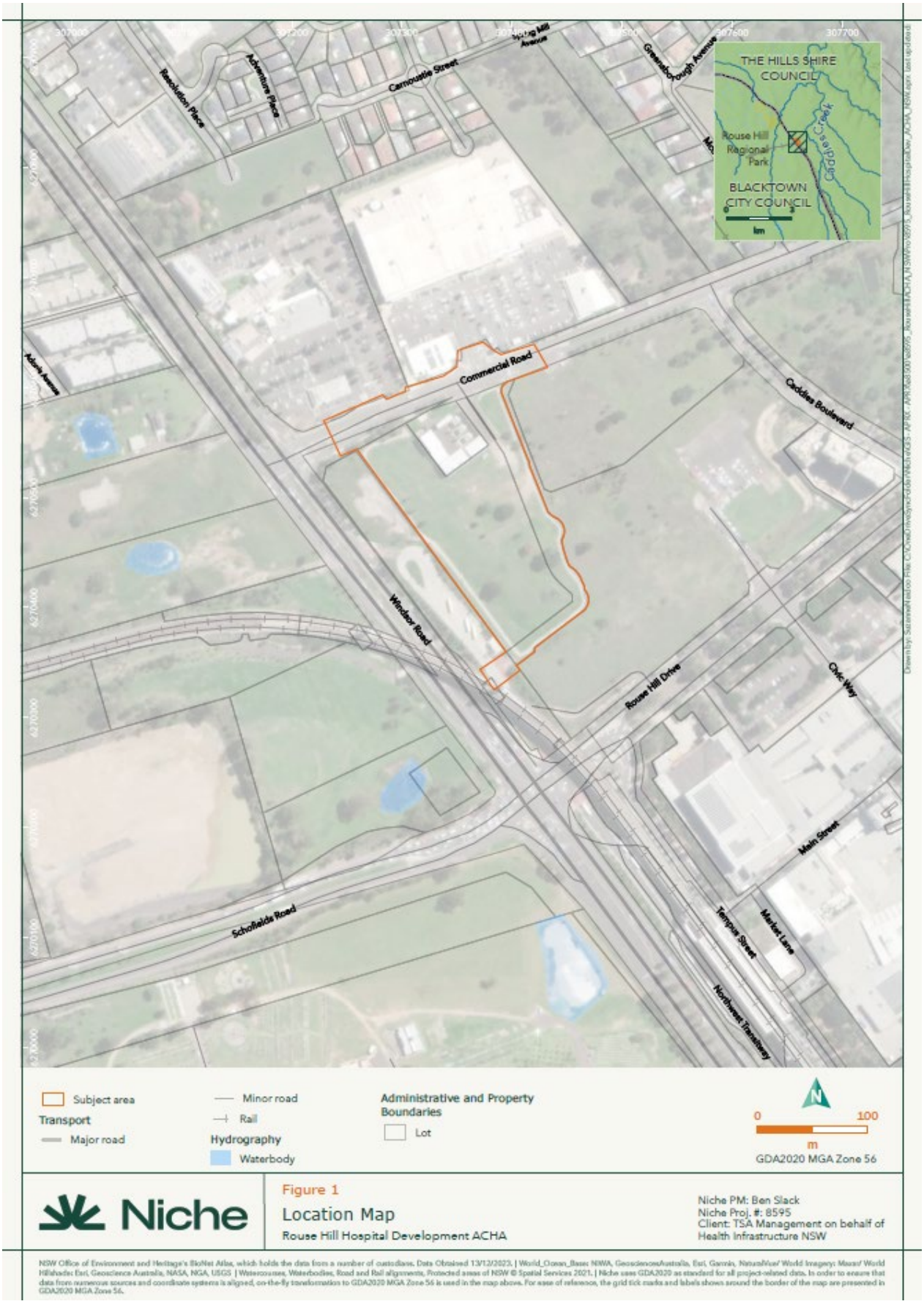

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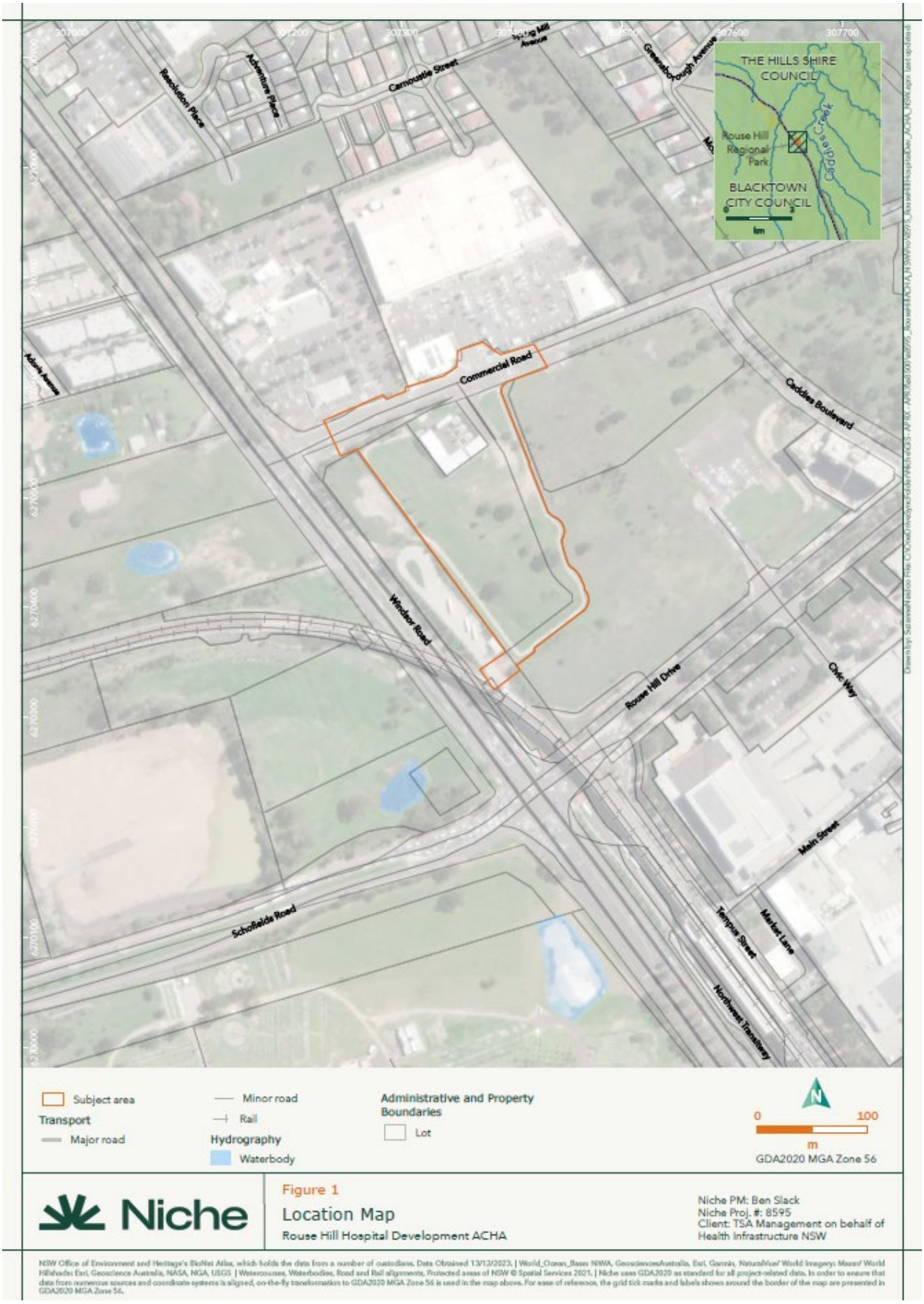

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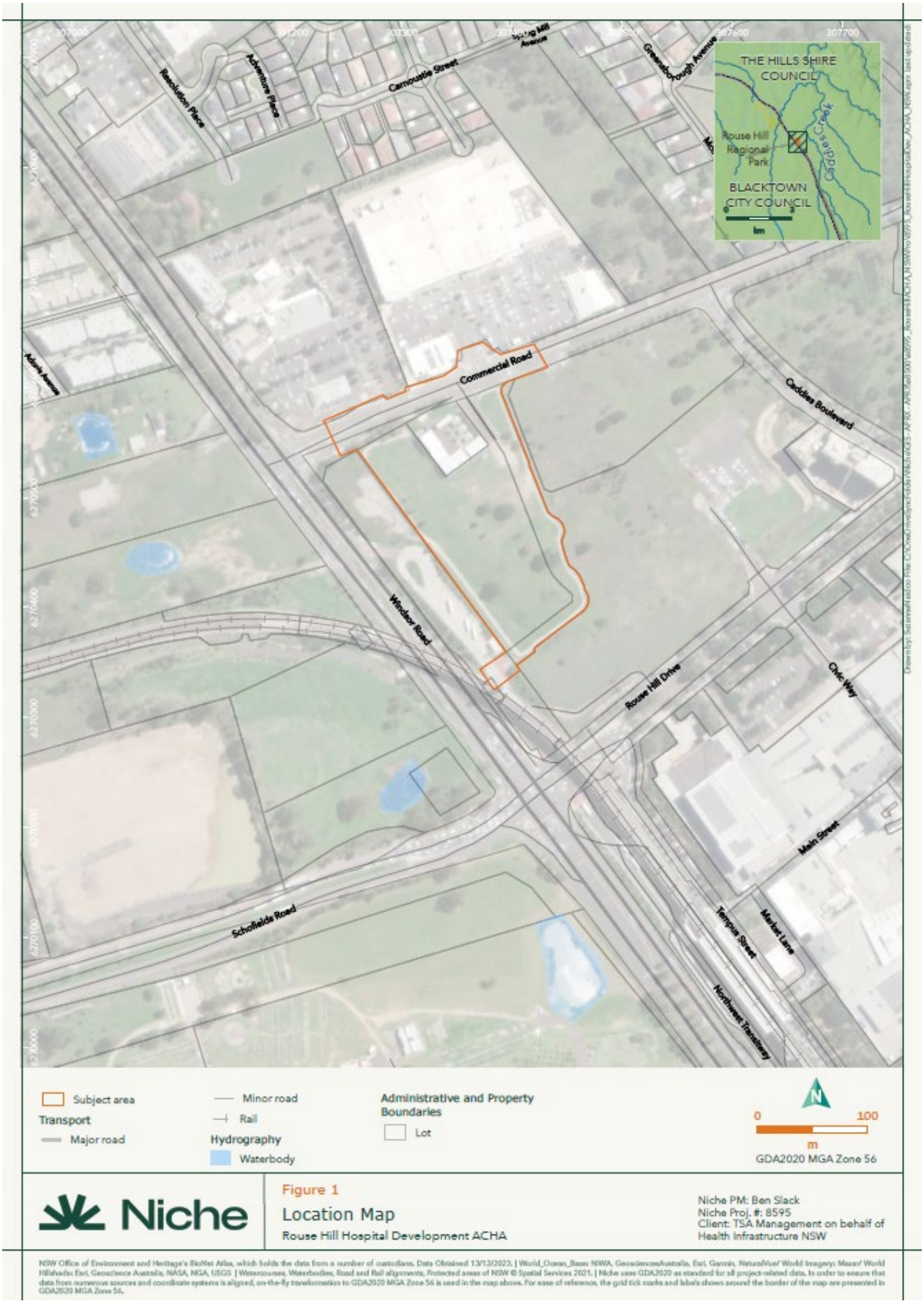

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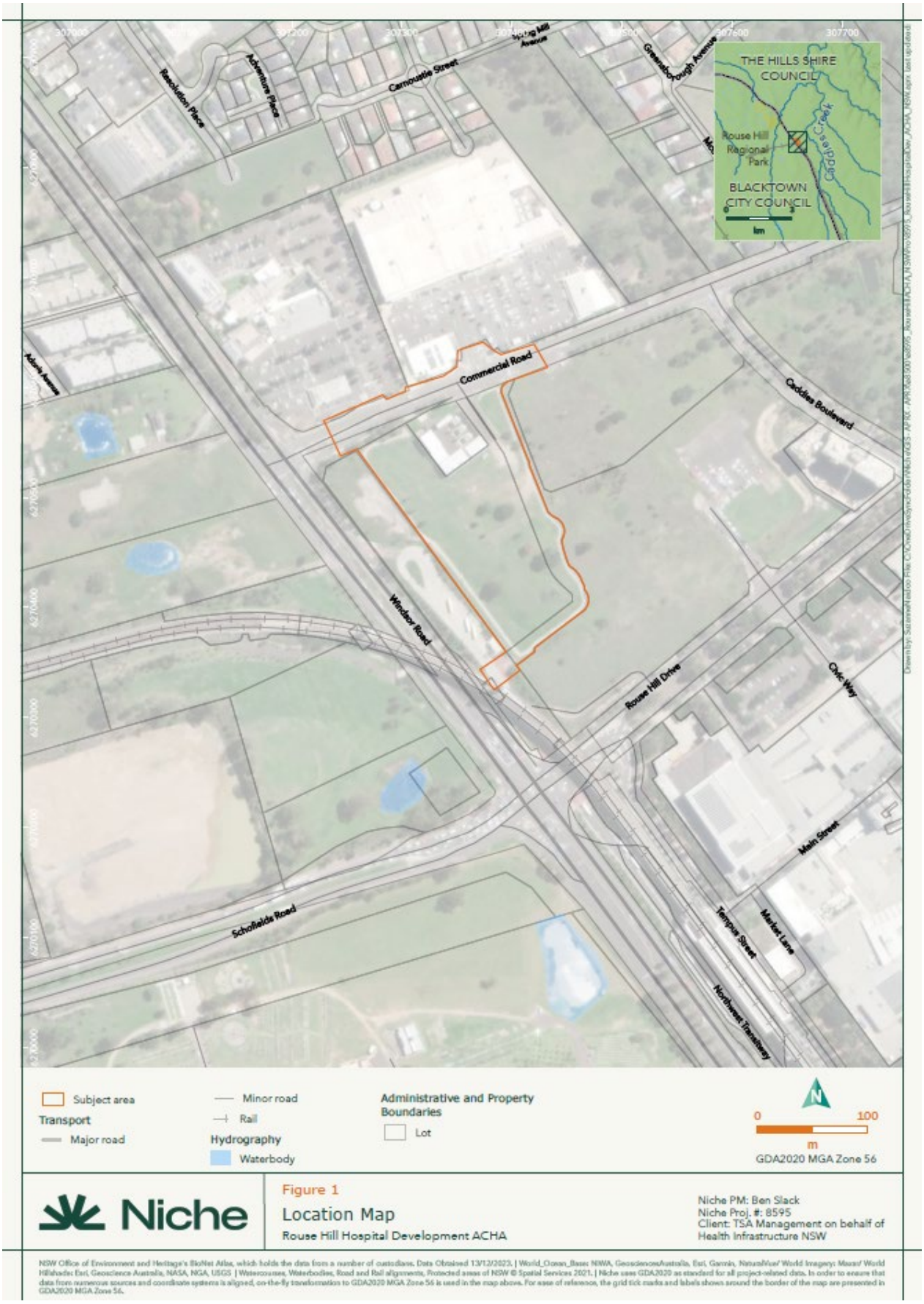

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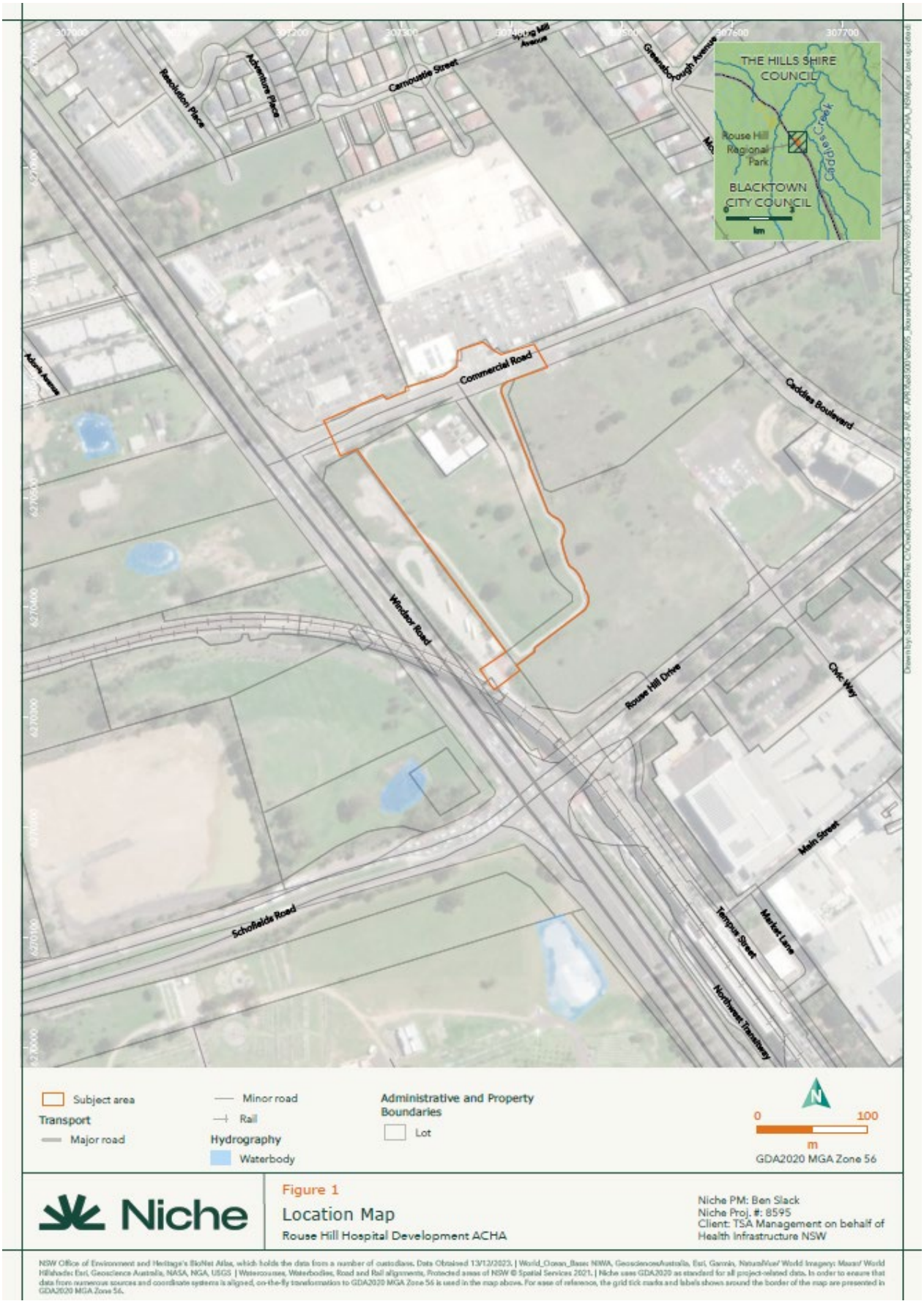

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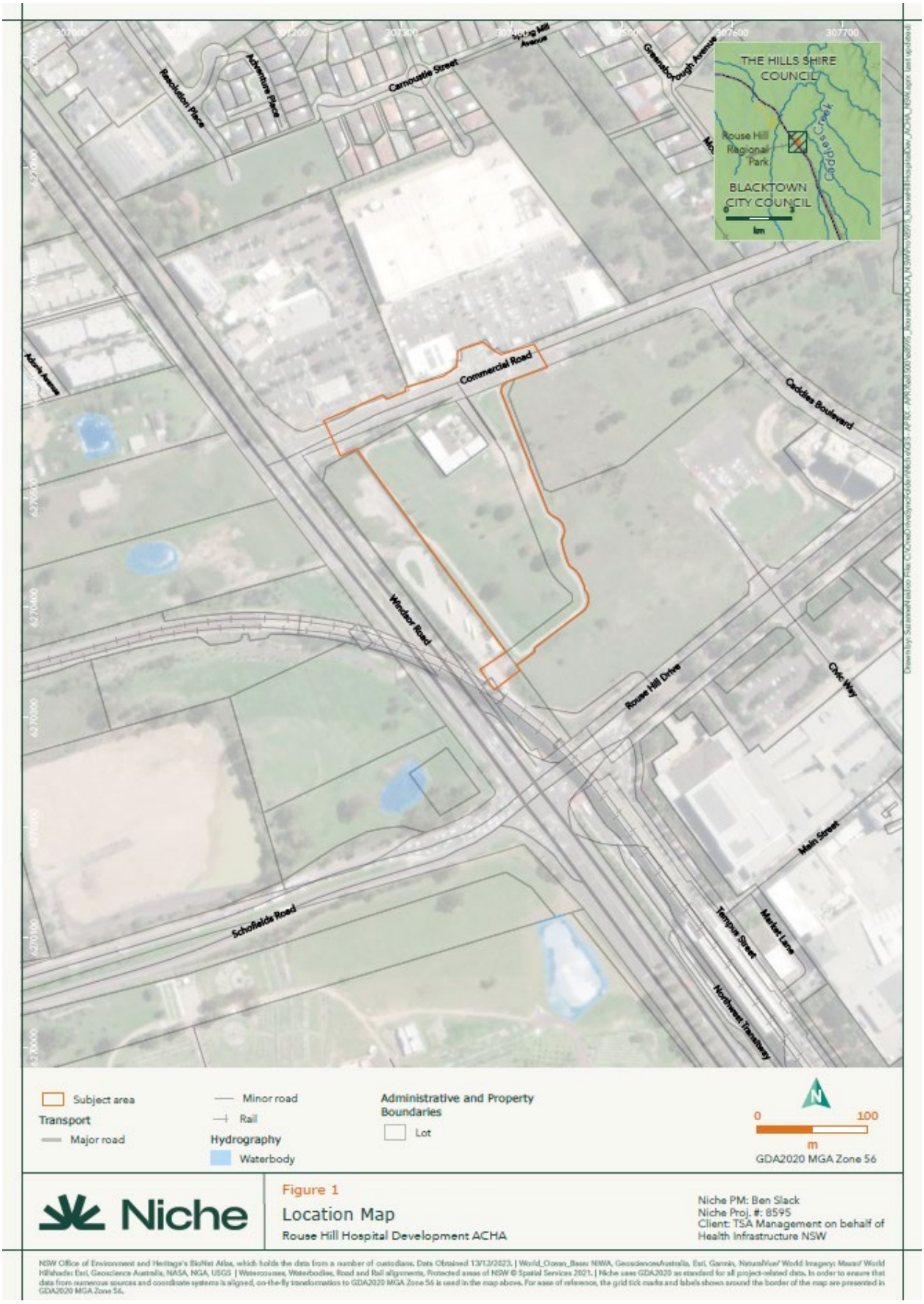

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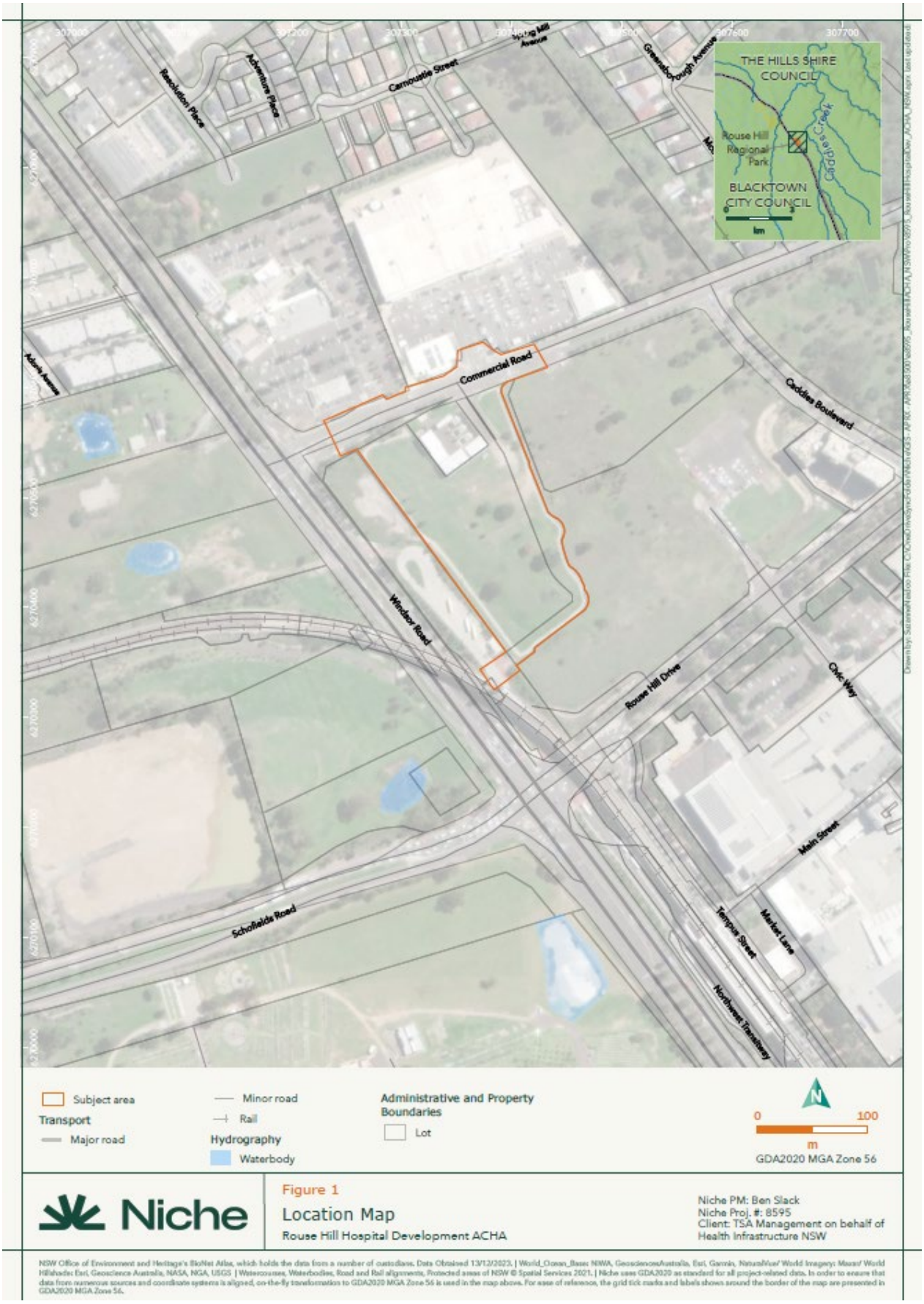

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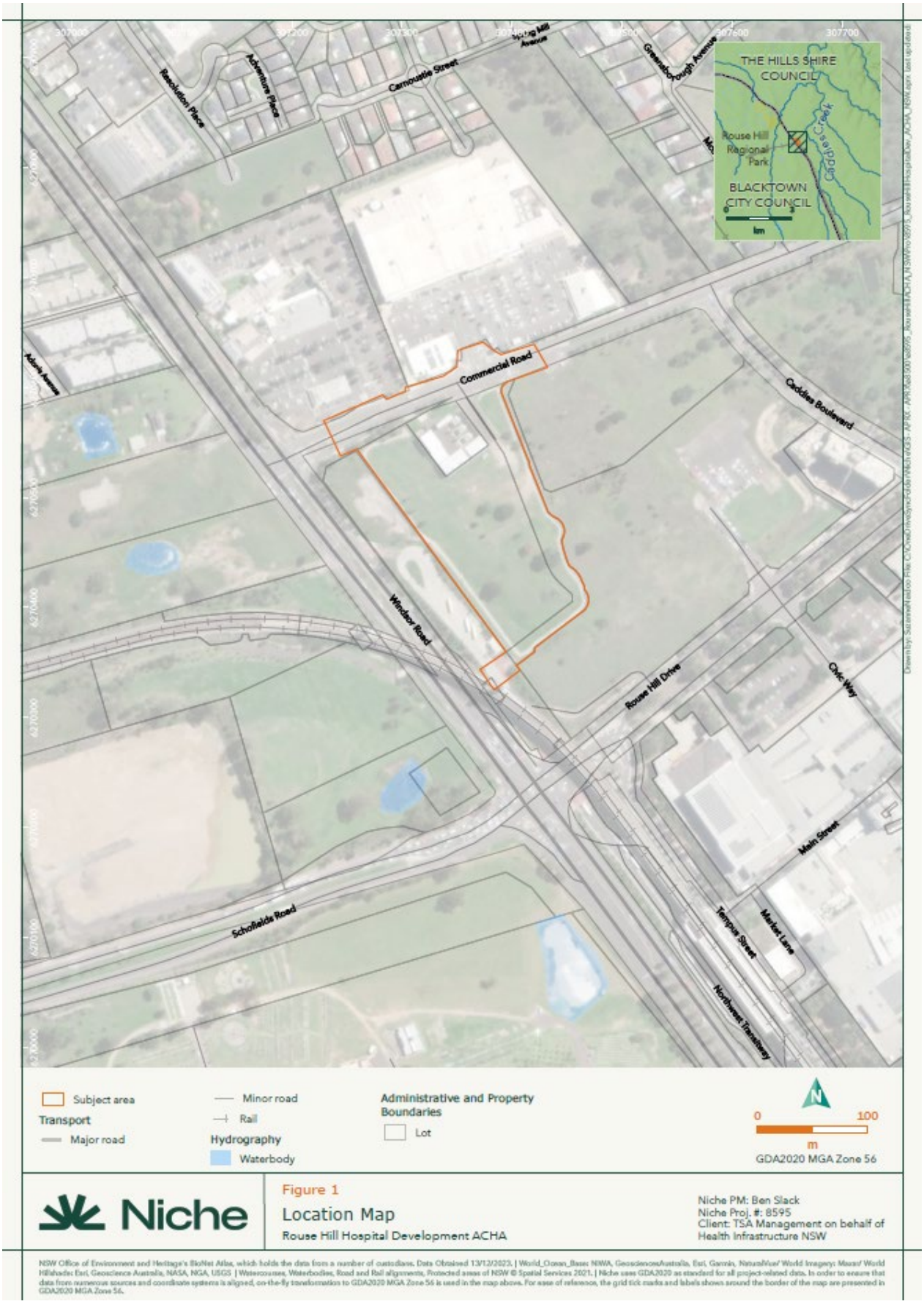

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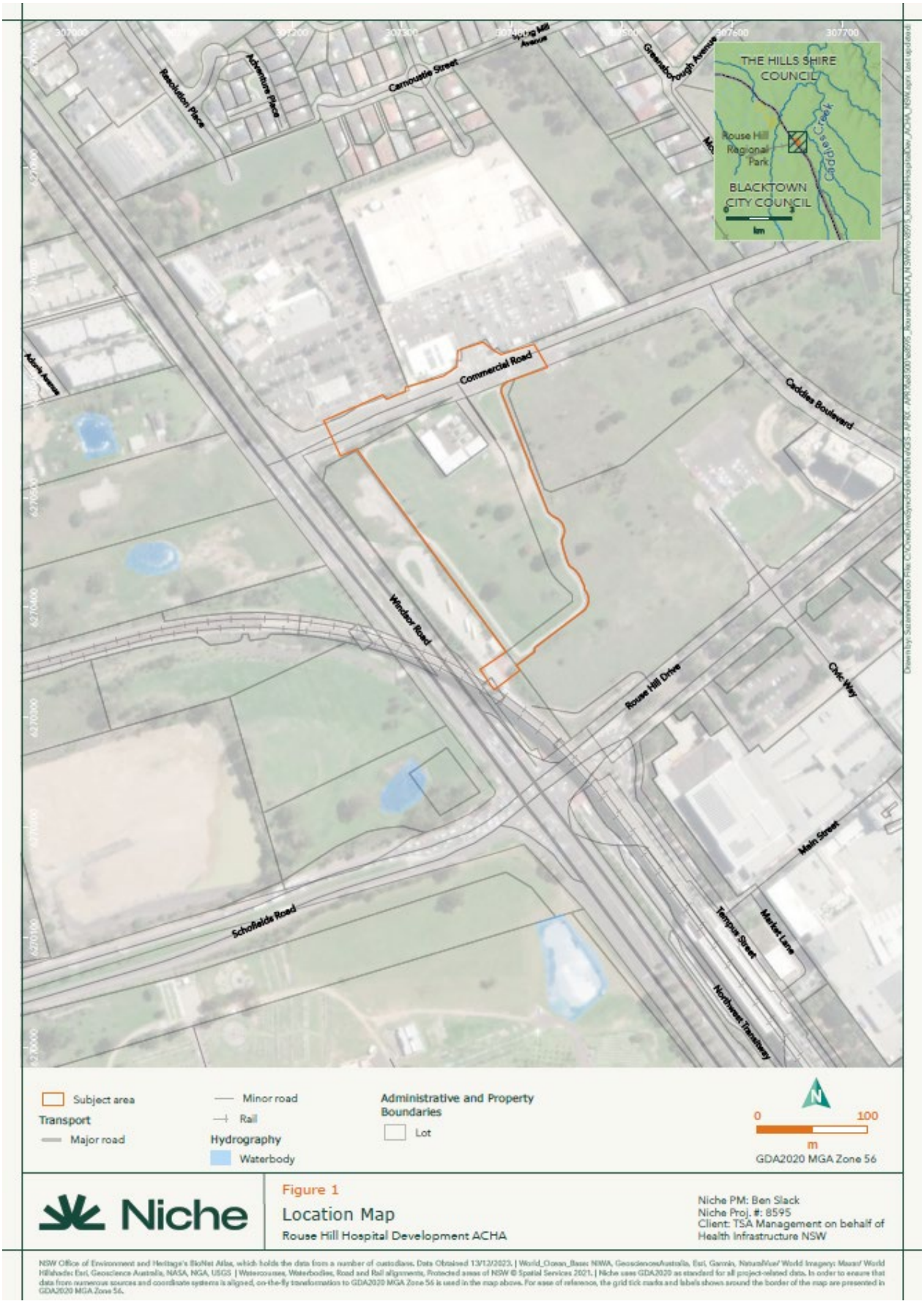

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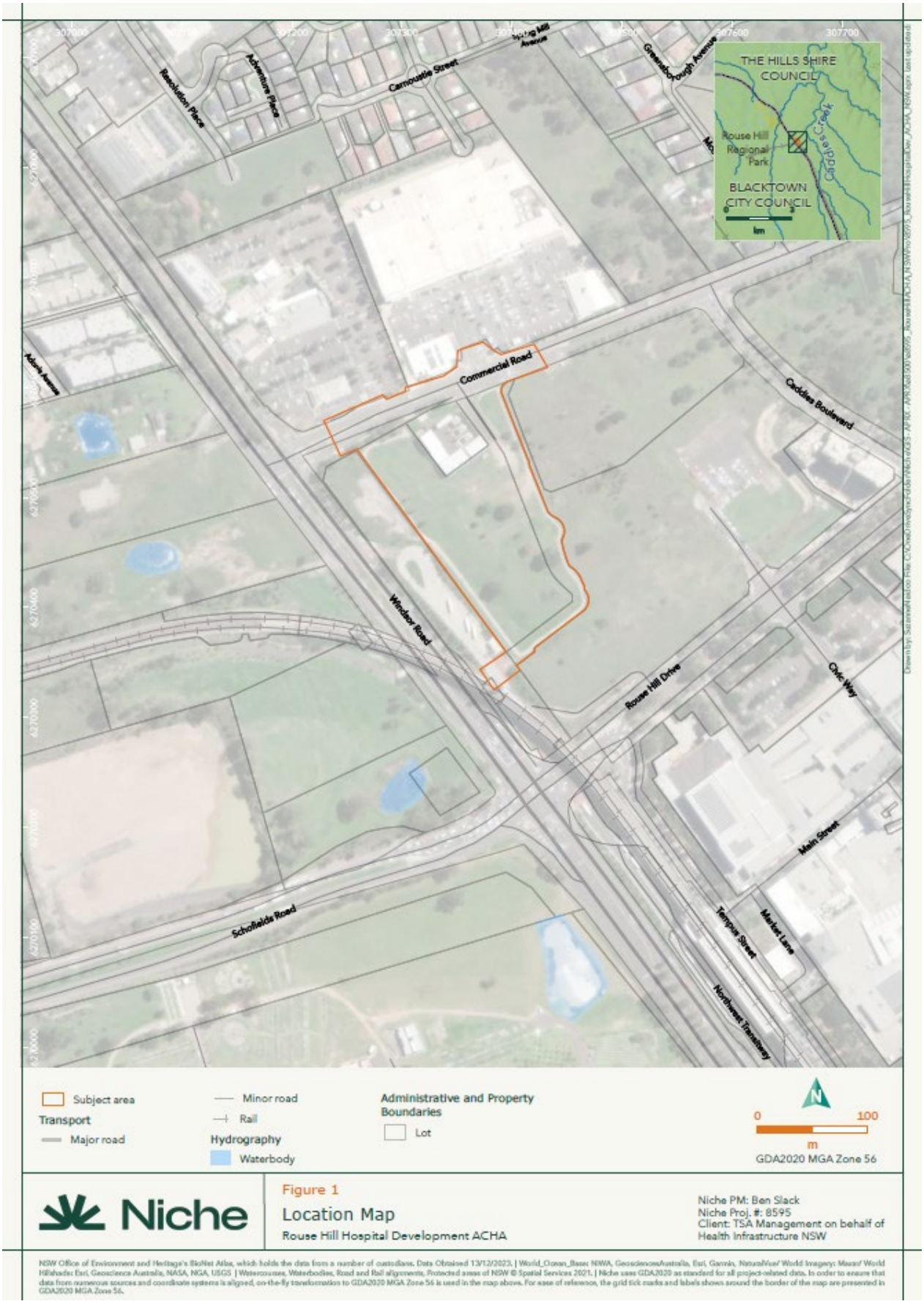

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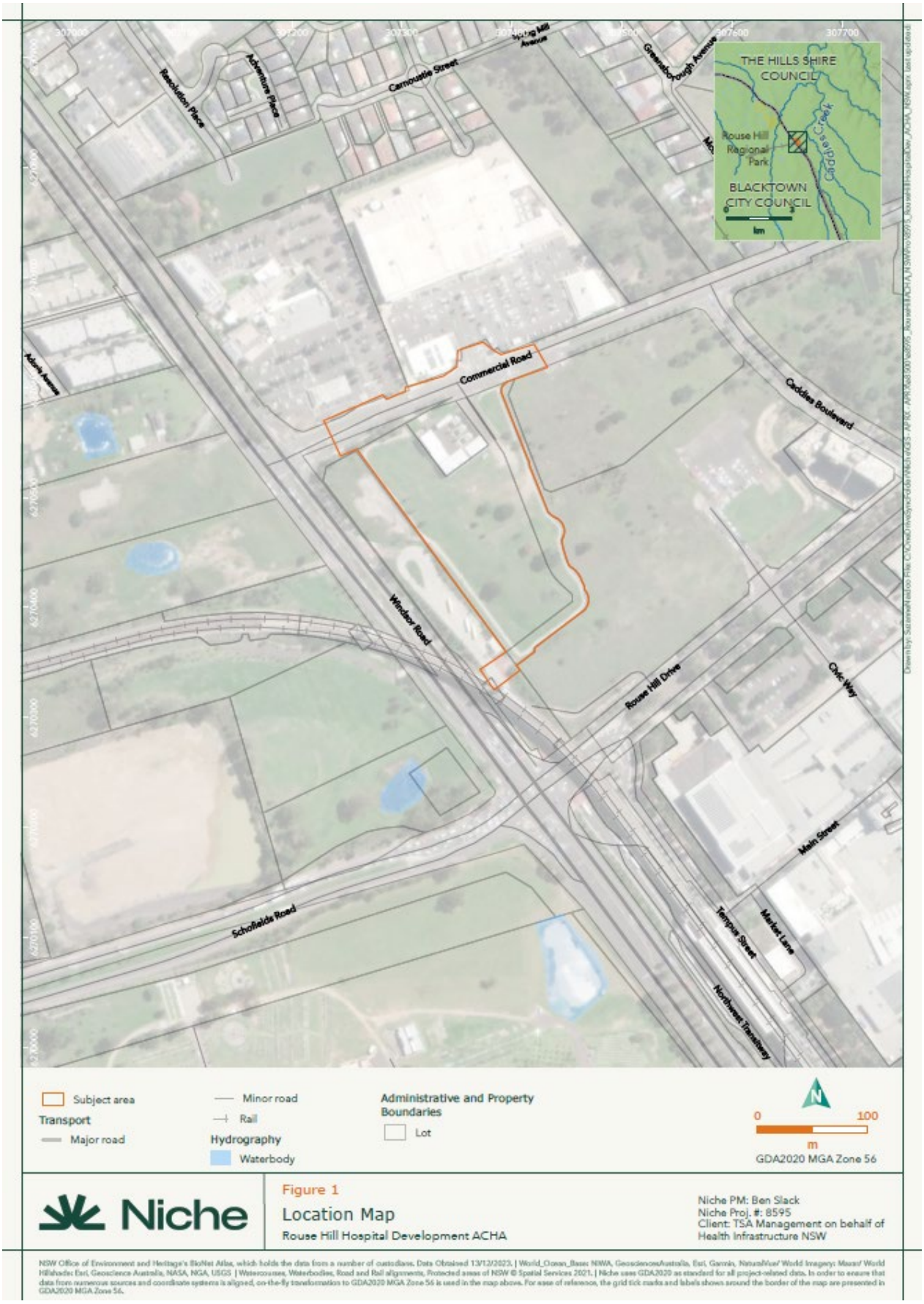

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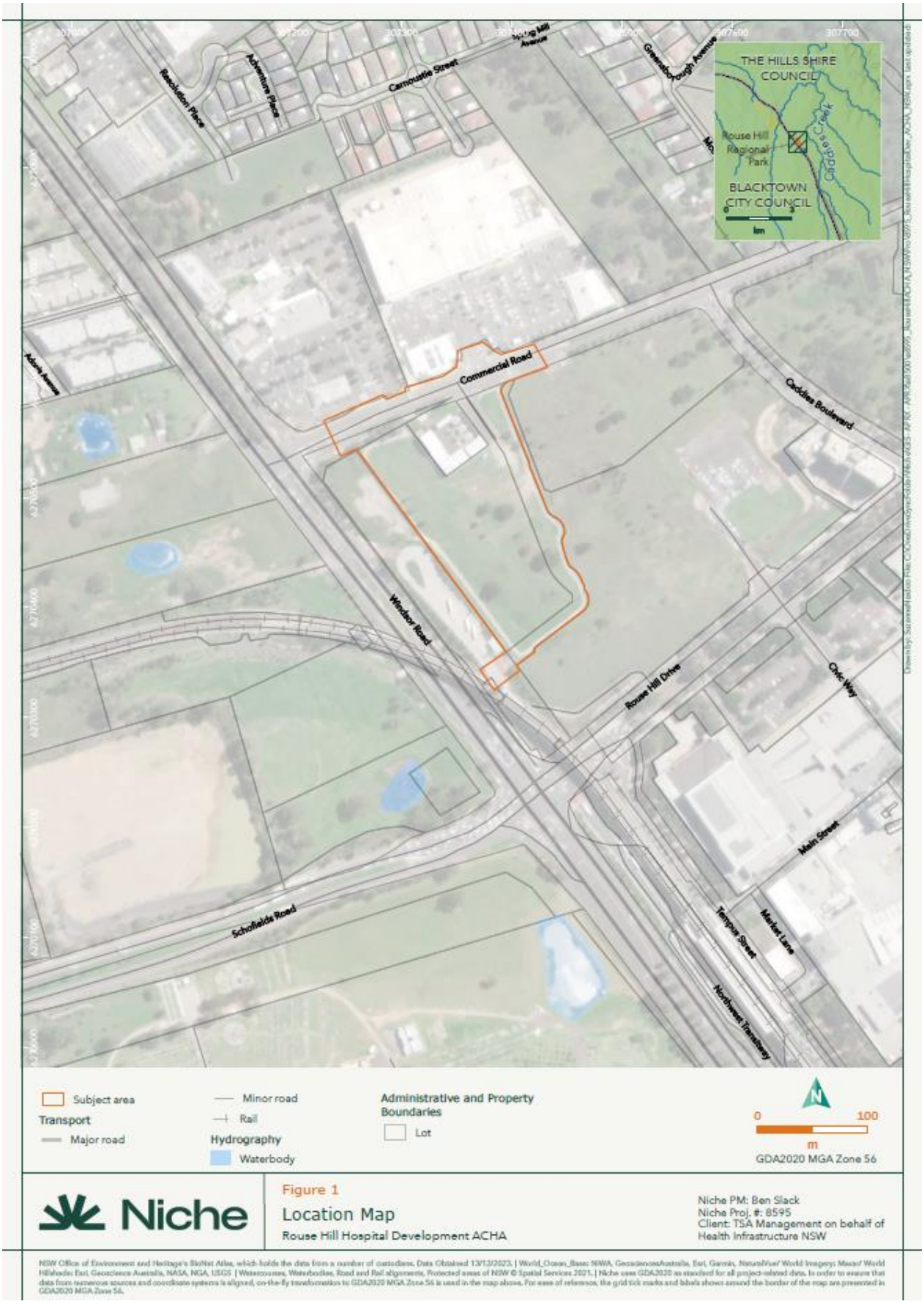

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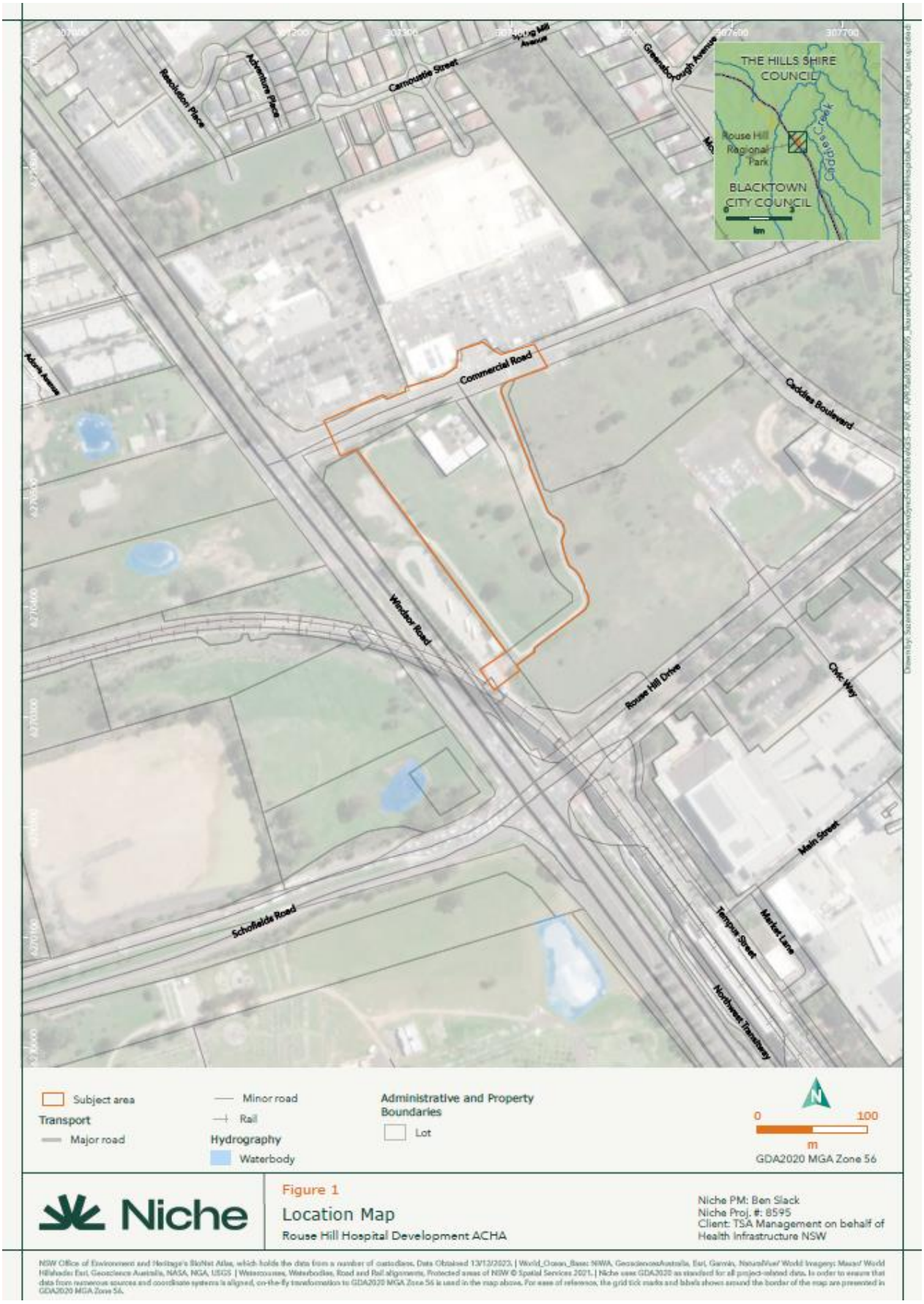

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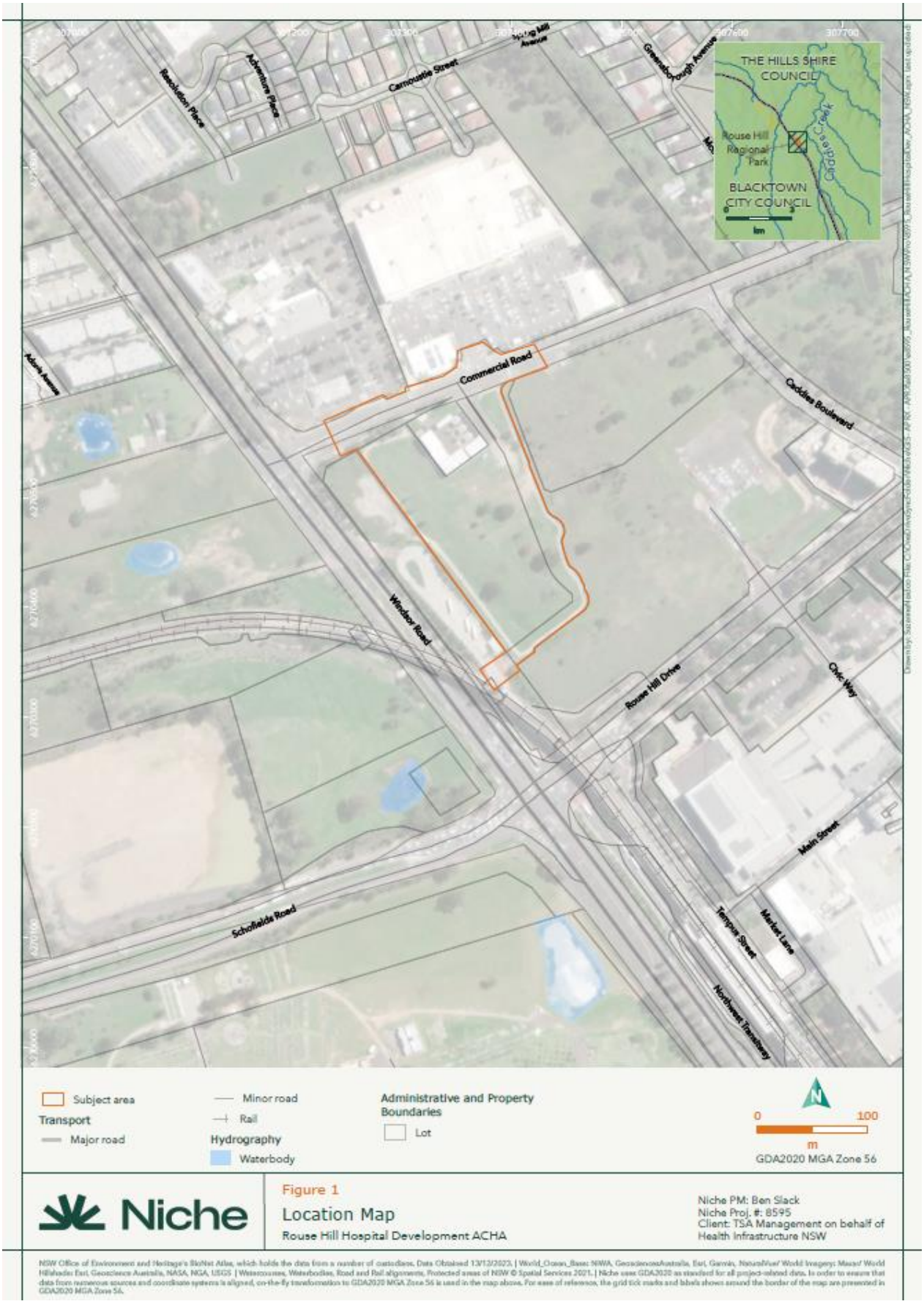

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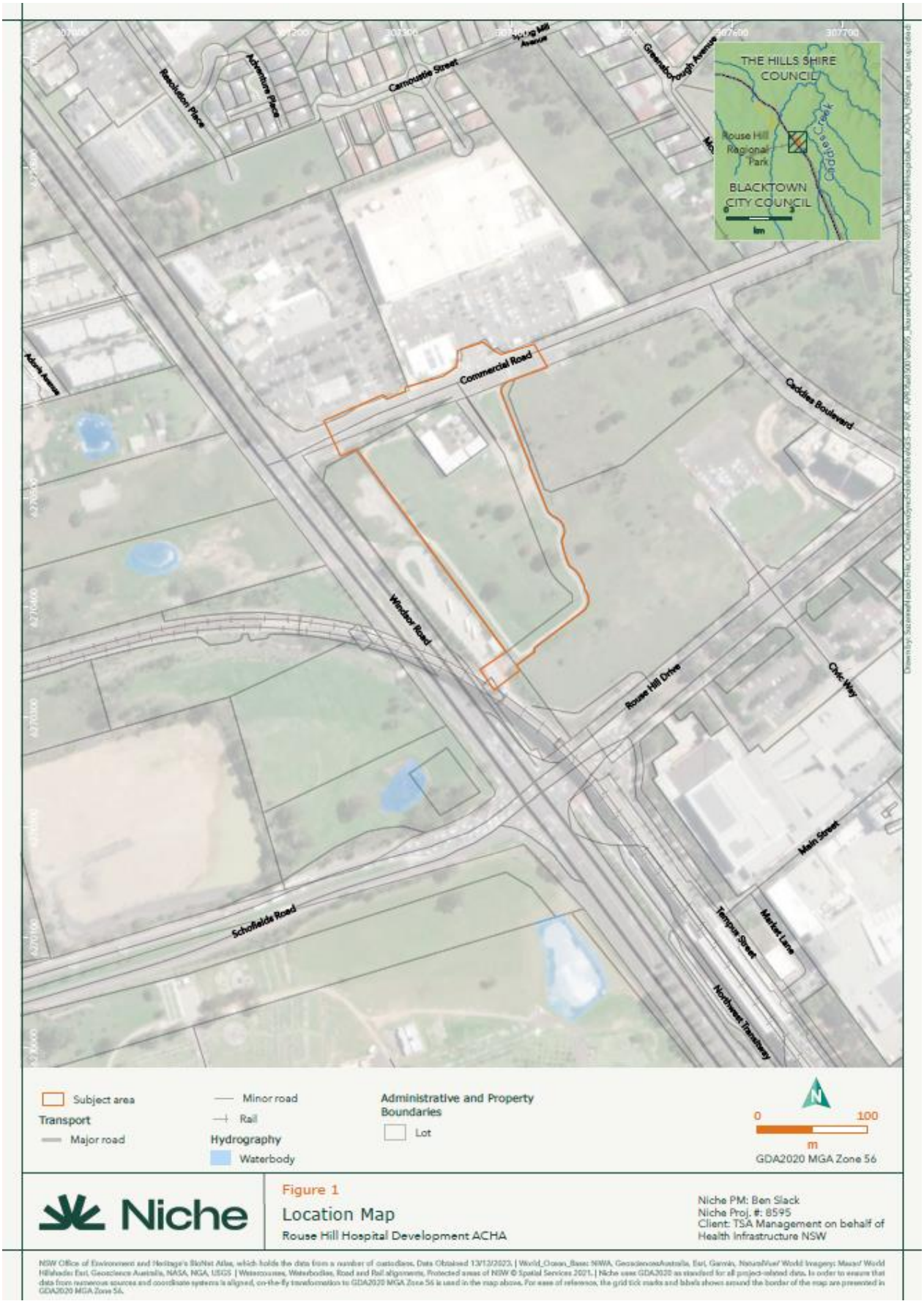

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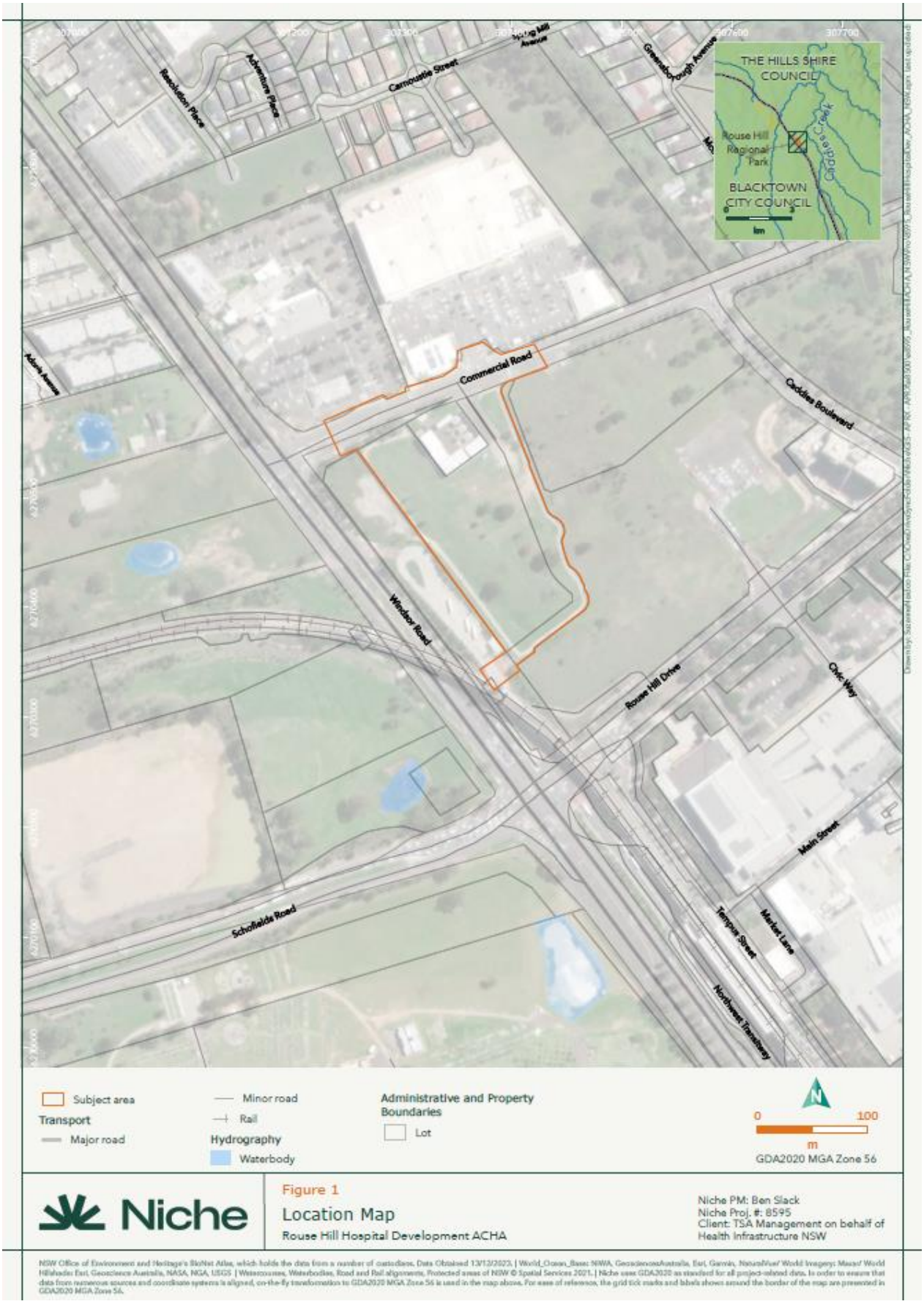

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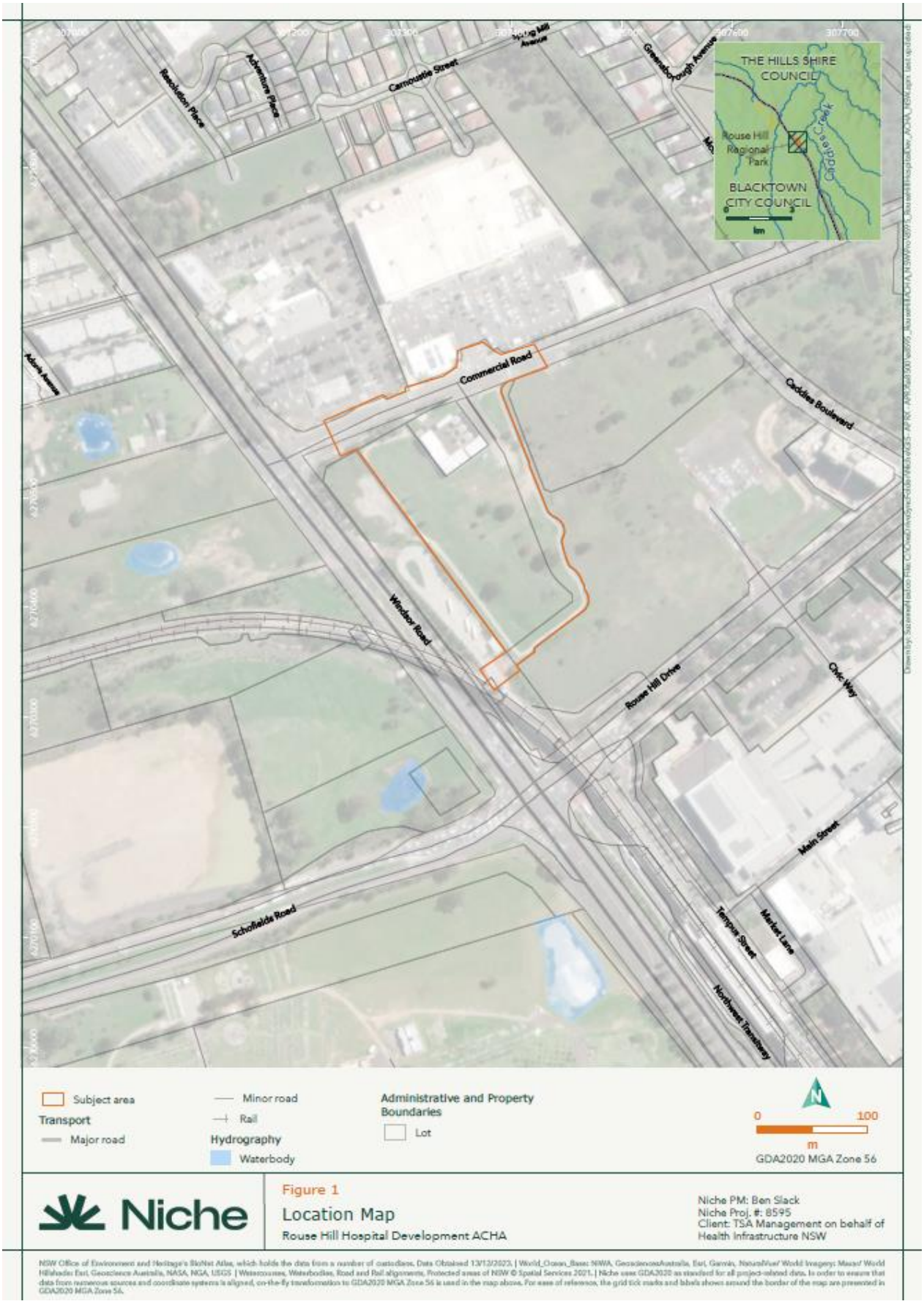

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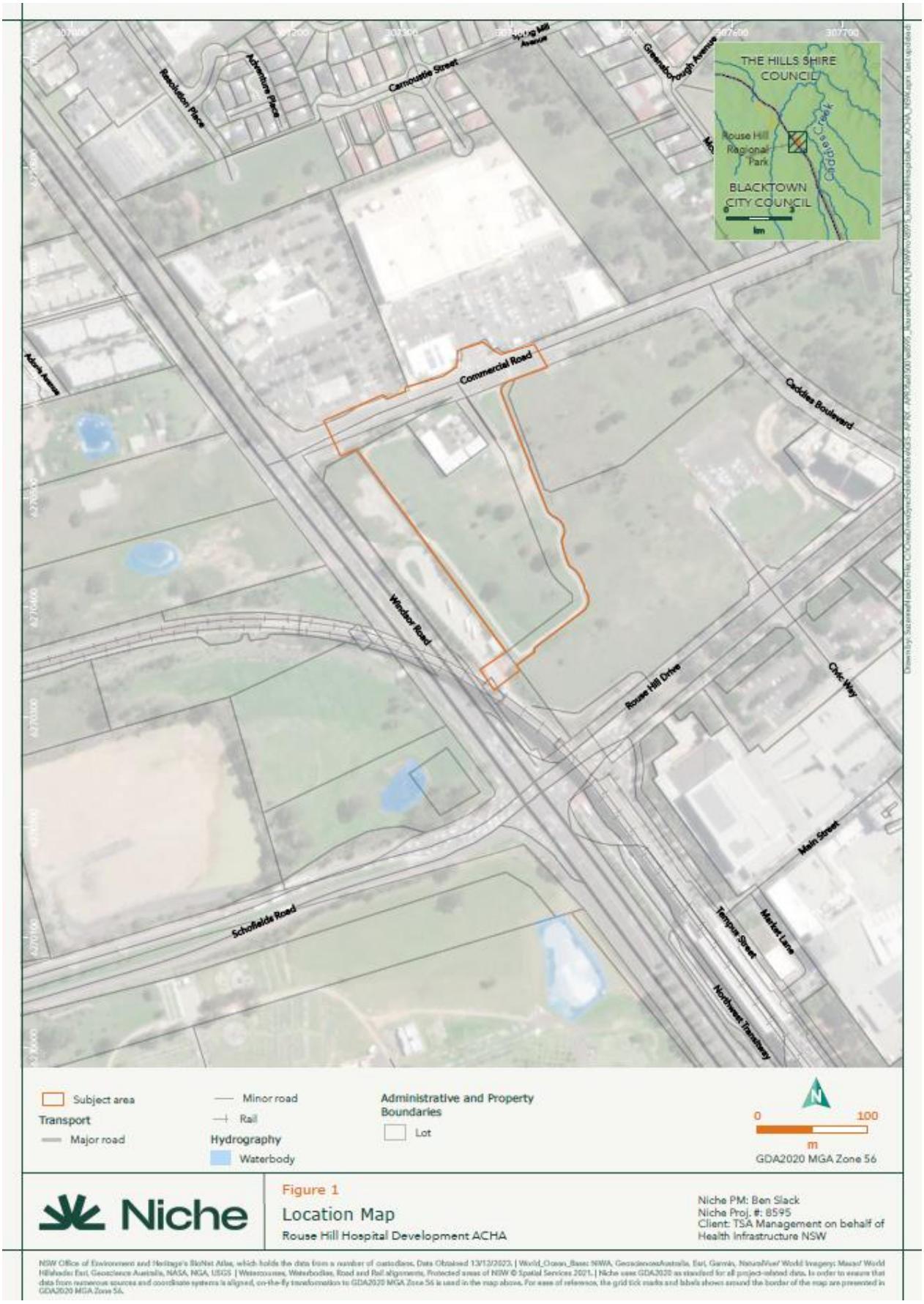

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Yours sincerely,
Olivier

Olivier Rochecouste

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Sent: Tuesday, 4 June 2024 2:52 PM
To: '[redacted]'
Subject: Rouse Hill Hospital Development. Registration of Interest for Aboriginal Community Consultation – Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment (Niche ref: #8595)
Attachments: 8595_RHH ACHA_RAP Notice_04062024.pdf

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Olivier

Olivier Rochecouste

From: Olivier Rochecouste
Sent: Wednesday, 19 June 2024 3:35 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: Ben Slack
Subject: 8595 Rouse Hill Hospital ACHA RAP EOI
Attachments: 8595_RHH_Stakeholder Letter_Muragadi_19062024.pdf

Dear Jesse,

I hope this email finds you well.

Muragadi was previously registered for the proposed Rouse Hill Hospital Development that was conducted by Urbis between 2022-2023.
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Please reply all to Ben and me if you would like to be registered for the project.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Olivier

Dr Olivier Rochecouste BA, MRes (Distinction), PhD
Heritage Consultant

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From: Olivier Rochecouste
Sent: Wednesday, 19 June 2024 3:35 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: Ben Slack
Subject: 8595 Rouse Hill Hospital ACHA RAP EOI
Attachments: 8595_RHH_Stakeholder Letter_ShaunC_19062024.pdf

Dear Shaun,

I hope this email finds you well.

You were previously registered for the proposed Rouse Hill Hospital Development that was conducted by Urbis between 2022-2023.
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Yours sincerely,

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Sent: Wednesday, 19 June 2024 3:35 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: Ben Slack
Subject: 8595 Rouse Hill Hospital ACHA RAP EOI
Attachments: 8595_RHH_Stakeholder Letter_Gunya_19062024.pdf

Dear Adam,

I hope this email finds you well.

Gunya Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Services Pty Ltd was previously registered for the proposed Rouse Hill Hospital Development that was conducted by Urbis between 2022-2023.
The project was then put on hold causing the consultation to lapse and needing to restart. The client has asked us to contact RAPs that were previously registered from the previous ACHA consultation and ask if they would like to be registered under the new consultation process being conducted by Niche Environment and Heritage.

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We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Olivier

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From: Olivier Rochecouste
Sent: Wednesday, 10 July 2024 4:18 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: consultation
Subject: 8595 Rouse Hill Hospital ACHA RAP confirmation
Attachments: 8595_RHH_Stakeholder Letter_DSMG_10072024.pdf

Dear Julie,

I hope this email finds you well.

I tried to call earlier, so thought it would be best to email.

Dharug Strategic Management Group (DSMG) was previously registered for the proposed Rouse Hill Hospital Development that was conducted by Urbis between 2022-2023.
The project was then put on hold causing the consultation to lapse and needing to restart. The client has asked us to contact RAPs that were previously registered from the previous ACHA consultation and ask if they would like to be registered under the new consultation process being conducted by Niche Environment and Heritage.

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Registrations are required by **5pm on Friday 19 July 2024**.

Please reply to this email if you would like to be registered for the project. Happy to also discuss the project with you via the phone.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Olivier

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From: Olivier Rochecouste
Sent: Wednesday, 10 July 2024 3:59 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: consultation
Subject: 8595 Rouse Hill Hospital ACHA RAP confirmation
Attachments: 8595_RHH_Stakeholder Letter_MuruMittigar_10072024.pdf

Dear Wayne,

Thanks for speaking with me over the phone.

Muru Mittigar Aboriginal Cultural & Education Centre was previously registered for the proposed Rouse Hill Hospital Development that was conducted by Urbis between 2022-2023.
The project was then put on hold causing the consultation to lapse and needing to restart. The client has asked us to contact RAPs that were previously registered from the previous ACHA consultation and ask if they would like to be registered under the new consultation process being conducted by Niche Environment and Heritage.

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Olivier Rochecouste

From: Olivier Rochecouste
Sent: Wednesday, 5 June 2024 3:48 PM
To: Deerubbin Reception
Subject: RE: Rouse Hill Hospital Development. Registration of Interest for Aboriginal Community Consultation – Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment (Niche ref: # 8595)

Hi there,

I have spoken with Steven and I can confirm that Deerubbin is registered for the project.

Kind regards,

Olivier

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From: Deerubbin Reception <Reception@deerubbin.org.au>
Sent: Tuesday, June 4, 2024 5:16 PM
To: Olivier Rochecouste <[redacted]
Subject: Re: Rouse Hill Hospital Development. Registration of Interest for Aboriginal Community Consultation – Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment (Niche ref: #8595)

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Hi Oliver,

Thanks for your email.

Our Cultural Officer, Steve Randall's email account is currently not working.

Could you please give him a call on [redacted]

Thanks.

Reception

Deerubbin LALC

Old Parramatta Gaol
73A O'Connell Street
Main Gate - cnr Dunlop & New Street
North Parramatta NSW 2151

PO Box 2341 North Parramatta NSW 1750

T: (02) 8838 1404
E: reception@deerubbin.org.au
W: http://www.deerubbin.org.au
ABN: 41 303 129 586

From: Olivier Rochecouste <[redacted]
Sent: 04 June 2024 04:52
To: Deerubbin Reception <Reception@deerubbin.org.au>
Subject: Rouse Hill Hospital Development. Registration of Interest for Aboriginal Community Consultation – Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment (Niche ref: #8595)

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Yours sincerely,
Olivier

Olivier Rochecouste

From: Olivier Rochecouste
Sent: Thursday, 6 June 2024 3:01 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: Ben Slack; Operations Manager
Subject: RE: Rouse Hill Hospital Development. Registration of Interest for Aboriginal Community Consultation – Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment (Niche ref: # 8595)

Hi Darran,

Just emailing to confirm that Metro LALC are registered for the Rouse Hill project.

Can I confirm that your name is 'Darran Williams' instead of 'Darran Willioams'?

Kind regards,

Olivier

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Heritage Consultant

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From: Cultural Heritage 3 <[redacted]
Sent: Thursday, June 6, 2024 2:23 PM
To: Ben Slack <[redacted]
Cc: Operations Manager <operations@metrolalc.org.au>
Subject: Re: Rouse Hill Hospital Development. Registration of Interest for Aboriginal Community Consultation – Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment (Niche ref: #8595)

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Dear Ben Black,

I am the new Aboriginal Heritage and Cultural Officer at Metro LALC.
I am sending a notification of our intentions to register with you and your team for the Rouse Hill hospital development.
MetroLALC would like to meet.

Kindly
Darran Willioams
Aboriginal Heritage and Cultural Officer

Olivier Rochecouste

From: Olivier Rochecouste
Sent: Thursday, 6 June 2024 3:13 PM
To: Ethan Trewlynn
Cc: Ben Slack
Subject: RE: Rouse Hill Hospital Development. Registration of Interest for Aboriginal Community Consultation – Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment (Niche ref: # 8595)

Hi Ethan,

Thank you for your response.

I am confirming that Long Gully Cultural Services are registered for the Rouse Hill project.

Kind regards,

Olivier

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Heritage Consultant

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From: Ethan Trewlynn <[redacted]>
Sent: Tuesday, June 4, 2024 3:05 PM
To: Olivier Rochecouste <[redacted]>
Subject: Re: Rouse Hill Hospital Development. Registration of Interest for Aboriginal Community Consultation – Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment (Niche ref: #8595)

Hi Olivier,

I would like to register Long Gully Cultural Services for this project as I have over 7 years experience and would like to help you in any way possible.

Kind regards,
Ethan Trewlynn

On Tue, 4 June 2024, 2:53 pm Olivier Rochecouste, <[redacted] wrote:

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From: Olivier Rochecouste
Sent: Thursday, 6 June 2024 3:14 PM
To: lilly carroll
Cc: Ben Slack
Subject: RE: of Interest for Aboriginal Community Consultation – Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment (Niche ref: #8595)

Hi Lilly,

Thank you for your response.

I am confirming that DNC are registered for the Rouse Hill project.

Kind regards,

Olivier

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Heritage Consultant

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From: lilly carroll <[redacted]>
Sent: Tuesday, June 4, 2024 3:20 PM
To: Olivier Rochecouste <[redacted]>
Subject: of Interest for Aboriginal Community Consultation – Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment (Niche ref: #8595)

Hi Olivier Rochecouste

DNC would like to register an interest into rouse Hill Hospital development
Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone
Kind regards
Paul Boyd & Lilly Carroll
Directors DNC
[redacted]
On Tuesday, June 4, 2024, 2:52 PM, Olivier Rochecouste <[redacted]> wrote:

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From: Olivier Rochecouste
Sent: Thursday, 6 June 2024 3:15 PM
To: Arika J
Cc: Ben Slack
Subject: RE: Rouse Hill Hospital Development. Registration of Interest for Aboriginal Community Consultation – Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment (Niche ref: # 8595)

Hi Arika,

Thank you for your response.

I am confirming that Yulay cultural service are registered for the Rouse Hill project.

Kind regards,

Olivier

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Heritage Consultant

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From: Arika J <[redacted]>
Sent: Tuesday, June 4, 2024 3:21 PM
To: Olivier Rochecouste <[redacted]>
Subject: Re: Rouse Hill Hospital Development. Registration of Interest for Aboriginal Community Consultation – Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment (Niche ref: #8595)

Good afternoon Olivier,

Yulay cultural service's would like to register our interest in the above project.

Kind regards

Arika Jalomaki

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From: Olivier Rochecouste
Sent: Thursday, 6 June 2024 3:16 PM
To: Phillip Boney
Cc: Ben Slack
Subject: RE: Rouse Hill Hospital Development. Registration of Interest for Aboriginal Community Consultation – Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment (Niche ref: # 8595)

Hi Phil,

Thank you for your response.

I am confirming that Wailwan Aboriginal Group are registered for the Rouse Hill project.

Kind regards,

Olivier

Dr Olivier Rochecouste BA, MRes (Distinction), PhD Heritage Consultant

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E – [redacted]

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-----Original Message-----
From: Phillip Boney <[redacted]>
Sent: Tuesday, June 4, 2024 3:27 PM
To: Olivier Rochecouste <[redacted]
Subject: Re: Rouse Hill Hospital Development. Registration of Interest for Aboriginal Community Consultation – Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment (Niche ref: #8595)

Hey Oliver Phil Boney here thank you for your email regarding this project, i would like to register my interest for this project in all aspects of it please, thank you Regards Phil Boney
Wailwan Aboriginal Group 🪃🪃
Sent from my iPhone

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> Olivier
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Olivier Rochecouste

From: Olivier Rochecouste
Sent: Thursday, 6 June 2024 3:17 PM
To: Scott Franks
Cc: Ben Slack
Subject: RE: Rouse Hill Hospital Development. Registration of Interest for Aboriginal Community Consultation – Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment (Niche ref: # 8595)

Hi Scott,

Thank you for your response.

I am confirming that Yarrawalk are registered for the Rouse Hill project.

Kind regards,

Olivier

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From: Scott Franks <[redacted]>
Sent: Tuesday, June 4, 2024 4:01 PM
To: Olivier Rochecouste <[redacted]>
Subject: Re: Rouse Hill Hospital Development. Registration of Interest for Aboriginal Community Consultation – Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment (Niche ref: #8595)

Olivier

Thank you for the EOI can you please register our interest.

Regards
Scott Franks
Yarrawalk PTY Limited
[redacted]
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Olivier
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Olivier Rochecouste

From: Olivier Rochecouste
Sent: Thursday, 6 June 2024 3:18 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: Ben Slack
Subject: RE: Rouse Hill Hospital Development. Registration of Interest for Aboriginal Community Consultation – Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment (Niche ref: # 8595)

Hi Marilyn,

Thanks for speaking with me on the phone yesterday.

I am confirming that Corroboree Aboriginal Corporation are registered for the Rouse Hill project. We will not send your details to the LALC as requested.

Kind regards,

Olivier

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From: MARILYN CARROLL [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, June 4, 2024 6:18 PM
To: Olivier Rochecouste [redacted]
Subject: Re: Rouse Hill Hospital Development. Registration of Interest for Aboriginal Community Consultation – Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment (Niche ref: #8595)

Hi Olivier

We are registering our organisation as we at Corroboree Aboriginal Corporation are identified First Nations people who hold cultural knowledge relevant to this project area and we wish to register an interest in the process of community consultation. As part of our registering we look

forward to the opportunity to provide culturally appropriate information and to comment on the cultural heritage significance of Aboriginal Culture and heritage We are registering Corroboree Aboriginal Corporation in a full capacity. We have worked on a vast number of projects as Cultural Heritage Officers in the project area. We are currently involved on many projects in the subject area. My family and other family members have lived in the area and family currently reside in the surrounding areas.

We are registering in a full capacity. We are Aboriginal people who are culturally & heritage aware. We have the necessary ability, experience, skills, insight and the knowledge to identify artefacts on field work. And as Aboriginal People we connect thru the land, thru our Ancestors and our Heritage. Therefore we are able participate on all levels. We have worked with many archaeologists across a broad landscape. We have consulted with most archeological companies over many years on projects. We have all the relevant insurances and safety gear. We are all fit, capable and adapt to a vast landscape.

Contact is preferred via email: [redacted] The contact number, email and contact person is also listed in the signature.

Please do not disclose any of our details to LALC. We have responded for inclusion, to participate on all levels. Thanks.

Kind regards
Marilyn Carroll
Director
Corroboree Aboriginal Corporation
[redacted]

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

On Tuesday, June 4, 2024, 2:52 PM, Olivier Rochecouste <orochecouste@niche-eh.com> wrote:

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Olivier Rochecouste

From: Olivier Rochecouste
Sent: Thursday, 6 June 2024 3:19 PM
To: Justine Coplin
Cc: Ben Slack
Subject: RE: Rouse Hill Hospital Development. Registration of Interest for Aboriginal Community Consultation – Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment (Niche ref: # 8595)

Hi Justine,

Thank you for your response.

I am confirming that Dharug Custodian Aboriginal Corporation are registered for the Rouse Hill project.

Kind regards,

Olivier

Dr Olivier Rochecouste BA, MRes (Distinction), PhD Heritage Consultant

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-----Original Message-----
From: Justine Coplin <[redacted]>
Sent: Tuesday, June 4, 2024 6:30 PM
To: Olivier Rochecouste <[redacted]
Subject: Re: Rouse Hill Hospital Development. Registration of Interest for Aboriginal Community Consultation – Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment (Niche ref: #8595)

Warami Olivier
Please register Dharug Custodian Aboriginal Corporation for this project.
Yanu
Justine
Sent from my iPhone

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Olivier Rochecouste

From: Olivier Rochecouste
Sent: Thursday, 6 June 2024 3:20 PM
To: BCS GROUP
Cc: Ben Slack; Bo Field
Subject: RE: Rouse Hill Hospital Development. Registration of Interest for Aboriginal Community Consultation – Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment (Niche ref: # 8595)

Hi Lee and Bo,

Thank you for your response.

I am confirming that Yurrandaali and BCS Group are both registered for the Rouse Hill project.

Kind regards,

Olivier

Dr Olivier Rochecouste BA, MRes (Distinction), PhD
Heritage Consultant

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From: BCS GROUP <[redacted]>
Sent: Tuesday, June 4, 2024 7:54 PM
To: Olivier Rochecouste <[redacted]
Cc: Ben Slack <[redacted] Bo Field <[redacted]>
Subject: Re: Rouse Hill Hospital Development. Registration of Interest for Aboriginal Community Consultation – Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment (Niche ref: #8595)

Good afternoon

Thank you for your email. On behalf of Yurrandaali and BCS Group we wish to register our interest in this project and be contacted regarding any further updates.

Kind regards
Lee Field

Bo Field

On Tuesday, June 4, 2024, Olivier Rochecouste <[redacted]> wrote:

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> Yours sincerely,
> Olivier

--
Regards,
Lee

Lee Field (she/her)
Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Officer - Sydney region

Manager and Director

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

I acknowledge the Aboriginal people of the country on which I work, their traditions, culture and a shared history and identity. I also pay my respects to Elders past and present and recognise the continued connection to country. Sovereignty has never been ceded. It always was and always will be, Aboriginal land.

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Olivier Rochecouste

From: Olivier Rochecouste
Sent: Thursday, 6 June 2024 3:21 PM
To: Pearl Depoma
Cc: Ben Slack
Subject: RE: Rouse Hill Hospital Development. Registration of Interest for Aboriginal Community Consultation – Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment (Niche ref: # 8595)

Hi Pearl,

Thank you for your response.

I am confirming that your organisation is registered for the Rouse Hill project.

Kind regards,

Olivier

Dr Olivier Rochecouste BA, MRes (Distinction), PhD
Heritage Consultant

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E - [redacted]

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From: Pearl Depoma <[redacted]>
Sent: Tuesday, June 4, 2024 9:50 PM
To: Olivier Rochecouste <[redacted]>
Subject: Re: Rouse Hill Hospital Development. Registration of Interest for Aboriginal Community Consultation – Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment (Niche ref: #8595)

Hello Olivier,

Yes, I'd like to register my interest in the upcoming Rouse Hill Hospital Development.

I look forward to working with you on this project.

Thank you.

Regards

Pearl Depoma

[redacted]

Lives & Works on Dharug Country

Proud Kamilaroi and Torres Strait Islander Women.

I acknowledge the traditional custodians of country and recognise their continuing connection to land, waters, and community on which I am greatful to live, work and visit. I pay my respects to them, their cultures, and traditions. I honor our Elders both past and present and encourage our future generations to strive.

It always was and always will be, Aboriginal land. Our Ancestors live on, within us.

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On 4 June 2024 2:52 pm, Olivier Rochecouste <[redacted]> wrote:

> Dear Stakeholder,
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> I hope this email finds you well.
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> Your organisation has been identified as a stakeholder for the proposed Rouse Hill Hospital Development.
> Please find attached an invitation to register an interest in the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment for the project that is being conducted by Niche Environment and Heritage.
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> Details of the project, contact information and how to register are in the attached letter. Registrations are required by 5pm on Monday 17 June 2024.
>
> We look forward to hearing from you.
>
> Yours sincerely,
> Olivier

Olivier Rochecouste

From: Olivier Rochecouste
Sent: Thursday, 6 June 2024 3:23 PM
To: Darleen Johnson
Cc: Ben Slack
Subject: RE: Rouse Hill Hospital Development. Registration of Interest for Aboriginal Community Consultation – Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment (Niche ref: # 8595)

Hi Darleen,

Thank you for your response.

I am confirming that Murrabidgee Mullangari is registered for the Rouse Hill project.

Kind regards,

Olivier

Dr Olivier Rochecouste BA, MRes (Distinction), PhD
Heritage Consultant

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From: Darleen Johnson <[redacted]>
Sent: Tuesday, June 4, 2024 3:01:20 PM
To: Ben Slack <[redacted]>
Subject: Re: Rouse Hill Hospital Development. Registration of Interest for Aboriginal Community Consultation – Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment (Niche ref: #8595)

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Hi Ben
Please register our company for the above project, we have been doing aboriginal heritage projects for over 26 years.
Kind regards
Darleen
[redacted]

On Tuesday, 4 June 2024 at 02:52:54 pm AEST, Olivier Rochecouste <[redacted]> wrote:

Dear Stakeholder,

I hope this email finds you well.

Your organisation has been identified as a stakeholder for the proposed Rouse Hill Hospital Development.
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Details of the project, contact information and how to register are in the attached letter.
Registrations are required by 5pm on Monday 17 June 2024.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,
Olivier

Olivier Rochecouste

From: Olivier Rochecouste
Sent: Thursday, 6 June 2024 3:26 PM
To: Steven Johnson
Cc: Ben Slack
Subject: RE: Rouse Hill Hospital Niche

Hi Steven,

Thank you for your response.

I am confirming that Woka Aboriginal Corporation is registered for the Rouse Hill project.

Kind regards,

Olivier

Dr Olivier Rochecouste BA, MRes (Distinction), PhD
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From: Steven Johnson <[redacted]>
Sent: Wednesday, June 5, 2024 1:08 PM
To: Olivier Rochecouste <[redacted]>
Subject: Fw: Rouse Hill Hospital Niche

Hi Oliver
Please refer attachment
Regards

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Begin forwarded message:

On Wednesday, June 5, 2024, 1:07 pm, Steven Johnson <wokacorp@yahoo.com> wrote:

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Olivier Rochecouste

From: Olivier Rochecouste
Sent: Thursday, 6 June 2024 3:27 PM
To: Phil Khan
Cc: Ben Slack
Subject: RE: Rouse Hill Hospital Development. Registration of Interest for Aboriginal Community Consultation – Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment (Niche ref: # 8595)

Hi Phil,

Thank you for your response and sending through your latest Public Liability Insurance & Workers Compensation certificate.

I am confirming that Kamilaroi Yankuntjatjara Working group is registered for the Rouse Hill project.

Kind regards,

Olivier

Dr Olivier Rochecouste BA, MRes (Distinction), PhD
Heritage Consultant

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From: Phil Khan <[redacted]>
Sent: Wednesday, June 5, 2024 8:57 PM
To: Olivier Rochecouste <[redacted]>
Subject: RE: Rouse Hill Hospital Development. Registration of Interest for Aboriginal Community Consultation – Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment (Niche ref: #8595)

Hi Olivier,

Thank you for informing us that **Niche Environment & Heritage** will be involved in an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment for **Rouse Hill Hospital Development** &,that you are inviting Aboriginal organisations to register, if they wish too be involved in the community consultation process.

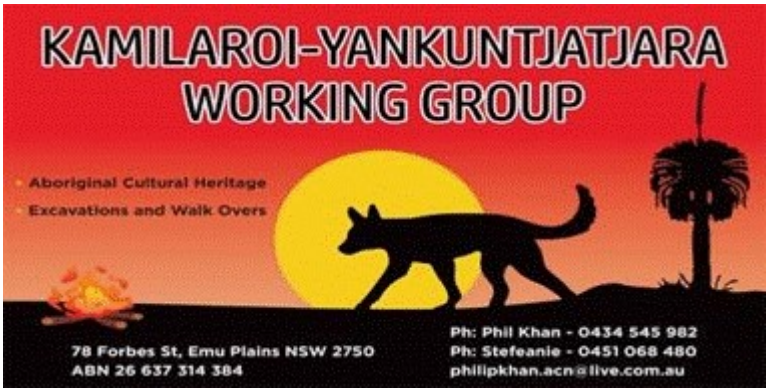
As a senior Aboriginal person for the past 51yrs, I actively participate in the protection of the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage throughout the Sydney Basin, & particularly throughout Western Sydney, on behalf of Kamilaroi Yankuntjatjara Working Group I wish to provide to you my organisation's registration 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 Kamilaroi Yankuntjatjara Working group's Public Liability Insurance & Workers Compensation certificate.
Our RAPS have up to 16yrs Cultural Heritage experience in - field work which involves manual excavation (digging), sieving , identifying artefacts, setting up transits, setting up equipment, packing equipment, site surveys & attending meetings (Focus groups, CwC, interpretation).

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

Kind Regards
Phil Khan – Director
[redacted]
ABN 26 637 314 384



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From: Olivier Rochecouste <[redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, June 4, 2024 2:52:17 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Rouse Hill Hospital Development. Registration of Interest for Aboriginal Community Consultation – Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment (Niche ref: #8595)

Dear Stakeholder,

I hope this email finds you well.

Your organisation has been identified as a stakeholder for the proposed Rouse Hill Hospital Development. Please find attached an invitation to register an interest in the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment for the project that is being conducted by Niche Environment and Heritage.

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We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,
Olivier

Olivier Rochecouste

From: Olivier Rochecouste
Sent: Thursday, 6 June 2024 3:26 PM
To: Steven Johnson
Cc: Ben Slack
Subject: RE: Rouse Hill Hospital Niche

Hi Steven,

Thank you for your response.

I am confirming that Woka Aboriginal Corporation is registered for the Rouse Hill project.

Kind regards,

Olivier

Dr Olivier Rochecouste BA, MRes (Distinction), PhD
Heritage Consultant

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From: Steven Johnson <[redacted]>
Sent: Wednesday, June 5, 2024 1:08 PM
To: Olivier Rochecouste <[redacted]>
Subject: Fw: Rouse Hill Hospital Niche

Hi Oliver
Please refer attachment
Regards

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Begin forwarded message:

On Wednesday, June 5, 2024, 1:07 pm, Steven Johnson <[redacted]> wrote:

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Woka Aboriginal Corporation
Preservation of Aboriginal Culture & Heritage Mob:
[redacted]

Attention: Oliver Rochekcouste

Re: Register Of Interest

Rouse Hill Hospital Development (Niche ref#8595)

Dear Oliver

I note that we have cultural knowledge within the area and have cultural connections. We are all Aboriginal people from all over NSW. We are from different clans. We provide employment and training to all Indigenous people and are a non profit based Charity .We are all experienced Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Site Officers. We have worked on number of projects in the area. We are aware that registering for this project does not guarantee work, should field surveys, test excavations, or salvage excavations be required.

We have been engaged with Lendlease, NBN,TFNSW,Syd Water,Transgrid and many more including Niche.

We have our history & stories passed down to us by our Elders. We have assisted in surveys, test excavations, salvage & consulting with archaeologists over a vast number of years. We are experienced in the field of identifying potential PADS, artefacts, Including our learned history and knowledge passed down to us and appreciate the opportunity to be part of protecting and preserving our Aboriginal heritage and Culture. We are very proud of our heritage and culture passed to us by our Ancestors and our own histories . We are therefore pleased with being a part of this research and to provide our experience and knowledge.

Our organisation has the current Public liability and Workers Comp insurance and is WHS compliant, with all members holding white cards and required PPE.

All our members are highly experienced in the identification of Aboriginal artefacts and have worked with numerous Archeologists in field surveys, including test and salvage excavations on fieldwork. We are very passionate about our ancestral land and our conservation of our history matters the upmost to us and hold strong links to our ancestors, our culture and our heritage. We are motivated to share our history with our current generation and future generations to pass down to our Mob.

We look forward to future consultation.

Kind Regards
Steve Johnson
Aboriginal Heritage Custodian Mob:
[redacted]
[redacted]

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Ben Slack
Niche Enviroment and Heritage
Suite 2 Level 3
93 George St.
Parramatta 2150

[redacted]

[redacted]

Olivier Rochecouste

From: Olivier Rochecouste
Sent: Wednesday, 19 June 2024 3:35 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: Ben Slack
Subject: 8595 Rouse Hill Hospital ACHA RAP confirmation
Attachments: 8595_RHH_Stakeholder Letter_Mundawari_19062024.pdf

Hi Dean,

Thanks for speaking with me over the phone.

Mundawari Heritage Consultants was previously registered for the proposed Rouse Hill Hospital Development that was conducted by Urbis between 2022-2023.
The project was then put on hold causing the consultation to lapse and needing to restart. The client has asked us to contact RAPs that were previously registered from the previous ACHA consultation and ask if they would like to be registered under the new consultation process being conducted by Niche Environment and Heritage.

This email confirms that Mundawari Heritage Consultants is a registered RAP for this project. Please find attached the RAP notice letter that contains details of the project and contact information for the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment for the same project that is now being conducted by Niche Environment and Heritage.

Stay tuned for further project information in the next few weeks.

Yours sincerely,

Oli

Dr Olivier Rochecouste BA, MRes (Distinction), PhD
Heritage Consultant

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Olivier Rochecouste

From: Olivier Rochecouste
Sent: Wednesday, 26 June 2024 2:40 PM
To: Amanda De Zwart
Subject: RE: Rouse Hill Hospital Development. Registration of Interest for Aboriginal Community Consultation – Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment (Niche ref: # 8595)

Hi Amanda,

Thank you for your response and sending through your latest Public Liability Insurance & Workers Compensation certificate.

I am confirming that AHCS is registered for the Rouse Hill project.

Kind regards,

Olivier

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Heritage Consultant

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From: Amanda De Zwart <[redacted]>
Sent: Wednesday, June 26, 2024 7:28 AM
To: Olivier Rochecouste <[redacted]>
Subject: Re: Rouse Hill Hospital Development. Registration of Interest for Aboriginal Community Consultation – Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment (Niche ref: #8595)

Hi Oliver

Thank you for your email AHCS would like to Formally register a interest in this project AHCS Holds strong cultural knowledge to the land and holds Cultural knowledge to determine Aboriginal heritage
Attached is my current insurance
Have a great day
Amanda Hickey AHCS

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From: Olivier Rochecouste <[redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, June 4, 2024 2:51:59 PM
To: amandahickey@live.com.au <[redacted]>
Subject: Rouse Hill Hospital Development. Registration of Interest for Aboriginal Community Consultation – Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment (Niche ref: #8595)

Dear Stakeholder,

I hope this email finds you well.

Your organisation has been identified as a stakeholder for the proposed Rouse Hill Hospital Development. Please find attached an invitation to register an interest in the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment for the project that is being conducted by Niche Environment and Heritage.

Details of the project, contact information and how to register are in the attached letter.
Registrations are required by 5pm on Monday 17 June 2024.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,
Olivier

Olivier Rochecouste

From: consultation
Sent: Friday, 12 July 2024 10:07 AM
To: Dharug Strategic Management Group; Olivier Rochecouste
Cc: julieclarkejones
Subject: RE: 8595 Rouse Hill Hospital ACHA RAP confirmation

Hi Michelle,

Thank you for your response.

I can confirm that DSMG Ltd is registered for the Rouse Hill project.

Kind regards,

Olivier

Dr Olivier Rochecouste BA, MRes (Distinction), PhD
Heritage Consultant

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E - [redacted]

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From: Dharug Strategic Management Group [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, July 11, 2024 8:55 AM
To: Olivier Rochecouste <[redacted]
Cc: julieclarkejones [redacted]>
Subject: Re: 8595 Rouse Hill Hospital ACHA RAP confirmation

Warami Olivier,
Your email was presented to the DSMG Board meeting last night and I am writing to confirm that DSMG Ltd would like to be registered fo this project and that our Chair Julie Jones, we will be our representative.

Kindest Regards
Michelle Locke
Secretary DSMG LTD

On Wed, Jul 10, 2024 at 4:17 PM Olivier Rochecouste <[redacted] wrote:

> Dear Julie,

I hope this email finds you well.

I tried to call earlier, so thought it would be best to email.

Dharug Strategic Management Group (DSMG) was previously registered for the proposed Rouse Hill Hospital Development that was conducted by Urbis between 2022-2023.

The project was then put on hold causing the consultation to lapse and needing to restart. The client has asked us to contact RAPs that were previously registered from the previous ACHA consultation and ask if they would like to be registered under the new consultation process being conducted by Niche Environment and Heritage.

Please find attached the RAP notice letter that contains details of the project and contact information for the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment for the same project that is now being conducted by Niche Environment and Heritage.

Registrations are required by **5pm on Friday 19 July 2024**.

Please reply to this email if you would like to be registered for the project. Happy to also discuss the project with you via the phone.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Olivier

Dr Olivier Rochecouste BA, MRes (Distinction), PhD
Heritage Consultant

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Dharug Strategic Management Group Ltd
[redacted]

Olivier Rochecouste

From: consultation
Sent: Tuesday, 30 July 2024 3:24 PM
To: Wayne Cornish; Olivier Rochecouste
Cc: Ben Slack
Subject: RE: 8595 Rouse Hill Hospital ACHA RAP confirmation

Hi Wayne,

Thanks for speaking with me over the phone.

I am confirming that Muru Mittigar are registered for the Rouse Hill project.

Kind regards,

Oli

Dr Olivier Rochecouste BA, MRes (Distinction), PhD
Heritage Consultant

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From: Wayne Cornish <[redacted]>
Sent: Tuesday, July 30, 2024 1:22 PM
To: Olivier Rochecouste <[redacted]>
Subject: FW: 8595 Rouse Hill Hospital ACHA RAP confirmation

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FYI

Regards and Yanu,

Wayne Cornish

Executive Officer

@ [redacted]

[redacted]

In the spirit of reconciliation, Muru Mittigar acknowledges the Traditional Owners of Country that it is based the Dharug People and other Traditional Owners of Country throughout Australia and their connections to land, sea and community. We pay our respect to their elders past and present and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples today.

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From: Wayne Cornish
Sent: Tuesday, July 23, 2024 1:59 PM
To: consultation <consultation@niche-eh.com>
Cc: Ben Slack <[redacted]
Subject: RE: 8595 Rouse Hill Hospital ACHA RAP confirmation

Hi Oli

I have resent this out to some our Elders.

I do believe that they would like to be registerd for this project.

Can you please register Muru Mittigar as an interested party

From: consultation <consultation@niche-eh.com>
Sent: Monday, July 22, 2024 2:39 PM
To: Wayne Cornish <wayne.cornish@murumittigar.com.au>
Cc: Ben Slack <[redacted]
Subject: FW: 8595 Rouse Hill Hospital ACHA RAP confirmation

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Hi Wayne,

Thanks for speaking with me over the phone.

Please see the forwarded email below. It would be great to know whether Muru Mittigar would like to be registered for this project below. See the attached letter for the details to inform the organisation and the elders about the project.

If you can get back to either myself or Ben Slack (cc'd) by this Thursday that would be great.

Kind regards,

Oli

Dr Olivier Rochecouste BA, MRes (Distinction), PhD
Heritage Consultant

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E - [redacted]

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From: Olivier Rochecouste <[redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, July 10, 2024 3:59 PM
To: wayne.cornish@murumittigar.com.au
Cc: consultation <consultation@niche-eh.com>
Subject: 8595 Rouse Hill Hospital ACHA RAP confirmation

Dear Wayne,

Thanks for speaking with me over the phone.

Muru Mittigar Aboriginal Cultural & Education Centre was previously registered for the proposed Rouse Hill Hospital Development that was conducted by Urbis between 2022-2023.
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Please reply to this email if you would like to be registered for the project.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Olivier

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Heritage Consultant

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Colin Gale
6 Magga Dann Ave .
Tregear 2770
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Dear Mr. Slack

I would definitely like to be involved in the discussions / assessment of the Rouse Hill Hospital development , as I strongly believe that I alone have the greatest local knowledge of the areaas demonstrated by my previous involvement in the Rouse HILL Town Centre assessment and field work .

Prior to the work on Mungerie Park, Jo McDonald and the D.L.A.L.C. had done an assessment of the same area around 1991 and found that there was nothing of importance to be found there. After many years of protesting, I finally had a new assessment agreed to with Neville Baker of A.M.B.S.. Up unto this time the L.A.L.Cs. Had convinced Archaeologists that we had to camp within 25 metres of the waterway .This is based on their cultural knowledge and certainly not ours , SEE ENCLOSED DRAWINGS OF Western Districts land forms and river flows [slow moving] and OUR Coastal fast flowing watercourses ---note the differences in land profiles and subsequent camping arrangements -this has lead Jo McDonald and others to designate MY profiled land forms as Terraces and as was the case at Mungerie Park as Neville noted in the video, more than 300 metres from the waterway .

This lead to the recovery of thousands of Artifact's and an extension of the time period . After the actual development of the site , Phil Khan got involved some how and did dry sifting and recovered more thousands of artifatcs [which presumably ended up in the L.A.L.C.s hands. I also know of a tree which has footholds for tree climbing which I wont register , for fear of it being vandalised , as well as local vegetation which again I don't intend to widely make known to stop the johnny come lately's becoming local experts .. So if you wish to speak, I am only available on landline [I don't have internet or mobile].

Yours Sincerely
Colin Gale
Senior Dharug Elder and
Native Title Claimant

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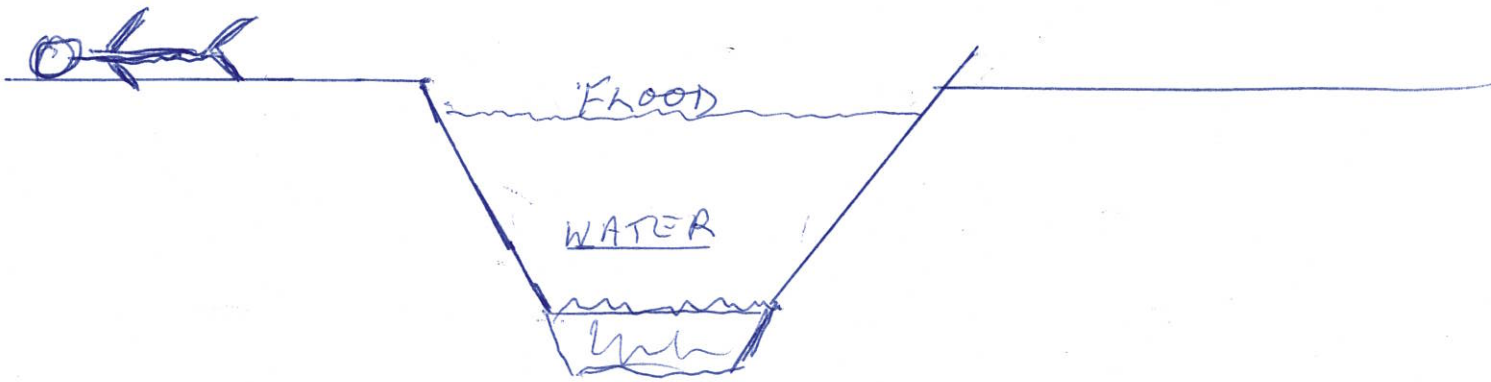

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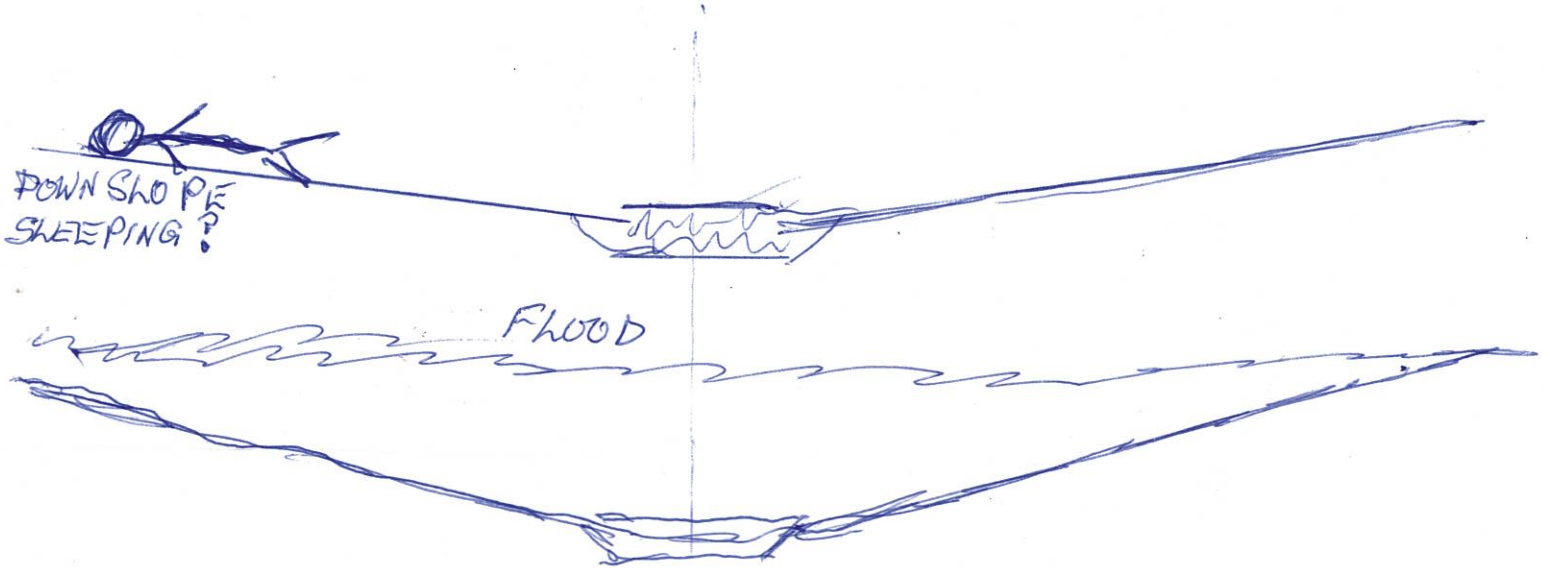

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From: consultation
To: OEH HD Heritage Mailbox
Cc: Ben Slack
Subject: 8595 Rouse Hill Hospital ACHA/Consultation - RAP List Confirmation Heritage NSW
Date: Wednesday, 7 August 2024 10:52:19 AM
Attachments: image001.png
8595_RHH_RAPnotification_Heritage NSW_07082024.pdf

Good morning,

I hope this email finds you well.

Please find attached the RAP list for the Rouse Hill Hospital ACHA project (Niche Ref #8595) as per Section 4.1.6 of the *Aboriginal cultural heritage consultation requirements for proponents* (DECCW 2010).

Twenty-seven (27) parties have registered for this project.

Kind regards,

Olivier

Dr Olivier Rochecouste BA, MRes (Distinction), PhD
Heritage Consultant

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Heritage NSW

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heritagemailbox@environment.nsw.gov.au

To whom this may concern,

Re: Rouse Hill Hospital Development – Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment (Niche ref: #8595)

I am writing to inform the Heritage NSW, as per Section 4.1.6 of the *Aboriginal cultural heritage consultation requirements for proponents* DECCW 2010, that the following Aboriginal groups and/or individuals have registered for the above-mentioned project, as listed in Table 1.

Table 1: List of Registered Stakeholders

Organisation
A1 Indigenous Services
Amanda Hickey Cultural Services
B.H. Heritage Consultants
Barraby Cultural Services
Colin Gale*
Corroboree Aboriginal Corporation*
Darug Custodian Aboriginal Corporation
Deerubbin Local Aboriginal Land Council
Dharug Strategic Management Group (DSMG)
Didge Ngunawal Clan
Gunjeewong Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation

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Organisation
Kamilaroi Yankuntjatjara Working Group
Long Gully Cultural Services
Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council
Mundawari Heritage Consultants
Muragadi
Murra Bidgee Mullangari Aboriginal Corporation
Muru Mittigar Aboriginal Cultural & Education Centre
Ngambaa Cultural Connections
Pearl Depoma
Waawaar Awaa Aboriginal Corporation
Wailwan Aboriginal Group
Woka Aboriginal Corporation
Wurrumay Pty Ltd
Yarrawalk Pty Ltd
Yulay Cultural Services
Yurrandaali

*Two groups, Colin Gale and Corroboree Aboriginal Corporation, have requested that their registration not be disclosed to the Local Aboriginal Land Council.

The notification letter was sent to Aboriginal groups who were identified as potential stakeholders on 4 June 2024. In addition, other Aboriginal groups who were previously registered for the project under a different consultation phase were also contacted on 18 June 2024 and subsequently provided a notification letter. Finally, the client identified additional Aboriginal groups who were contacted on 10 July 2024 and subsequently provided a notification letter. Copies of the correspondence can be provided on request.

Should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact Ben Slack on [redacted] or [redacted]

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Subject: 8595 Rouse Hill Hospital ACHA/Consultation - RAP List Deerubbin LALC
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To whom this may concern,

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Subject:	Automatic reply: 8595 Rouse Hill Hospital ACHA/Consultation - RAP List Deerubbin LALC
Date:	Wednesday, 7 August 2024 10:52:57 AM

Thank you for your email to Deerubbin Local Aboriginal Land Council. We receive a significant number of emails and we are reviewing yours for a reply. One of our team will be in touch with you in a minimum of 10 business days.

If your enquiry is about a booking for an event at Old Parramatta Gaol, please email events@deerubbin.org.au

From: Colleen Klingberg (Heritage NSW)
To: consultation
Subject: Request #33663 has been updated: 8595 Rouse Hill Hospital ACHA/Consultation - RAP List Confirmation Heritage NSW
Date: Friday, 9 August 2024 11:25:58 AM

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Your request has been updated. To add additional comments, reply to this email.

Dear consultation

Thank you for your email. This information has been placed on file. A member of the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Team will contact you if further information is required.

Your reference: DOC24/645166

Kind regards
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Or login here.

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Glossary and list of abbreviations

Term or abbreviation	Definition
Aboriginal cultural heritage	The tangible (objects) and intangible (dreaming stories, legends and places) cultural practices and traditions associated with past and present-day Aboriginal communities.
ACHA	Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment.
ACHMP	Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Plan
AHIMS	Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System
AHIP	Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit
Aboriginal object(s)	The legal definition for material Aboriginal cultural heritage under the *NSW National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*.
Aboriginal stakeholders	Members of a local Aboriginal land council, registered holders of Native Title, Aboriginal groups or other Aboriginal people who may have an interest in the Project.
AHIMS	Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System.
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AR	Archaeological Report.
Archaeology	The scientific study of material traces of human history, particularly the relics and cultural remains of past human activities.
Archaeological deposit	A layer of soil material containing archaeological objects and/or human remains.
Archaeological investigation	The process of assessing the archaeological potential of an impact area by a qualified archaeologist.
Archaeological site	An area that contains surface or sub-surface material evidence of past human activity in which material evidence (artefacts) of past activity is preserved.
Artefact	An object made by human agency (e.g. stone artefacts).

Term or abbreviation	Definition
Assemblage	A group of artefacts found in close association with one another. Any group of items designated for analysis that exist in spatial and/or vertical context – without any assumptions of chronological or spatial relatedness.
Avoidance	A management strategy which protects Aboriginal sites within an impact area by avoiding them totally in development.
BCD	The Biodiversity and Conservation Division (formerly the Office of Environment and Heritage and now Heritage NSW of the NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW).
BoM	Bureau of Meteorology
BP	Before Present
CHMP	Cultural Heritage Management Plan
Code of Practice	*Code of Practice for Archaeological Investigation of Aboriginal Objects in New South Wales.*
Cumulative impacts	Combination of individual effects of the same kind due to multiple actions from various sources over time.
DCCEEW	Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water. Formerly Department of Conservation, Climate Change and Water (DECCW), Biodiversity and Conservation Division (BCD) of the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) and now Heritage NSW of DCCEEW.
Development	The processes involved in preparing the Subject Area for the hospital development, including levelling and compacting for building construction and road infrastructure.
DA	Development Application.
DG	Director General.
DPE	Department of Planning and Environment
DPHI	The Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure, formerly DPIE the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment.
DPIE	Department of Planning Industry and Environment

Term or abbreviation	Definition
Drainage	Natural or artificial means for the interception and removal of surface or subsurface water.
EIS	Environmental Impact Assessment
EP&A Act EP&A Regulation	*NSW Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.
Flake	A piece of stone detached from a core, displaying a bulb of percussion and striking platform.
Harm	With regard to Aboriginal objects this has the same meaning as the *NSW National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*.
Heritage Act	Heritage Act 1977 (NSW)
Heritage NSW	Aboriginal cultural heritage regulator in the NSW Department of Planning and Environment for the management of Aboriginal Cultural Heritage (ACH) regulation functions under the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*. Formerly BCD of DPIE.
Impact	Influence or effect exerted by a project or other activity on the natural, built and community environment.
Impact area	An area that requires archaeological investigation and management assessment.
In situ	Latin term meaning 'on the spot, undisturbed'.
Isolated artefact / find	A single artefact found in an isolated context.
Landscape character	The aggregate of built, natural and cultural aspects that make up an area and provide a sense of place. Includes all aspects of a tract of land – built, planted and natural topographical and ecological features.
Land unit	An area of common landform, and frequently with common geology, soils and vegetation types, occurring repeatedly at similar points in the landscape over a defined region. It is a constituent part of a land system.
Landform	Any one of the various features that make up the surface of the earth.
LALC	Local Aboriginal Land Council.

Term or abbreviation	Definition
LEP	Local Environmental Plan.
LGA	Local Government Area.
Management plans	Conservation plans which identify short- and long-term management strategies for all known sites recorded within a (usually approved) Subject Area.
Methodology	The procedures used to undertake an archaeological investigation.
Mitigation	To address the problem of conflict between land use and site conservation.
ML/Day	Mega litres per day
mm	Millimetres
MW	Megawatts
NPW Act	*National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*.
NPW Regulation	*National Parks and Wildlife Regulation 2019*.
OEH	Office of Environment and Heritage, replaced by the Biodiversity and Conservation Division (BCD) of the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) and now Heritage NSW of the DCCEEW
Open camp site	An archaeological site situated within an open space (e.g. archaeological material located on a creek bank, in a forest, on a hill, etc.).
PAD	Potential Archaeological Deposit. A location considered to have a potential for subsurface archaeological material.
RAP	Registered Aboriginal Party.
RHHD	Rouse Hill Hospital development
SEARs	Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements
SEPP	State Environmental Planning Policy
Site recording	The systematic process of collecting archaeological data for an archaeological investigation.

Term or abbreviation	Definition
Site	A place where past human activity is identifiable.
SSD	State Significant Development
SSI	State Significant Infrastructure
SHR	State Heritage Register
Survey coverage	A graphic and statistical representation of how much of an impact area was actually surveyed and therefore assessed.

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1 Introduction

This document outlines the draft Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment (ACHA) methodology for the proposed Rouse Hill Hospital development (RHHD) (the Project). The RHHD would be located on the corner of Commercial Road and Windsor Road, Rouse Hill, New South Wales (NSW) within the Hills Shire Council Local Government Area (LGA) (hereafter referred to as the 'Subject Area'; Figure 1 and Figure 2).

A single-stage State Significant Development (SSD) pathway has been adopted for the project. A Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) has been issued for this single-stage SSD pathway for the proposed works. Table 2 of the SEARs requires the development of an ACHA to assess the potential impacts to Aboriginal cultural heritage resulting from the project. The ACHA assesses the potential impacts of the construction and operation of the project on Aboriginal cultural heritage and meets the SEARs issued on 20 December 2023 (SSD-66111708).

Niche Environment and Heritage Pty Ltd (Niche) has been engaged by TSA Management on behalf of Health Infrastructure NSW (the 'Proponent') to prepare an ACHA in consultation with the Aboriginal community. The Project has the potential to harm Aboriginal objects. Aboriginal sites (objects or places) are protected under the NPW Act. Therefore, an ACHA is required to investigate the presence of Aboriginal objects and places within the Subject Area, assess the potential harm to the heritage values associated with these objects, and provide recommendations for management measures to manage or prevent harm associated with the Project. The purpose of this methodology is to inform how the ACHA will be undertaken.

This methodology and the ACHA will be undertaken in accordance with the relevant requirements of the SEARs and various advisory documents and guidelines, including:

- *Guide to Investigating, Assessing and Reporting on Aboriginal Cultural Heritage in NSW* (OEH 2011).
- *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents* (Part 6 *National Parks and Wildlife Act*, *1974*) (DECCW 2010).
- *Code of Practice for Archaeological Investigation of Aboriginal Objects in NSW* (DECCW 2010).
- NPW Act and *National Parks and Wildlife Regulation* 2019.
- *The Burra Charter: The Australia ICOMOS Charter for Places of Cultural Significance* (Australia International Council on Monuments and Sites [ICOMOS], 2013).

Subject area

Transport

Major road

Minor road

Rail

Hydrography

Waterbody

Administrative and Property Boundaries

Lot

N

0 100

m

GDA2020 MGA Zone 56

Figure 1

Location Map

Rouse Hill Hospital Development ACHA

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NSW Office of Environment and Heritage's BioNet Atlas, which holds the data from a number of custodians. Data Obtained 13/12/2023. | Hillshade: Sources: Esri, Airbus DS, USGS, NGA, NASA, CGIAR, N Robinson, NCEAS, NLS, OS, NMA, Geodatastyrelsen, Rijkswaterstaat, GSA, Geoland, FEMA, Intermap and the GIS user community/ World Imagery: Source: Esri, Maxar, Earthstar Geographics, and the GIS User Community/ World_Ocean_Base: NIWA, GeosciencesAustralia, Esri, Garmin, NaturalVue/ World Hillshade: Esri, Geoscience Australia, NASA, NGA, USGS | Watercourses, Waterbodies, Road and Rail alignments, Protected areas of NSW © Spatial Services 2021. | Niche uses GDA2020 as standard for all project-related data. In order to ensure that data from numerous sources and coordinate systems is aligned, on-the-fly transformation to GDA2020 MGA Zone 56 is used in the map above. For ease of reference, the grid tick marks and labels shown around the border of the map are presented in GDA2020 MGA Zone 56.

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Subject area

Transport
- Major road
- Minor road
- Rail

Administrative and Property Boundaries
- Property
- Lot
- Local Government Area
- Suburb

N

0 50
m

GDA2020 MGA Zone 56

Figure 2

Location of the Subject Area

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2 Aboriginal consultation

In accordance with Sections 4.2 and 4.3 of the Consultation Requirements (DECCW, 2010a), Niche is providing this draft Proposed Methodology and Project Information for your review as a Registered Aboriginal Party (RAP) for the Project.

The objective of community consultation is for Aboriginal people to have the opportunity to improve and contribute to assessment outcomes. This review provides an opportunity to suggest any protocols that you may wish to see adopted into the information gathering process and/or assessment methodology and to highlight any other matters such as:

- The identification of any Aboriginal objects or places within the Subject Area with archaeological or cultural significance to Aboriginal people.
- Whether there are any other known objects or places of cultural value to Aboriginal people in the vicinity of the Project. This may include potential places/areas of historic, social, spiritual and/or cultural significance. Any information as to specific gender protocols in relation to these sites would also help inform the survey method.
- Information about the cultural significance and values of Aboriginal sites that might affect, inform, or refine the methodology or assessment.
- Advice on cultural heritage management options that may include ways to mitigate harm and/or conserve known Aboriginal objects and/or places with an aim to consider how an association with identified Aboriginal cultural heritage values can be continued.
- Advice on preferred methods for future management of identified Aboriginal objects and places.

To date, the following steps have been undertaken:

- Stage 1 – Identification and notification of potential Aboriginal stakeholders.

RAPs are invited to comment on this proposed draft ACHA methodology and to provide comments regarding the Aboriginal heritage and cultural values within and surrounding the Subject Area. A 28-day period of review is available to all RAPs to provide comments.

3 Background information

3.1 Project information

Rouse Hill is part of Sydney's North West Growth Area (NWGA) with healthcare delivered by Western Sydney Local Health District (WSLHD) hospitals, the Hawkesbury District Health Service and private hospitals in nearby Norwest. To support the rapid population growth identified for the area, the NSW Government have committed funding to provide for the development of a hospital in Rouse Hill, NSW (Health Infrastructure 2023).Urbis (2023) previously conducted an initial ACHA for the Project to inform the original Concept and Stage 1 Early Works SSD (SSD-45373580), completing test excavations under the *Code of Practice for Archaeological Investigation of Aboriginal Objects in NSW* (DECCW 2010). The SSD application has since been withdrawn due to an increase in capital funding from $300M to $700M. A single-stage SSD pathway has been adopted for the project and a new SSD application (SSD-66111708) made to reflect the uplift in project budget and scope.

A SEARs has been issued for this single-stage SSD pathway for the proposed works. Table 2 of the SEARs requires the development of an ACHA to assess the potential impacts to Aboriginal cultural heritage resulting from the project. The ACHA assesses the potential impacts of the construction and operation of the project on Aboriginal cultural heritage and meets the SEARs issued on 20 December 2023 (SSD-66111708).

Niche was commissioned by TSA Riley Management on behalf of Health Infrastructure NSW (hereafter referred to as 'the Proponent') to prepare an ACHA for the proposed RHHD (the project, Figure 1).

3.1.1 Project location

The Subject Area is situated within the suburb of Rouse Hill located in the administrative boundaries of The Hills Shire LGA and the Deerubbin LALC area. The Rouse Hill Hospital is proposed to be situated adjacent to the intersection of Commercial and Windsor Roads on greenfield land.

3.1.2 Proposed development

The proposal is for the construction and operation of a new hospital campus. The proposal includes but is not limited to;

- Site establishment;
- Site preparation including earthworks, tree removal, cut and fill;
- Construction of roads with access from Commercial Road;
- Upgrade of Commercial Road/Main Hospital Access Road Intersection;
- Hospital buildings;
- Ancillary commercial uses to support the hospital
- Multi storey car parking;
- Loading dock; and
- Landscaping.

3.2 Environmental background

Understanding the past and present environmental contexts of a Subject Area is requisite in any Aboriginal archaeological and cultural heritage investigation (DECCW 2010b). The landscape context may provide insight as to areas of land that may have been more intensively used by Aboriginal people in the past due to the presence of resources such as water, stone, plants and animals and other raw materials or landscape features associated with sustenance, shelter, tool manufacture and cultural activities. Furthermore, the landscape provides the context within which the material remains of past Aboriginal occupation may be preserved and detectable

due to the movement of soil through geomorphic processes such as erosion or its removal from the landscape through past land use and disturbance (DECCW 2010b:8).

By considering these factors, an Aboriginal cultural heritage investigation may develop a sampling strategy for identifying any tangible Aboriginal heritage values within the Subject Area. It allows for an understanding of what activities would likely have taken place across the Subject Area in the past and the likelihood that any trace of these would have survived below the surface. The following section provides details of the environmental characteristics of the Subject Area.

3.2.1 Topography and landforms

The proposed Rouse Hill Hospital is situated on gently inclined lower slopes of the Kellyville Ridge approximately 500 m west of Caddies Creek. The elevation is approximately 50-55 metres (m) (Figure 3) with an elevated gentle hill situated approximately 1.6 kilometres (km) to the southwest. Numerous public parks occur in proximity including the William Harvey Reserve and Hills Centenary Park situated adjacent to Caddies Creek to the east. The archaeologically sensitive Second Ponds Creek with its high concentration of Aboriginal cultural heritage sites (Figure 3) is situated approximately 1 km to the east. Both creeks drain north-eastwards towards Cattai Creek located in Annangrove approximately 3.2 km to the northeast within an area of steeper, incised terrain.

Urbis (2023a) have previously suggested that the Subject Area may have been a travel route from the ridgeline of Kellyville Ridge towards the ephemeral waterways and wetlands of the Caddies Creek floodplain, though the pattern of use is likely to have been transient and limited in intensity.

3.2.2 Geology

Within the Subject Area, the geology is dominated by the Liverpool sub-group of the Wianamatta Group consisting of (in order of increased depth) Bringelly Shale, Minchinbury Sandstone and Ashfield Shale. These units are underlain by the Hawkesbury Sandstone including consisting of sandstone, quartz and some shale. Underneath this, lies the Narrabeen Group sandstone, shale and tuff materials.

From previous assessments and regional studies, numerous geological units across the Cumberland Plain have been identified as important sources of raw material suitable for tool production. The most well-known include silcrete sourced from the St Marys Formation (including the Plumpton Ridge deposit), as well as tuff/indurated mudstone and silcrete from the Cranebrook Formation and Rickabys Creek Formation (Kelleher Nightingale Consulting 2010).

3.2.3 Soils

The Subject Area is located on land characterised by shallow to moderately deep (>100 cm) hard-setting mottled texture contrast soils associated with the Blacktown soil landscape (DPIE 2020). The skeletal soils of the Blacktown soil landscape occur extensively on the Cumberland Lowlands and are generally not associated with Aboriginal burials (Urbis 2023a). The shallow soils tend to produce shallow occupation profiles. The erosion hazard for non-concentrated soils is light to moderate however for concentrated flows is moderate to high.

The archaeological potential of soil landscapes within the Subject Area is generally moderate, however, it is dependent on the varying soil type limitations, the impact of past land use disturbances, sheet wash and erosion extent. Soils that have not been subjected to high levels of disturbance, particularly in protected or elevated alluvial soils that have intact soil horizons, offer a higher likelihood of preserving archaeological deposits. Archaeological deposits in the local area tend to be shallow (typically <10-30 cm) and occur close to the ground surface therefore are highly susceptible to previous land-use practices.

3.2.4 Hydrology

Within the Cumberland Plain, areas associated with the underlying Wianamatta Formation geology tend to have complex, well-developed drainage networks. Water sources regionally tend to be relatively common and can

occur as both ephemeral and permanent streams and ponds (White and McDonald 2010). Many streams took the chain-of-ponds form including the regionally significant Killarney Chain-of-Ponds, First Ponds Creek and Second Ponds Creek. The Stream Order model for predicting patterns of Aboriginal occupation of a landscape has been widely deployed within the Cumberland Plains.

3.2.5 Historical land use

During the early 19th Century, the Subject Area was associated with land grants for a larger property associated with the Mungerie House (Urbis 2023a), with the land used for grazing, poultry, dairy farming and citrus orchards. Long-standing occupants of the property used the land as a farm producing milk, cream, eggs and vegetables from the mid-1950s to 1969 (Urbis 2023a). Following the closure of the farm, Robert and Ian Scharkie managed a transport company from the property and later created the Mungerie Park Golf Course (Urbis 2023a).

In addition to this analysis, historical aerial imagery can provide further information about previous land use and impact on the ground surface specific to the Subject Area. From historical aerials (Figure 4), it can be determined that historical disturbances had begun to occur within the Subject Area prior to 1955 at which time the ground has been cleared to make way for pastoral activities. By 1961 (Figure 4), no trees are left standing within the Subject Area, with a small number situated to the southeast in proximity to a dam. By 1970 (Figure 4), the footprint of the golf course is visible including the fairway and green visible running roughly east to west across the Subject Area. Several tree lines or roughs are also visible in adjacent areas. By 1986 (Figure 4), the configuration of the golf course appears little altered however the introduced vegetation has increased. The aerial imagery for 2002 indicates that the property is still likely being used as a golf course.

The extent of previous disturbance within the Subject Area has previously been identified during Urbis' 2023a assessment, which identified that existing disturbance could be established within existing roadways and the Mungerie Park Zone Substation.

3.3 Cultural heritage context

3.3.1 Aboriginal cultural heritage sites

An extensive search of the Aboriginal Heritage Impact Management System (AHIMS) register was carried out on 27 May 2024 (AHIMS Client ID# 895649). The search area encompassed GDA Zone 56 Eastings: 305986 – 308478 and Northings: 6269260 - 6271654 comprising a minimum 1 km buffer around the Subject Area.

A total of 80 Aboriginal cultural heritage sites have been previously recorded within the extent of the search area. A copy of the AHIMS extensive search results is provided in Appendix 1. The most common site features observed are artefacts associated with open sites (n=57 or 71%) including both isolated finds and artefact scatters. The next most common site features are Potential Archaeological Deposit (PAD) (n=9 or 11%) and artefact(s) and PAD (n=6 or 7.5%). Closed sites comprising rock shelters with a combination of art, artefact(s) and/or PAD (n=4 or 5%) and grinding groove sites (n=2 or 2.5%) are a rare site type.

The summary in Table 1 provides an indication of the site features associated with known registered AHIMS Aboriginal cultural heritage sites within the regional context of the Subject Area.

Table 1: Summary of site features identified within the AHIMS search area

Site features	Total	Percentage
Artefact(s)	57	71.3
Artefact(s) and engraving	1	1.3

Site features	Total	Percentage
PAD	9	11.3
Artefact(s) and PAD	6	7.5
Grinding groove	1	1.3
Grinding groove and waterhole/well	1	1.3
Non-site	1	1.3
Shelter with art and deposit	1	1.3
Shelter with art, artefact(s) and PAD	1	1.3
Shelter with artefact(s) and PAD	1	1.3
Shelter with deposit	1	1.3
Total	**80**	**100%**

There are two registered AHIMS recorded within the Subject Area (Table 2). The locations of identified AHIMS Aboriginal cultural heritage sites are provided in Figure 5. Relevant site card records are provided in Appendix 2.

Table 2: AHIMS within the Subject Area

AHIMS ID	Site name	Site type	Site context	Site status	Location	Site features
45-5-5669	Commercial Road AFT 1	Artefact scatter	Open site	Valid	Situated in the central portion of the Subject Area	Artefact scatter including sub-surface artefacts salvaged from test excavation in January 2023
45-5-5671	Commercial Road AFT 2	Artefact scatter	Open site	Valid	Situated in the south-eastern portion of the Subject Area	Artefact scatter including sub-surface artefacts salvaged from test

AHIMS ID	Site name	Site type	Site context	Site status	Location	Site features
						excavation in January 2023

The details of these AHIMS sites within the Subject Area are included below.

3.3.1.1 Aboriginal cultural heritage sites within the Subject Area

3.3.1.2 Commercial Road AFT 1 (AHIMS ID# 45-5-5669)

Commercial Road AFT 1 (AHIMS ID# 45-5-5669) is a low-density artefact scatter situated within the central portion of the Subject Area (Appendix 2) in an area of mid-slope. The site is associated with two test pits excavated to approximately 50 centimetres (cm) (A7) and 30 cm (B3) both situated on a mid-slope of a wide spur traversing the Subject Area. Two artefacts were recovered from the test pits, both of which were identified in the first spit. A silcrete medial flake was recovered from A7 (spit 1) and a small chert core was recovered from B3 (spit 1). Test pit A7 was found to contain a moderately deep, intact soil profile whereas test pit B7 appeared to be truncated and disturbed. Urbis concluded that both artefacts are likely to have been moved from their original position due to historical disturbance of the upper soil profile (Urbis 2023b:42). Given the results of the test excavation, Urbis recommended that no further investigation of the site would be warranted.

3.3.1.3 Commercial Road AFT 2 (AHIMS ID# 45-5-5671)

Commercial Road AFT 2 (AHIMS ID# 45-5-5671) is a medium-density artefact scatter situated within the southern portion of the Subject Area (Appendix 2) in an area of lower slope. The site is associated with two test pits (C8 and C10) inclusive of an expansion of C8. Amongst the six test squares, a total of 23 artefacts were recovered comprising predominantly silcrete flake fragments and debitage. The highest concentration of artefacts was recovered from spit 2 (13 artefacts) and spit 4 (six artefacts). Amongst test pits associated with this site, no artefacts were recovered from the first spit.

The extended phase 2 excavation of the site continued to produce Aboriginal objects and indicates that the full extent of the archaeological deposit has not been revealed. Urbis (2023b) therefore concluded that further investigation in the form of an archaeological salvage excavation would be warranted.

3.3.1.4 Additional heritage searches

In addition to AHIMS, searches of the World Heritage Database, the Commonwealth Heritage List, the National Heritage List, the State Heritage Register, the State Heritage Inventory, The Hills LEP 2019 and The Hills DCP 2013 were conducted on 31 May 2024. Table 3 presents a summary of these findings.

Table 3: Listed heritage items in proximity to the Subject Area

Heritage register	Items in the Subject Area	Items within 1 km of the Subject Area
World Heritage Database	None	Nil.
Commonwealth Heritage List	None	Nil.

Heritage register	Items in the Subject Area	Items within 1 km of the Subject Area
National Heritage List	None	Nil.
State Heritage Register	None	– SHR # 5045331 Merriville House and gardens – SHR #5045488 Royal Oak Inn (Former)
Schedule 5 of the LEP	None	– LEP# A24 Queens Arms Inn site – LEP# I28 Windsor Road from Baulkham Hills to Box Hill – LEP# I30 Merriville Rise Park – LEP# I31 Merriville House and gardens – LEP# I32 Place- Battle of Vinegar Hill – LEP# I104 Lintbrae House – LEP# I182 Rouse Hill Cemetery – LEP# I183 Mungerie – LEP# I184 Aberdoon House – LEP# I185 Royal Oak Inn (Former) – LEP# I187 Christchurch – LEP# I189 Private Burial Ground

As identified in Table 4, a number of historic heritage items were identified within 500 m of the Subject Area. None of these items are located within the Subject Area and therefore will not be directly impacted by the proposed works. Extent Heritage are currently undertaking a historical assessment of the Subject Area including the development of a Statement of Heritage Impact and a Baseline Historical Archaeological Assessment.

Table 4: Listed heritage items within 500 m of the Subject Area (with descriptions from Godden Mackay Logan 2010)

Number	Name	Description	Distance from Subject Area
SHR # 5045488 LEP# I185	Royal Oak Inn (Former)	Early colonial coaching inn from the 1820-40s and one of the colony's earliest licensed premises.	Directly adjacent to the Subject Area to the north
LEP# A24	Queens Arms Inn site	Inn was built in 1829 and listed on the State Heritage Register.	360 m to the north
LEP# I28	Windsor Road from Baulkham Hills to Box Hill	Historically-significant road and culvert situated between Box Hill and Seven Hills Road.	30 m to the west

Number	Name	Description	Distance from Subject Area
LEP# I32	Place- Battle of Vinegar Hill	Memorial situated within the Castlebrook Cemetery commemorates the Battle of Vinegar Hill, an important early military battle with historic and social significance.	480 m to the south

3.3.2 AHIP Public register

A search was conducted of the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) AHIP public register on 31 May 2024, covering the 2010-2024 period. It was determined that no AHIPs have been registered over the current Subject Area or immediate surrounds.

The closest AHIP appears to be AHIP #5006 issued for potential impacts to CR01+PAD (AHIMS ID# 45-5-5529) an open site containing artefact(s) and PAD and CR-AS-01 (AHIMS ID# 45-5-5596) an open site containing artefact(s). Both sites are situated approximately 150 m to the northeast of the Subject Area.

3.3.3 Previous archaeological and cultural heritage studies

Abundant Aboriginal heritage studies have been conducted within Rouse Hill and surrounding suburbs, in particular since 2000 resulting from the rapid urban development of the region. From these assessments, the data suggests that Aboriginal occupation was prevalent within the region, with numerous Aboriginal cultural heritage sites and areas of archaeological potential being identified across a range of landforms.

An ACHA has previously been conducted by Urbis (2023b) covering the entirety of the Subject Area as part of an SSD application for the project. As part of the assessment, a test excavation program was undertaken within areas of least disturbance (see Section 4.1.4 for further details)

3.3.4 Predictive modelling

The predictive modelling developed for this assessment has been compiled using past assessments which have occurred within or in proximity to the Subject Area. Past Aboriginal land use is indicated by the historical documents presented and results of previous archaeological work that has occurred within the region.

Several predictive models have been developed specifically for archaeological sites within the Cumberland Plains, including:

— White and McDonald (2010)
— Owen and Cowie (2017).

Based on the results of previous archaeological assessments, past Aboriginal groups within Rouse Hill and its surrounding region appear to have occupied and utilised a range of landforms and resource-rich areas. The region, with its woodlands and the complex network of well-drained creeks and pond systems would have provided communities with diverse food resources, which would have been varied and dependable. From past assessments, the most common Aboriginal cultural heritage sites recorded within the broader region surrounding the current Subject Area include stone artefact scatters and isolated finds though many areas have been noted to contain PADs.

Based on these past assessments and the White and McDonald (2010) Stream Order Model, the following predictive statements can be made:

— The landform features of the Subject Area are not consistent with those required for rock shelters, middens or grinding grooves.

- Scarred trees are unlikely to occur within the Subject Area as it has previously been subject to systematic survey (Urbis 2023a).
- Based on soil studies and soil acidity levels determined, it is likely that soils will likely be acidic, and that high bone and shell attrition rates are likely, and therefore such materials and associated Aboriginal cultural heritage sites are unlikely to be present.
- Open campsites (artefact scatters and isolated artefacts) are the most likely site type to occur, as they are most common within water-related landforms and gentle slopes <200 m from natural watercourses within undisturbed areas.
    - Open campsites and isolated stone artefacts are predicted to occur on slopes of 10 degrees and less, with a majority of site locations and greatest artefact frequencies occurring on terraces, lower slopes and in areas in close proximity to higher-order watercourses and confluences.
    - Within the direct context of the Subject Area, open campsites and isolated artefacts identified are likely to occur even in landscapes with no surface artefactual evidence. Subsurface deposits are likely to occur at a shallow depth within areas of limited prior disturbance.
    - Isolated artefacts may be found in any landform feature as background scatter.
    - Lithic raw materials will most likely comprise silcrete and quartz, however indurated mudstone and basalt artefacts can also occur based on previously recorded stone artefact assemblages in the region.
    - Within drier landscape contexts (well-drained or elevated areas) there will be a higher frequency of artefacts as these locations tend to have a higher likelihood of more prolonged or repeated occupation.

The results of previous archaeological investigations indicate that there are landforms present within the Subject Area which have the potential to contain a range of resources, that would have been exploited by Aboriginal people in the past. They indicate a potential for Aboriginal cultural heritage sites to be present. While much of the Subject Area has been previously disturbed due to previous road construction, use of the property as a golf course and electricity substation and previous agricultural use, Urbis (2023a) have previously identified some areas with limited disturbance with potential to contain subsurface archaeological evidence of Aboriginal occupation. As demonstrated in the previous test excavation of two sites within the Subject Area, low to medium-density subsurface artefact-bearing deposits are likely to be present.

Table 5: Previous heritage assessments conducted in the context of the Subject Area

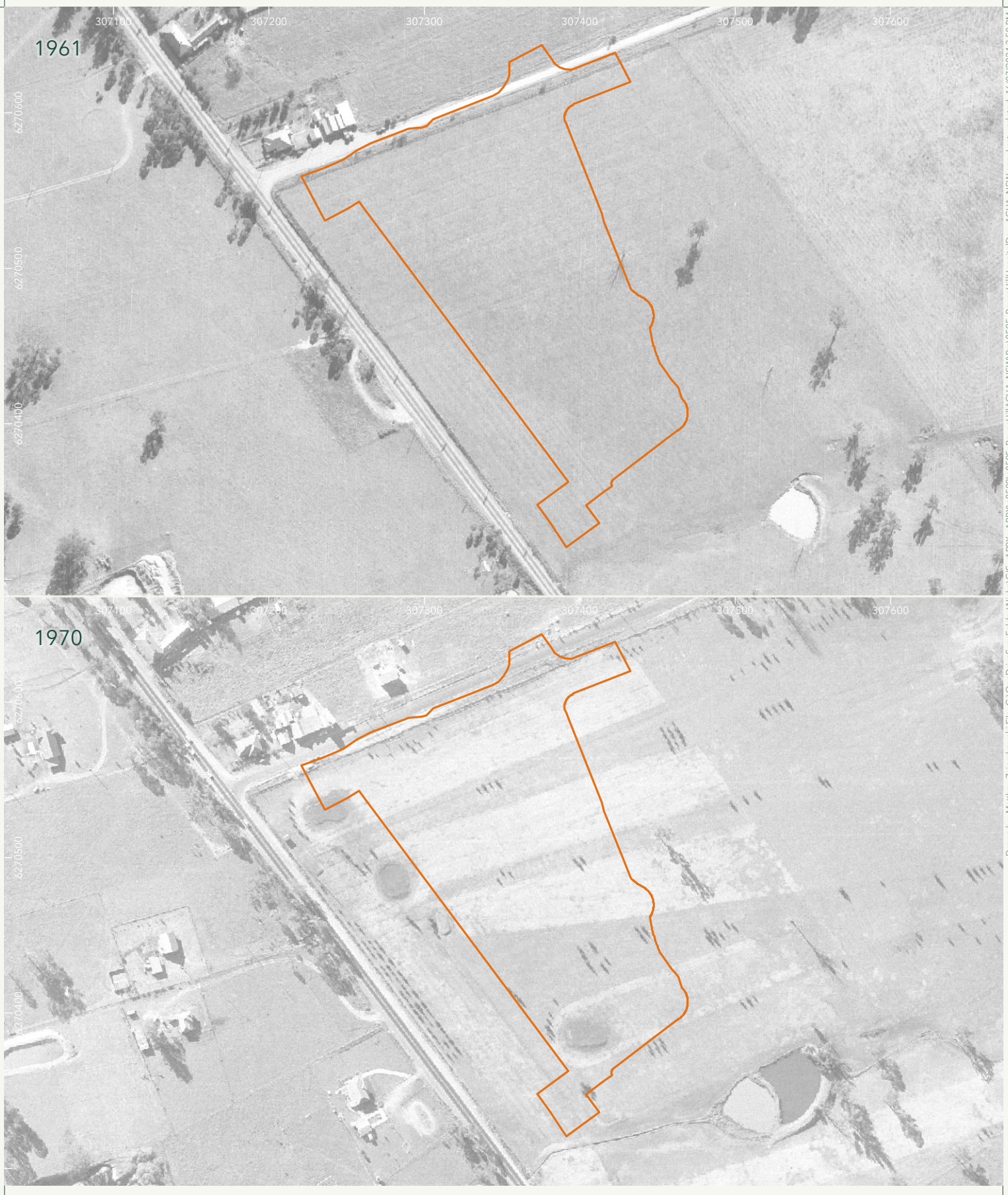
Author	Date	Proximity to Subject Area	Title
Within the Subject Area			
Urbis	2023a	Wholly within the Subject Area	***Rouse Hill Hospital, Rouse Hill, NSW, Darug Country: Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment*** During an initial phase of the SSD application for the Rouse Hill Hospital, an ACHA including a survey and test excavation program was undertaken within the current Subject Area. Key findings of the study included: – The field study concluded that portions of the study area in the north and west had been heavily disturbed due to previous road construction and a substation. Ground disturbance within the remainder of the study area was

			relatively limited comprising some surface disturbance associated with previous land use (agricultural use and as fairways and greens of a golf course). – A moderate to high potential for surface and sub-surface artefact scatters and isolated finds. As the potential impacts on these artefacts could not be avoided, a test excavation program was proposed to determine the nature and extent of the deposit present. – During the staged test excavation program (stages 1 and 2), a total of 25 stone artefacts were recovered from 32 test pits. – A low-density artefact scatter was identified in the centre of the study area consisting of two artefacts recovered from two test pits and was subsequently recorded in AHIMS as site Commercial Road AFT 1 (45-5-5669). A denser artefact scatter was identified in the south in a disturbed area of lower slopes. The artefact scatter comprised 23 artefacts recovered from 6 test pits and was subsequently registered in AHIMS as Commercial Road AFT 2 (AHIMS ID# 45-5-5671) comprising a medium-density subsurface artefact scatter. – Evidence of previous disturbance within the study area was confirmed during the test excavation consisting of truncated and eroded soil profiles. – The results of the ACHA and test excavation concluded that the study area has a low social and cultural value to the Aboriginal community as part of the broader cultural landscape. The scientific significance was also regarded to be low due to the common site type (low-density artefact scatters). Urbis (2023a) concluded that an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Plan (ACHMP) should be developed to manage the archaeological resources present and should include a methodology for a salvage excavation of Commercial Road AFT 2 (AHIMS ID# 45-5-5671). A draft ACHMP was subsequently developed in 2023 however has not been finalised. An updated ACHMP will be presented to RAPs during the current ACHA to guide future management of Aboriginal objects present.
Beth White and Jo McDonald	2010	Rouse Hill	***Lithic artefact distribution in the Rouse Hill Development Area, Cumberland Plain, New South Wales*** A systematic review of artefact distribution and density across the Rouse Hill Development Area (RHDA) was undertaken in response to the dense concentration of test excavation projects undertaken within open sites across the township. The study identified that due to the broad and dense occurrence of artefacts across a range of tested areas, most of the RHDA could be regarded as a cultural landscape. The study concluded a number of key findings, including: – The most common site feature across the Cumberland Plain are artefacts occurring in open contexts. – Topographic and stream order variables were found to correlate with artefact density and distribution with higher artefact densities and more continuous artefact distributions occurring in association with larger creeks. – High artefact concentrations are likely to be the result of high artefact discard activities and/or intensive stone knapping techniques. – The landforms with the highest artefact densities were terraces and lower slopes associated with second- and fourth- order streams. In particular, higher artefact densities tended to occur between 51-100 m from fourth-order streams and within 50 m of second-order streams. There also

			appeared to be a preference for slightly elevated, well-drained locations in the lower parts of valleys. – Upper slopes were found to contain artefacts however mostly in the form of sparse, discontinuous artefact distributions. White and McDonald (2010) suggested that this patterning may in part reflect the erosion of soils from upper slopes and the deposition of transported sediment into lower slope areas however their analysis of artefact densities across two sites concluded, on the basis of an absence of correlation between profile depth and artefact density, that it is not wholly responsible. – Creek flats were found to have fairly low artefact densities (contrary to earlier occupation models), and this was forwarded as potentially being a result of those areas being low-lying and less well drained and/or the result of their greater exposure to flooding. – In terms of the access to freshwater, their systematic study found that most contexts associated with first-order streams consisted of low artefact densities. – Aspect was found to influence artefact density within lower slope areas associated with larger streams, with the highest concentrations found on landscapes facing north and northeast. – The distance from silcrete sources did not appear to have influenced artefact distribution.
In proximity to the Subject Area			
Comber Consultants	2015	1.1 km to the south	***North West Rail Link Project Kellyville Station Priority Precinct Rezoning Proposal: Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment*** An ACHA was undertaken to assess the potential impacts to Aboriginal cultural heritage resulting from a proposed rezoning of the Kellyville Station Priority Precinct. The study area extended approximately 437 ha and included areas proposed for transport infrastructure as well as associated urban development including residential and commercial properties and community infrastructure and services. During the background reporting for the project, it was identified that much of the Kellyville area had been used initially for grazing and agricultural purposes. The site patterning identified in the review of AHIMS sites occurring within the study area was found to support the predictive model developed by McDonald (2002), with sites concentrated in the vicinity of second-and third-order creeks with the highest site densities occurring in the vicinity of the confluence of Caddies, Strangers and Elizabeth Macarthur Creeks. As part of the Aboriginal consultation undertaken for the project, the assessment identified that the Kellyville precinct was considered to be a significant cultural landscape. The RAPs engaged on the project required that individual assessments be undertaken for any subsequent development proposal associated with the project and that each development be provided with specific management recommendations.
Kelleher Nightingale Consultants	2010	120 m to the west	***Area 20 Precinct North West Growth Centre: Aboriginal Heritage Assessment*** An ACHA including a field survey program was undertaken to assess the potential impacts to Aboriginal cultural heritage resulting from a

			proposed rezoning and development project north of Schofields Road. The study area extended across 245 hectares and was situated adjacent to the proposed Rouse Hill Hospital on the opposite side of Windsor Road. The survey program was conducted over nine days resulting in the identification of 19 new sites, eight newly recorded PADs and revised conditions and boundaries for several previously recorded sites and PADs. The survey included 74 lots with good survey coverage achieved. A high level of disturbance was identified across the Subject Area with surface exposures described in areas of previous earthworks, heavy machinery operations, erosion scours and other areas of cleared vegetation. Amongst the recorded sites, one site was assessed to have a high level of significance, 17 sites were identified to have moderate significance and the remainder of the sites were found only to have limited significance due to their common site type and features and the fact that more representative sites exist within the local area.
Jo McDonald Cultural Heritage Management Pty Ltd	2001	1.5 km to the southeast	***Salvage Excavation of Six Sites along Caddies, Second Ponds, Smalls and Cattai Creeks in the Rouse Hill Development Area NSW*** The salvage excavations conducted by Jo McDonald (2001) are regionally significant and led to a refining of regional occupation models for the Cumberland Plain. Her study demonstrated that the surface representation of sites on the Cumberland Plain does not reflect the actuality of that site. Salvage excavations were conducted within areas with no surface indications for the presence of a site and yet all six sites were found to contain intact archaeological deposits. Almost 35, 000 artefacts were recovered during the excavation program from 482 m^2 excavated across six sites. Detailed analysis of the excavation data was undertaken providing insight into the artefact assemblage with reference to broader patterns in the Cumberland Plains. A number of key observations were made during the program with relance to the present Subject Area, including: – Average artefact density across sites did not correlate consistently with geology- with both high and low mean densities occurring on alluvium and sandstone contexts, whilst shale hillslope sites generally were found to have low mean densities (2001:386). – Mean artefact density showed a broad correlation with stream order whereby artefact density increased generally with stream order. The highest mean densities were on third- and fourth- order confluences and a fourth-order drainage however there were exceptions to the trend. Generally, a model of increasingly complex occupation, activity and artefact discard was found to occur in association with increased stream order (with more water, more permanent water and more associated food resources). – Silcrete was the most prevalent raw material however silicified tuff and quartz were the predominant raw material in some assemblages. – Interpreted through the distance-decay model, the analysis did identify a general trend in support of the thesis that the sites in closest proximity to silcrete sources did contain higher prevalences of this raw material however there were variances between sites with comparable distances to local sources. Jo McDonald noted that the simple model assumes that groups

			always had equal access to the sources and that raw materials from various locations were indeed utilised- which cannot always be confirmed. In respect to tuff, the model could not be supported with one of the sites containing the highest frequency being situated furthest from an available local source.



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Historic Aerial Photographs (1961 & 1970)

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Historic Aerial Photographs (1986 & 2002)

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4 Aboriginal cultural heritage assessment methodology

4.1 Methodology for cultural heritage assessment

The ACHA will be prepared in accordance with the following:

- *Guide to Investigating, Assessing and Reporting on Aboriginal Cultural Heritage in NSW* (OEH 2011).
- *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents* (Part 6 *National Parks and Wildlife Act*, 1974) (DECCW 2010).
- *Code of Practice for Archaeological Investigation of Aboriginal Objects in NSW* (DECCW 2010).
- NPW Act and *National Parks and Wildlife Regulation* 2019.
- *The Burra Charter: The Australia ICOMOS Charter for Places of Cultural Significance* (Australia International Council on Monuments and Sites [ICOMOS], 2013).
- *Engage Early: Guidance for proponents on best practice Indigenous engagement for environmental assessments under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act* 1999 (Commonwealth Government, 2016).

The ACHA will follow the general methodology as summarised in Table 10.

Table 6: ACHA methodology summary

ACHA component	Detail
Desktop assessment	A process of background research of the Subject Area and surrounds will be undertaken to consider previous assessments that have been undertaken in the local region, an assessment of the environmental background of the Subject Area, an investigation of the sensitive landscapes and a compilation of existing data into predictive models for the Subject Area.
Stakeholder meetings	Two Project meetings with RAPs would be undertaken during the ACHA process in order to provide an opportunity to discuss the Project details. These meetings will occur during the period of the methodology review and following the survey program during the draft ACHA review period.
Field survey/ walk-over	The Subject Area has previously been subject to systematic survey as part of a previous ACHA (Urbis 2023a). As part of the current ACHA, a brief walk-over of the site will be undertaken to ground truth previously recorded AHIMS sites within the Subject Area and discuss implications that any previously and newly identified Aboriginal sites may pose to the proposed Project. This on-site meeting will provide an opportunity to discuss the results of the test excavation undertaken during the Urbis (2023a and 2023b) ACHA as well as the recommended future management of the two sites. The walk-over is proposed for August 2024.

ACHA component	Detail
Cultural values	RAPs are in the best position to provide information on the Aboriginal social/cultural heritage values of a given area and Niche will consult with RAPs regarding the cultural heritage values of objects and places in the Subject Area.
Salvage excavation	A salvage excavation of Commercial Road AFT 2 (AHIMS ID# 45-5-5671) is proposed to be undertaken in accordance with a salvage methodology to be submitted to RAPs shortly as part of the ACHMP. A draft Archaeological Report that satisfies the requirements of the *Code of Practice for Archaeological Investigation of Aboriginal Objects in NSW* (DECCW, 2010b), the Aboriginal cultural heritage consultation requirements for Proponents 2010 (DECCW, 2010a) and the Guide to Investigating, Assessing and Reporting on Aboriginal Cultural Heritage in NSW (OEH, 2011) will be prepared following the salvage excavation. An Archaeological Report discussing the salvage program will be submitted for RAP review.

These stages are described in further detail below.

4.1.1 Aboriginal community input points for the assessment process

The DECCW (2010b) Aboriginal cultural heritage consultation requirements for proponents 2010 suggest a number of points during the ACHA for input from RAPs including:

- Stage 2 – Presentation of information about the proposed project (this methodology).
- Stage 3 – Gathering information about cultural significance (this methodology).
- During fieldwork.
- Stage 4 – Review of draft cultural heritage assessment report.

In addition to this, any input and suggestions into the project (or the consultation process itself) throughout any stage of the consultation process are welcomed.

4.1.1.1 Sensitive cultural information – management protocol

If at any time during the consultation process that RAPs provide sensitive cultural information regarding sites or any other matter, this information can be managed through:

- Any restrictions on access and 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 in the material.

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

4.1.2 Desktop assessment

The following tasks will be undertaken during the background research and assessment for the ACHA:

- Include searches of the relevant heritage registers (AHIMS, Heritage NSW Heritage Inventory and Local Environmental Plan heritage schedules from the Hills Shire Council LGA).
- Include background research including previous Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal heritage studies and reports, historical development and use of the area, landscape analysis and settlement characterisation consistent with the relevant guidelines.
- Develop a model for the prediction of Aboriginal objects in the landscape consistent with the relevant guidelines; and
- Identify and predict areas of potential archaeological value.

4.1.3 Field survey

A comprehensive survey of the Subject Area was conducted on 17 June 2022 with participation of RAPs associated with the 2023 ACHA (Urbis 2023a and 2023b). During the site survey, Ground Surface Visibility was approximately 30% owing to the presence of grass, vegetation cover and road base within some areas. Numerous exposures were identified which typically showed disturbance resulting from geotechnical boreholes or erosion.

No Aboriginal objects were identified during the survey, however two areas of archaeological potential were identified and later registered in AHIMS. Commercial Road AFT 1 (AHIMS ID# 45-5-5669) and Commercial Road AFT 2 (AHIMS ID# 45-5-5671) were identified as areas suitable for test excavation. The remainder of the Subject Area was assessed to have nil to low potential for unknown Aboriginal objects to be retained (2023a: 65).

Given the previous extensive survey of the Subject Area, no additional survey will be conducted during the present ACHA. Instead, one on-site meeting will be arranged with RAPs in order to walk over the site and discuss the field results to date including a discussion of the results of the test excavation conducted within the extents of Commercial Road AFT 1 (AHIMS ID# 45-5-5669) and Commercial Road AFT 2 (AHIMS ID# 45-5-5671).

4.1.4 Test excavation

A test excavation has been conducted within the Subject Area within sites Commercial Road AFT 1 (AHIMS ID# 45-5-5669) and Commercial Road AFT 2 (AHIMS ID# 45-5-5671) during the 2023 ACHA. A total of 32 test pits were excavated over seven days in January 2023 according to a two-stage program. Initial test pits were spaced at 20 m intervals along four transects, with expansion pits undertaken in the second stage around several artefact-bearing pits.

During the second stage of testing, the artefact-bearing pits associated with Commercial Road AFT 1 (AHIMS ID# 45-5-5669) in the central portion of the Subject Area were determined to represent a low-intensity artefact scatter of limited spatial extent. Urbis (2023b) concluded that no additional works were required at the location given the sparse evidence present and disturbed context observed. Though one of the two artefact-bearing test pits retained a moderately-deep, intact soil profile, the other appeared truncated and disturbed. Urbis concluded that it was highly likely that the artefacts recovered were not in situ owing to historic disturbance (2023b:42).

A medium-density artefact scatter was identified in the southeastern portion of the Subject Area, comprising Commercial Road AFT 2 (AHIMS ID# 45-5-5671). A total of 23 artefacts were recovered from the test pits.

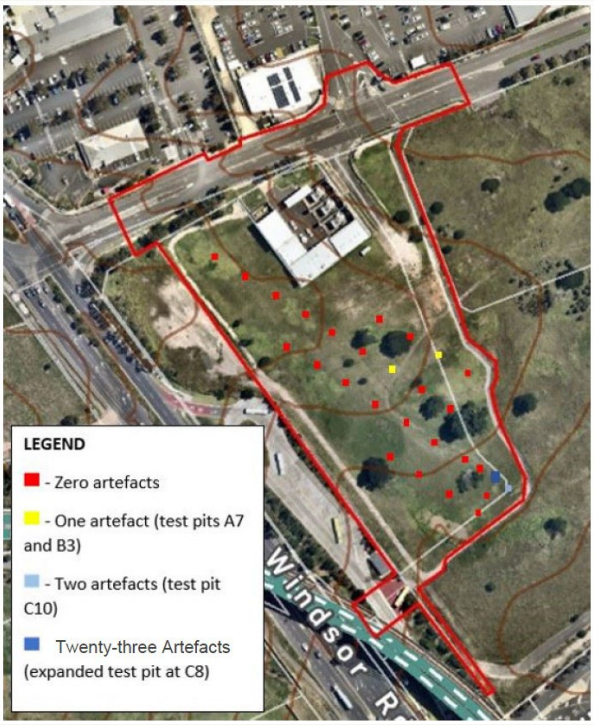

Plate 1: Artefact counts from previous test excavation undertaken within the Subject Area (Urbis 2023b:41)

4.1.5 Salvage excavation

Salvage excavation of Commercial Road AFT 2 (AHIMS ID# 45-5-5671) is required prior to the proposed impacts and will be undertaken in accordance with a salvage methodology to be submitted to RAPs in coming months as part of an ACHMP for the project. All RAPs are invited to provide any comments regarding the draft salvage methodology during the ACHMP review period.

All artefacts recovered during the excavation will be temporarily stored within locked, secured cabinets at the Niche Bulli office at 2 Rixon Ave, Bulli NSW 2516. Long-term management of the artefacts recovered from the test and salvage excavations will be determined in consultation with RAPs and detailed in a future Care Agreement.

The salvage excavation will be conducted in accordance with the ACHMP to be developed for the project. The excavation will occur once the ACHMP has been finalised and is planned to be undertaken by two Niche archaeologists and two representatives of the RAPs. RAPs who wish to be considered for participation in the salvage excavation are asked to send current copies of their Public Liability and Workers Compensation insurance documents.

The results of the salvage excavation will be reported in an Archaeological Report included as an appendix to the ACHA.

4.1.6 Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Plan

An Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Plan (ACHMP) will be developed for the project, building on an earlier plan drafted by Urbis (2023c). The Management Plan will outline the salvage methodology for Commercial Road AFT 2 (AHIMS ID# 45-5-5671) as well as appropriate procedures for unexpected finds and the

presence of human remains. In accordance with the results of the previous ACHA (Urbis 2023a and 2023b), the ACHMP will recommend that no further investigation of Commercial Road AFT 1 (AHIMS ID# 45-5-5669) is warranted.

4.1.7 Cultural values

RAPs are in the best position to provide information on Aboriginal social/cultural heritage values of a given area. Niche would consult with RAPs regarding the cultural heritage values of objects and places during the ACHA process and would include:

- A request (with this draft methodology) for any initial comments regarding the Aboriginal cultural heritage values of the Subject Area.
- The provision of this information package, including draft assessment methodology to all RAPs for comment.
- Discussion of cultural heritage values with RAPs throughout the process until the end of the draft ACHA review period; and
- Provision of draft ACHA to all RAPs for comment prior to finalisation.

4.2 Important timelines

Important timelines for the ACHA are outlined in Table 11. Please note that some of these timeframes are estimated to allow forward planning of personnel and resources.

Table 7: Indicative timeline for the ACHA with full consultation.

Project item	Due date
ACHA	
Provision of comments on the proposed methodology (this document)	Within 28 days from delivery of this document
Meeting (on-site) to discuss the proposed methodology and provide any information on the Project	During the ACHA methodology review period (August 2024)
Provision of the draft ACHA report (including the proposed management and mitigation measures) to RAPs for review.	Early September 2024
Meeting (Microsoft Teams) to discuss the draft ACHA report	During the draft ACHA review period (September 2024)
Provision of comments on the draft ACHA report	Within 28 days from delivery of the draft ACHA
Collation of cultural significance information	Ongoing throughout the process until the end of the draft ACHA report review period.

Project item	Due date
ACHA	
Finalisation of the ACHA report in consideration of comments received	Generally, within one week of the draft report comment deadline.
ACHMP	
ACHMP RAP review (including salvage methodology)	Proposed for August / September 2024
Provision of comments on the proposed methodology	Within 28 days from delivery of the ACHMP
Finalisation of the draft ACHMP in consideration of comments received	Generally, within one week of the draft ACHMP comment deadline.
Salvage Excavation	
Salvage excavation	Following approval of ACHMP by RAPs and Heritage NSW
Provision of the Archaeological Report and updated ACHA	Generally, within one month of the completion of the salvage program.
Provision of comments on the Archaeological Report and updated ACHA	Within 28 days from delivery of the draft ACHA
Finalisation of the ACHA report in consideration of comments received	Generally, within one week of the draft report comment deadline.

In addition to the above, you are invited to contribute information and have input to the assessment at any time prior to the finalisation of the ACHA report.

Niche is planning to conduct two project meetings with the details confirmed closer to the proposed time.

4.3 Who to contact

If you would like to provide information for the ACHA, or if you would like to discuss the Project please contact:

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6 Appendix 1

6.1 AHIMS search results

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7 Appendix 2

7.1 AHIMS site cards

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Good afternoon,

Thanks for your contributions to date with the new Rouse Hill Hospital ACHA. There has been a small increase to the footprint of the development in order to provide a shared pedestrian/cycle path to connect the new hospital with the Rouse Hill metro station. This new area will be included in a future update to the ACHA report which has been reviewed by RAPs back in Sep/Oct last year. For now, we are presenting the methodology document and updated project information and will be planning to undertake a survey in the first week of March.

Please see attached for further project information including the draft methodology which are proposing to undertake to assess this additional area. If you could please review this document it would be much appreciated.

We are asking for any comments to be provided before **5pm Friday 28 February 2025.**

Thanks in advance for your participation in the project and please reach out to my contact details below should you have any questions or comments.

Warm regards,

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1 Introduction

This document outlines the draft Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment (ACHA) methodology for the updated new Rouse Hill Hospital (RHH) (the Project). The Subject Area for the ACHA has been broadened to include a new area in the southwest- the Metro Pathway Area. This area will provide a shared pedestrian and cycle path connection from the new Rouse Hill Hospital to the corner of Old Windsor Road and Rouse Hill Drive, to enable a direct pedestrian and cycle connection to the Rouse Hill Metro station.

The RHH would be located on the corner of Commercial Road and Windsor Road, Rouse Hill, New South Wales (NSW) within the Hills Shire Council Local Government Area (LGA) (hereafter referred to as the 'Subject Area'; Figure 1 and Figure 2).

Niche Environment and Heritage (Niche) has been commissioned by the Proponent to conduct an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment (ACHA) with Aboriginal community consultation for the Project. The Project is classified as State Significant Development (SSD) (#SSD- 66111708) under section 4.36 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (EP&A Act).

The additional project components include:

- New vegetation clearance and site levelling works within the expanded Subject Area.
- A pedestrian and cycle path between the Rouse Hill Hospital and the Rouse Hill metro station.

The expanded project scope therefore has the potential to harm Aboriginal objects. Aboriginal objects and Aboriginal Places are protected under the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974* (NPW Act). Therefore, an ACHA is required in order to investigate the presence of Aboriginal objects within the area of the project, assess any potential harm to the heritage values associated with these objects, and provide recommendations for management measures to manage or prevent harm associated with the project.

The purpose of this methodology is to inform how the ACHA will be undertaken with respect to the previously unassessed Metro Pathway Area. This methodology and the ACHA assessment will be undertaken in accordance with the following relevant requirements of various advisory documents and guidelines including:

- *Guide to Investigating, Assessing and Reporting on Aboriginal Cultural Heritage in NSW* (OEH 2011).
- *Code of Practice for Archaeological Investigation of Aboriginal Objects in NSW* (Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water [DECCW], 2010a) (hereafter referred to as the 'Code of Practice')
- *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents* (ACHCRP) (Part 6 NPW Act) (DECCW 2010b) (hereafter referred to as the 'Consultation Requirements')
- Applying for an Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit: Guide for applicants (OEH 2011)
- *NPW Act* (1974)
- The Burra Charter: The Australia ICOMOS Charter for Places of Cultural Significance (Australia International Council on Monuments and Sites [ICOMOS] 2013).

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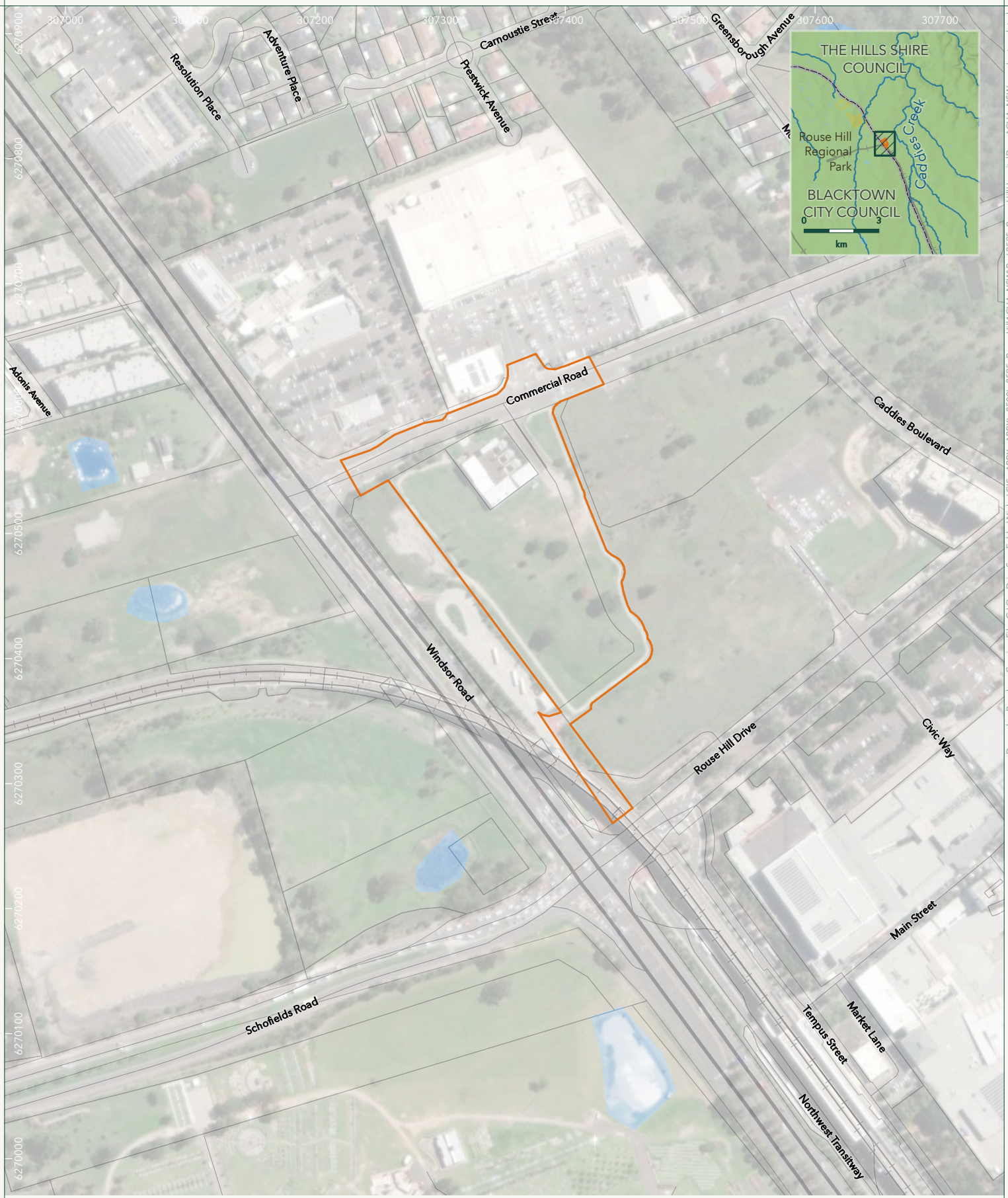

Subject area

Transport

Major road

Minor road

Rail

Hydrography

Waterbody

Administrative and Property Boundaries

Lot

N

0 100

m

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Figure 1

Location Map

Rouse Hill Hospital Development ACHA

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Subject area

Transport
- Major road
- Minor road
- Rail

Hydrography
- Waterbody

Administrative and Property Boundaries
- Property
- Lot
- Local Government Area
- Suburb

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Figure 2

Location of the Subject Area

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2 Aboriginal Community Consultation

In accordance with Sections 4.2 and 4.3 of the Consultation Requirements (DECCW 2010b), Niche is providing this draft proposed ACHA methodology and project information for your review as a Registered Aboriginal Party (RAP) for the Project. An overview of the roles and responsibilities of RAPs and Proponents is provided for reference in Appendix 1.

The objective of the community consultation is for Aboriginal people to have the opportunity to improve and contribute to assessment outcomes. This document outlining the project information and methodology is provided to RAPs to provide them with an opportunity to suggest any protocols that they may wish to see adopted into the information gathering process and/or assessment methodology and to highlight any other matters such as:

- The identification of any known Aboriginal objects or places within the Subject Area with archaeological or cultural significance to Aboriginal people.
- Whether there are any places of cultural value to Aboriginal people in the area of the Project. This may include places of social, spiritual, and cultural value, historic places with cultural significance, and potential places/areas of historic, social, spiritual and/or cultural significance. Any information as to specific gender protocols in relation to these sites would also result in changes to the survey method.
- Information about the cultural significance and values of the Aboriginal sites might affect, inform, or refine the methodology or assessment.
- Actively contribute to the development of cultural heritage management options that may include ways to mitigate harm and/or conserve known Aboriginal objects and/or places with an aim to consider how an association with identified Aboriginal heritage values can be continued.
- Comments on preferred methods for RAPs to be meaningfully engaged in the future management of identified Aboriginal objects and places.

To date, the following steps have been undertaken:

- Stage 1.1 – Native Title search
- Stage 1.2- Identification and notification of potential stakeholders
- Stage 1.3- Newspaper advert to notify potential stakeholders
- Stage 1.3 – Identification and notification of RAPs
- Stage 1.6- Heritage NSW and LALC notifications
- Stage 2-3- Project information and methodology (initial Subject Area extent)
- Stage 3- On-site meeting and RAP meeting to discuss methodology
- Stage 4.2- RAP review of draft ACHA report

As the Subject Area has now been widened to include the Metro Pathway Area, Niche on behalf of the Proponent are providing a methodology and project information update (Stage 2-3) to advise of the project changes and proposed approach to assess the new area. A 28 day review period will apply with RAPs invited to provide their comments in response to the updated methodology.

The new area will require a survey which is proposed for early March 2025. All RAPs are invited to provide copies of their insurance documents and advise of their interest in being involved in the survey to be considered for the work.

Following the survey, all RAPs will be provided with an updated ACHA report for an additional 28-day review period. The final report inclusive of RAP comments is proposed to be finalised by May 2025.

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3 Background Information

3.1 Project Information

3.1.1 Project Background

The new Rouse Hill Hospital development is being assessed as part of a State Significant Development application (SSD-66111708). Urbis (2023) previously conducted an initial ACHA for the Project to inform the original Concept and Stage 1 Early Works SSD (SSD-45373580), completing test excavations under the *Code of Practice for Archaeological Investigation of Aboriginal Objects in NSW* (DECCW 2010). In May 2024, Niche commenced a new ACHA for the proposed development with 27 RAP organisations becoming registered for the project.

The extent of the Subject Area has now increased to include the Metro Pathway Area to provide pedestrian access between the proposed hospital and the Rouse Hill metro station.

3.2 Project location

The Subject Area is situated within the suburb of Rouse Hill located in the administrative boundaries of The Hills Shire LGA and the Deerubbin LALC area. The Rouse Hill Hospital is proposed to be situated adjacent to the intersection of Commercial and Windsor Roads on greenfield land.

The Metro Pathway Area is situated in the southwest corner of the Subject Area adjacent to Rouse Hill Drive, the Northwest Transitway and situated to the east of Windsor Road. The Rouse Hill metro station is situated adjacent to the Rouse Hill Town Centre between Tempus Street and the Northwest Transitway.

The enlarged Subject Area boundary includes the following lots:

- Lot 101 DP1060353
- Lot 2011 DP 1131519
- Lot 227 DP 1249147
- Lot 229 DP 1249147
- Lot 311 DP 1274392
- Lot 312 DP 1274392

3.3 Proposed development

The design of the proposed Metro Pathway Area is still being considered however is likely to include the following components which will result in ground disturbance:

- Pedestrian pathways and crossings
- New signage
- Fencing

3.4 Environmental background

The Project occurs on undeveloped land and includes areas that have previously been cleared, others with regrowth vegetation and some areas with landscaping.

The following sections provides details of the environmental characteristics of the Metro Pathway Area.

3.4.1 Topography

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The proposed Rouse Hill Hospital is situated on gently inclined lower slopes of the Kellyville Ridge approximately 500 m west of Caddies Creek. The elevation is approximately 50-55 metres (m) (Figure 3) with an elevated gentle hill situated approximately 1.6 kilometres (km) to the southwest. Numerous public parks occur in proximity including the William Harvey Reserve and Hills Centenary Park situated adjacent to Caddies Creek to the east. The archaeologically sensitive Second Ponds Creek with its high concentration of Aboriginal cultural heritage sites (Figure 3) is situated approximately 1 km to the east. Both creeks drain north-eastwards towards Cattai Creek located in Annangrove approximately 3.2 km to the northeast within an area of steeper, incised terrain.

Urbis (2023a) have previously suggested that the Subject Area may have been a travel route from the ridgeline of Kellyville Ridge towards the ephemeral waterways and wetlands of the Caddies Creek floodplain, though the pattern of use is likely to have been transient and limited in intensity.

3.4.2 Geology

Within the Subject Area, the geology is dominated by the Liverpool sub-group of the Wianamatta Group consisting of (in order of increased depth) Bringelly Shale, Minchinbury Sandstone and Ashfield Shale. These units are underlain by the Hawkesbury Sandstone including consisting of sandstone, quartz and some shale. Underneath this, lies the Narrabeen Group sandstone, shale and tuff materials.

From previous assessments and regional studies, numerous geological units across the Cumberland Plain have been identified as important sources of raw material suitable for tool production. The most well-known include silcrete sourced from the St Marys Formation (including the Plumpton Ridge deposit), as well as tuff/indurated mudstone and silcrete from the Cranebrook Formation and Rickabys Creek Formation (Kelleher Nightingale Consulting 2010).

3.4.3 Soils

The Subject Area is located on land characterised by shallow to moderately deep (>100 cm) hard-setting mottled texture contrast soils associated with the Blacktown soil landscape (DPIE 2020). The skeletal soils of the Blacktown soil landscape occur extensively on the Cumberland Lowlands and are generally not associated with Aboriginal burials (Urbis 2023a). The shallow soils tend to produce shallow occupation profiles. The erosion hazard for non-concentrated soils is light to moderate however for concentrated flows is moderate to high.

The archaeological potential of soil landscapes within the Subject Area is generally moderate, however, it is dependent on the varying soil type limitations, the impact of past land use disturbances, sheet wash and erosion extent. Soils that have not been subjected to high levels of disturbance, particularly in protected or elevated alluvial soils that have intact soil horizons, offer a higher likelihood of preserving archaeological deposits. Archaeological deposits in the local area tend to be shallow (typically <10-30 cm) and occur close to the ground surface therefore are highly susceptible to previous land-use practices.

The Metro Pathway Area includes areas which have been identified during the desktop research to have low to high levels of previous disturbance. Areas of disturbance are associated with previous vegetation clearance, ground levelling works, the construction of existing paths, access tracks with vehicle movements and landscaped areas. Some adjoining area with vegetation present appears to be regrowth trees though the level of ground disturbance occurring in these areas will be assessed during the survey.

3.4.4 Hydrology

Within the Cumberland Plain, areas associated with the underlying Wianamatta Formation geology tend to have complex, well-developed drainage networks. Water sources regionally tend to be relatively common and can occur as both ephemeral and permanent streams and ponds (White and McDonald 2010). Many streams took the chain-of-ponds form including the regionally significant Killarney Chain-of-Ponds, First Ponds Creek and Second Ponds Creek. The Stream Order model for predicting patterns of Aboriginal occupation of a landscape has been widely deployed within the Cumberland Plains.

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No creek lines are present within the expanded Subject Area. The closest creek is Caddies Creek (situated approximately 425 m to the east.

3.4.5 Historical land use

From available historical imagery, it appears that the Subject Area has been almost entirely cleared of vegetation and has been affected by varying extents of previous sub-surface disturbances associated with its previous use as a farm, golf course and more recent impacts associated with the Mungerie Park Zone Substation and existing public infrastructure related to the nearby Rouse Hill metro connection (including a large overpass and railway connection extending over the proposed Metro Pathway Area, existing pedestrian/cycling paths and landscaped areas.

From historical aerials (Figure 4), it can be determined that historical disturbances had begun to occur within the Subject Area prior to 1955 at which time the ground has been cleared to make way for pastoral activities. By 1961 (Figure 4), no trees are left standing within the Subject Area, with a small number situated to the southeast in proximity to a dam. By 1970 (Figure 4), the footprint of the golf course is visible including the fairway and green visible running roughly east to west across the Subject Area. Several tree lines or roughs are also visible in adjacent areas. By 1986 (Figure 4), the configuration of the golf course appears little altered however the introduced vegetation has increased. The aerial imagery for 2002 indicates that the property is still likely being used as a golf course.

3.5 Cultural heritage context

3.5.1 Aboriginal cultural heritage sites

An updated extensive search of the Aboriginal Heritage Impact Management System (AHIMS) register was carried out on 24 January 2025 (AHIMS Client ID# 968619). The search area encompassed Eastings :305986 – 308760 and Northings: 6268789 - 6271654, including a minimum 1 km buffer around the expanded Subject Area.

A total of 92 Aboriginal cultural heritage sites have been previously recorded within the extent of the expanded AHIMS search area. A copy of the AHIMS extensive search results is provided in Appendix 2.

The most common site features observed are artefacts associated with open sites (n=64 or 70%) including both isolated finds and artefact scatters. The next most common site features are Potential Archaeological Deposits (PADs) (n=12 or 13%) and artefact(s) and PAD (n=7 or 8%). Open sites containing artefact(s) and grinding grooves (n=1 or 2%) was the next most common site feature. Only one modified tree (carved or scarred) was identified and only one closed site comprising a shelter with art and artefact(s) was identified as rare site types for the local region.

RH/CD 3 Rouse Hill_Historic (AHIMS ID# 45-5-0907) was identified as a site associated with Aboriginal ceremony and dreaming features however has been reassessed as 'Not a site'.

The summary in Table 1 provides an indication of known registered AHIMS Aboriginal cultural heritage sites within the regional context of the Subject Area.

Table 1: Summary of AHIMS site features identified within the search area

Site features	Total	Percentage
Aboriginal ceremony and dreaming	1	1%

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Site features	Total	Percentage
Aboriginal resource and gathering	1	1%
Artefact(s)	64	70%
Artefact(s) and engraving	1	1%
Artefact(s) and grinding groove	2	2%
Artefact(s) and PAD	7	8%
Grinding groove	1	1%
Grinding groove and water hole	1	1%
Modified tree (carved or scarred)	1	1%
PAD	12	13%
Shelter with art and artefact(s)	1	1%
Total	**92**	**100%**

3.6 Summary of Aboriginal cultural heritage sites within the Subject Area

There are two registered AHIMS recorded within the Subject Area (Table 2). The locations of identified AHIMS Aboriginal cultural heritage sites are provided in Figure 3. Relevant site card records are provided in Appendix 3.

Table 2: AHIMS within the enlarged Subject Area

AHIMS ID	Site name	Site type	Site context	Site status	Location	Site features
45-5-5669	Commercial Road AFT 1	Artefact scatter	Open site	Valid	Situated in the central portion of the Subject Area	Artefact scatter including sub-surface artefacts salvaged from test excavation in January 2023
45-5-5671	Commercial Road AFT 2	Artefact scatter	Open site	Valid	Situated in the south-	Artefact scatter

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AHIMS ID	Site name	Site type	Site context	Site status	Location	Site features
					eastern portion of the Subject Area	including sub-surface artefacts salvaged from test excavation in January 2023

The locations of identified AHIMS Aboriginal cultural heritage sites occurring in proximity to the Subject Area are provided in Figure 3.

3.7 Additional searches

In addition to AHIMS, searches of the World Heritage Database, the Commonwealth Heritage List, the National Heritage List, the State Heritage Register, the State Heritage Inventory, The Hills LEP 2019 and The Hills DCP 2013 were conducted on 24 January 2025 covering the Metro Pathway Area addition to the Subject Area.

No historic items were identified within this expanded Subject Area boundary. The closest heritage item is Windsor Road from Baulkham Hills to Box Hill (LEP# I28) which is listed in Schedule 5 of The Hills LEP 2019 (situated approximately 20 m to the west). Extent Heritage are currently undertaking a historical assessment of the Subject Area including the development of a Statement of Heritage Impact and a Baseline Historical Archaeological Assessment to discuss the potential impacts to historic heritage items of the Project.

It should be noted that a historical heritage assessment is outside the scope of this report.

3.7.1 AHIP public register

A search was conducted of the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) AHIP public register on 24 January 2025, covering the 2010-2024 period. It was determined that no AHIPs have been registered over the current Subject Area or immediate surrounds.

The closest AHIP appears to be AHIP #5006 issued for potential impacts to CR01+PAD (AHIMS ID# 45-5-5529) an open site containing artefact(s) and PAD and CR-AS-01 (AHIMS ID# 45-5-5596) an open site containing artefact(s). Both sites are situated approximately 150 m to the northeast of the Subject Area.

3.8 Previous archaeological and cultural heritage studies

Several Aboriginal cultural heritage assessments have previously been conducted in proximity to the Subject Area as summarised below in Table 3.

Table 3: Previous assessments undertaken in proximity to the Subject Area

Author	Date	Proximity to Subject Area	Title
Within the Subject Area			

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Urbis	2023a	Wholly within the Subject Area	Rouse Hill Hospital, Rouse Hill, NSW, Darug Country: Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment During an initial phase of the SSD application for the Rouse Hill Hospital, an ACHA including a survey and test excavation program was undertaken within the current Subject Area. Key findings of the study included: – The field study concluded that portions of the study area in the north and west had been heavily disturbed due to previous road construction and a substation. Ground disturbance within the remainder of the study area was relatively limited comprising some surface disturbance associated with previous land use (agricultural use and as fairways and greens of a golf course). – A moderate to high potential for surface and sub-surface artefact scatters and isolated finds. As the potential impacts on these artefacts could not be avoided, a test excavation program was proposed to determine the nature and extent of the deposit present. – During the staged test excavation program (stages 1 and 2), a total of 25 stone artefacts were recovered from 32 test pits. – A low-density artefact scatter was identified in the centre of the study area consisting of two artefacts recovered from two test pits and was subsequently recorded in AHIMS as site Commercial Road AFT 1 (45-5-5669). A denser artefact scatter was identified in the south in a disturbed area of lower slopes. The artefact scatter comprised 23 artefacts recovered from 6 test pits and was subsequently registered in AHIMS as Commercial Road AFT 2 (AHIMS ID# 45-5-5671) comprising a medium-density subsurface artefact scatter. – Evidence of previous disturbance within the study area was confirmed during the test excavation consisting of truncated and eroded soil profiles. – The results of the ACHA and test excavation concluded that the study area has a low social and cultural value to the Aboriginal community as part of the broader cultural landscape. The scientific significance was also regarded to be low due to the common site type (low-density artefact scatters). Urbis (2023a) concluded that an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Plan (ACHMP) should be developed to manage the archaeological resources present and should include a methodology for a salvage excavation of Commercial Road AFT 2 (AHIMS ID# 45-5-5671). A draft ACHMP was subsequently developed in 2023 however has not been finalised. An updated ACHMP will be presented to RAPs during the current ACHA to guide future management of Aboriginal objects present.
Beth White and Jo McDonald	2010	Rouse Hill	Lithic artefact distribution in the Rouse Hill Development Area, Cumberland Plain, New South Wales A systematic review of artefact distribution and density across the Rouse Hill Development Area (RHDA) was undertaken in response to the dense concentration of test excavation projects undertaken within open sites across the township. The study identified that due to the broad and dense occurrence of artefacts across a range of tested

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			areas, most of the RHDA could be regarded as a cultural landscape. The study concluded a number of key findings, including: – The most common site feature across the Cumberland Plain are artefacts occurring in open contexts. – Topographic and stream order variables were found to correlate with artefact density and distribution with higher artefact densities and more continuous artefact distributions occurring in association with larger creeks. – High artefact concentrations are likely to be the result of high artefact discard activities and/or intensive stone knapping techniques. – The landforms with the highest artefact densities were terraces and lower slopes associated with second- and fourth- order streams. In particular, higher artefact densities tended to occur between 51-100 m from fourth-order streams and within 50 m of second-order streams. There also appeared to be a preference for slightly elevated, well-drained locations in the lower parts of valleys. – Upper slopes were found to contain artefacts however mostly in the form of sparse, discontinuous artefact distributions. White and McDonald (2010) suggested that this patterning may in part reflect the erosion of soils from upper slopes and the deposition of transported sediment into lower slope areas however their analysis of artefact densities across two sites concluded, on the basis of an absence of correlation between profile depth and artefact density, that it is not wholly responsible. – Creek flats were found to have fairly low artefact densities (contrary to earlier occupation models), and this was forwarded as potentially being a result of those areas being low-lying and less well drained and/or the result of their greater exposure to flooding. – In terms of the access to freshwater, their systematic study found that most contexts associated with first-order streams consisted of low artefact densities. – Aspect was found to influence artefact density within lower slope areas associated with larger streams, with the highest concentrations found on landscapes facing north and northeast. – The distance from silcrete sources did not appear to have influenced artefact distribution.
In proximity to the Subject Area			
Comber Consultants	2015	1.1 km to the south	North West Rail Link Project Kellyville Station Priority Precinct Rezoning Proposal: Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment An ACHA was undertaken to assess the potential impacts to Aboriginal cultural heritage resulting from a proposed rezoning of the Kellyville Station Priority Precinct. The study area extended approximately 437 ha and included areas proposed for transport infrastructure as well as associated urban development including residential and commercial properties and community infrastructure and services. During the background reporting for the project, it was identified that much of the Kellyville area had been used initially for grazing and agricultural purposes. The site patterning identified in the review of AHIMS sites occurring within the study area was found to support the predictive model developed by McDonald (2002), with sites concentrated in the vicinity of second-and third-order creeks with the highest site densities

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			occurring in the vicinity of the confluence of Caddies, Strangers and Elizabeth Macarthur Creeks. As part of the Aboriginal consultation undertaken for the project, the assessment identified that the Kellyville precinct was considered to be a significant cultural landscape. The RAPs engaged on the project required that individual assessments be undertaken for any subsequent development proposal associated with the project and that each development be provided with specific management recommendations.
Kelleher Nightingale Consultants	2010	120 m to the west	Area 20 Precinct North West Growth Centre: Aboriginal Heritage Assessment An ACHA including a field survey program was undertaken to assess the potential impacts to Aboriginal cultural heritage resulting from a proposed rezoning and development project north of Schofields Road. The study area extended across 245 hectares and was situated adjacent to the proposed Rouse Hill Hospital on the opposite side of Windsor Road. The survey program was conducted over nine days resulting in the identification of 19 new sites, eight newly recorded PADs and revised conditions and boundaries for several previously recorded sites and PADs. The survey included 74 lots with good survey coverage achieved. A high level of disturbance was identified across the Subject Area with surface exposures described in areas of previous earthworks, heavy machinery operations, erosion scours and other areas of cleared vegetation. Amongst the recorded sites, one site was assessed to have a high level of significance, 17 sites were identified to have moderate significance and the remainder of the sites were found only to have limited significance due to their common site type and features and the fact that more representative sites exist within the local area.
Jo McDonald Cultural Heritage Management Pty Ltd	2001	1.5 km to the southeast	Salvage Excavation of Six Sites along Caddies, Second Ponds, Smalls and Cattai Creeks in the Rouse Hill Development Area NSW The salvage excavations conducted by Jo McDonald (2001) are regionally significant and led to a refining of regional occupation models for the Cumberland Plain. Her study demonstrated that the surface representation of sites on the Cumberland Plain does not reflect the actuality of that site. Salvage excavations were conducted within areas with no surface indications for the presence of a site and yet all six sites were found to contain intact archaeological deposits. Almost 35, 000 artefacts were recovered during the excavation program from 482 m^2 excavated across six sites. Detailed analysis of the excavation data was undertaken providing insight into the artefact assemblage with reference to broader patterns in the Cumberland Plains. A number of key observations were made during the program with relance to the present Subject Area, including: – Average artefact density across sites did not correlate consistently with geology- with both high and low mean densities occurring on alluvium and

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			sandstone contexts, whilst shale hillslope sites generally were found to have low mean densities (2001:386). – Mean artefact density showed a broad correlation with stream order whereby artefact density increased generally with stream order. The highest mean densities were on third- and fourth- order confluences and a fourth-order drainage however there were exceptions to the trend. Generally, a model of increasingly complex occupation, activity and artefact discard was found to occur in association with increased stream order (with more water, more permanent water and more associated food resources). – Silcrete was the most prevalent raw material however silicified tuff and quartz were the predominant raw material in some assemblages. – Interpreted through the distance-decay model, the analysis did identify a general trend in support of the thesis that the sites in closest proximity to silcrete sources did contain higher prevalences of this raw material however there were variances between sites with comparable distances to local sources. Jo McDonald noted that the simple model assumes that groups always had equal access to the sources and that raw materials from various locations were indeed utilised- which cannot always be confirmed. In respect to tuff, the model could not be supported with one of the sites containing the highest frequency being situated furthest from an available local source.

3.9 Predictive modelling

The predictive modelling developed for this assessment has been compiled using past assessments which have occurred within or in proximity to the Subject Area. Past Aboriginal land use is indicated by the historical documents presented and results of previous archaeological work that has occurred within the region.

Several predictive models have been developed specifically for archaeological sites within the Cumberland Plains, including:

— White and McDonald (2010)

— Owen and Cowie (2017).

Based on the results of previous archaeological assessments, past Aboriginal groups within Rouse Hill and its surrounding region appear to have occupied and utilised a range of landforms and resource-rich areas. The region, with its woodlands and the complex network of well-drained creeks and pond systems would have provided communities with diverse food resources, which would have been varied and dependable. From past assessments, the most common Aboriginal cultural heritage sites recorded within the broader region surrounding the current Subject Area include stone artefact scatters and isolated finds though many areas have been noted to contain PADs.

Based on these past assessments and the White and McDonald (2010) Stream Order Model, the following predictive statements can be made:

— The landform features of the Subject Area are not consistent with those required for rock shelters, middens or grinding grooves.

— Scarred trees are unlikely to occur within the Subject Area as it has previously been subject to systematic survey (Urbis 2023a).

— Based on soil studies and soil acidity levels determined, it is likely that soils will likely be acidic, and that high bone and shell attrition rates are likely, and therefore such materials and associated Aboriginal cultural heritage sites are unlikely to be present.

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- Open campsites (artefact scatters and isolated artefacts) are the most likely site type to occur, as they are most common within water-related landforms and gentle slopes <200 m from natural watercourses within undisturbed areas.
    - Open campsites and isolated stone artefacts are predicted to occur on slopes of 10 degrees and less, with a majority of site locations and greatest artefact frequencies occurring on terraces, lower slopes and in areas in close proximity to higher-order watercourses and confluences.
    - Within the direct context of the Subject Area, open campsites and isolated artefacts identified are likely to occur even in landscapes with no surface artefactual evidence. Subsurface deposits are likely to occur at a shallow depth within areas of limited prior disturbance.
    - Isolated artefacts may be found in any landform feature as background scatter.
    - Lithic raw materials will most likely comprise silcrete and quartz, however indurated mudstone and basalt artefacts can also occur based on previously recorded stone artefact assemblages in the region.
    - Within drier landscape contexts (well-drained or elevated areas) there will be a higher frequency of artefacts as these locations tend to have a higher likelihood of more prolonged or repeated occupation.

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Subject area

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GDA2020 MGA Zone 56

Figure 4

Historic Aerial Photographs (1961 & 1970)

Rouse Hill Hospital Development ACHA

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Client: TSA Management on behalf of Health Infrastructure NSW

Hillshade: Sources: Esri, Airbus DS, USGS, NGA, NASA, CGIAR, N Robinson, NCEAS, NLS, OS, NMA, Geodatastyrelsen, Rijkswaterstaat, GSA, Geoland, FEMA, Intermap and the GIS user community/ public/NSW_Imagery: © Department of Customer Service 2020 | Watercourses, Waterbodies, Road and Rail alignments, Protected areas of NSW © Spatial Services 2021. | Niche uses GDA2020 as standard for all project-related data. In order to ensure that data from numerous sources and coordinate systems is aligned, on-the-fly transformation to GDA2020 MGA Zone 56 is used in the map above. For ease of reference, the grid tick marks and labels shown around the border of the map are presented in GDA2020 MGA Zone 56.

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Subject area

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GDA2020 MGA Zone 56

Figure 5

Historic Aerial Photographs (1986 & 2002)

Rouse Hill Hospital Development ACHA

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4 ACHA Methodology

4.1 Methodology for cultural heritage assessment

The Proponent has engaged Niche to assist with:

The preparation of an ACHA report.

- Determining the cultural significance of Aboriginal objects and/or places relevant to the Subject Area.
- Preparation of an impact assessment and providing appropriate management recommendations for any identified Aboriginal objects or sites that might be identified during the process.
- Detailing the community consultation process and any Aboriginal cultural heritage values identified, in compliance with the Consultation Requirements.
- The ACHA will be prepared in accordance with the following:
    - *NPW Act* and *National Parks and Wildlife Regulation* 2019.
    - *Guide to Investigating, Assessing and Reporting on Aboriginal Cultural Heritage in NSW* (OEH 2011).
    - Code of Practice (DECCW 2010a).
    - Consultation requirements (DECCW 2010b).
    - The Burra Charter - The Australian National Committee of the International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS 2013).

The ACHA will:

- Synthesise the results of technical investigations.
- Include an assessment of the significance of any Aboriginal objects or Aboriginal cultural heritage values identified.
- Include an impact assessment and provide management and mitigation measures.
- Detail the community consultation process and any Aboriginal cultural heritage values identified, in compliance with the ACHCRP guidelines.

The ACHA will follow the general methodology as presented in this document.

4.1.1 Aboriginal community input points for the assessment process

The Consultation Requirements suggest a number of points during the ACHA for input from RAPs including:

- Stage 2 – Presentation of information about the proposed project (this methodology).
- Stage 3 – Gathering information about cultural significance (this methodology).
- During fieldwork.
- Stage 4 – Review of draft cultural heritage assessment report.

In addition to this, any input, and suggestions into the ACHA project (or the consultation process itself) throughout any stage of the consultation process are welcomed. The input points for this have been listed in Table 4; however, information will be accepted at any point during the project or prior to the finalisation of the ACHA report.

4.1.1.1 Sensitive cultural information – management protocol

If at any time during the consultation process, you provide cultural information regarding sites or any other matter, please provide any information regarding how you would like sensitive cultural information to be managed, such as:

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— Any restrictions on access and 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 in the material.

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

4.1.2 Desktop assessment

The following tasks will be undertaken during the background research and assessment for the ACHA:

— Include searches of the relevant heritage registers (AHIMS, Heritage NSW Heritage Inventory and Local Environmental Plan heritage schedules from the Hills Shire Council LGA).
— Include background research including previous Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal heritage studies and reports, historical development and use of the area, landscape analysis and settlement characterisation consistent with the relevant guidelines.
— Develop a model for the prediction of Aboriginal objects in the landscape consistent with the relevant guidelines.
— Identify and predict areas of potential archaeological value.

4.1.3 Field survey

The aim of the survey is to inspect the Subject Areas for the presence of Aboriginal objects, Aboriginal cultural heritage sites and PADs. The survey also aims to provide further information on the Aboriginal cultural heritage values of the Subject Area. The survey method and all recordings would be conducted in accordance with the Code of Practice (DECCW 2010a).

The site survey will involve a comprehensive survey of the additional extent of the Subject Area (the Metro Pathway Area) and would be conducted by one Niche consultant. The number of representatives invited to participate in the field survey program will be determined on the basis of discussions with the client and RAPs during the methodology review period. Specific details regarding the field survey, including the starting time and meeting location, will be provided closer to the date. The site survey is expected to occur over one day in March 2025.

Any newly identified Aboriginal objects, or Aboriginal cultural heritage sites will be recorded in detail. Site recording will include photography of Aboriginal objects, sites, landscape features and disturbance, GPS recording of site boundaries, concise written details of site features, size, position in the landscape, and condition, as well as documentation of any knowledge about the places, objects, or stories provided by the RAPs. Areas within the Subject Area that are determined to be PADs –areas that have the potential for containing subsurface Aboriginal objects–will be identified, recorded, and mapped using handheld GPS devices. The field assessment would be completed as required to compile an inventory of observed and likely Aboriginal objects or sites.

During the survey, Niche will record all data following the methodology process listed below:

— Recording all transects on proformas, relevant information includes the GPS coordinates of the start and finish of each transect, landform type, existing environment, and level of disturbance.
— Photographic recording of all landforms, disturbance types and surface features relevant to each transect.
— Flagging and recording the location of artefacts and features using a handheld non-differential GPS unit.

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— Photographic recording of the location and surroundings of flagged artefacts and features.
— Recording every identified archaeological site on proformas, including details such as a written description, photographic recording, a sketch of the context of the recorded site and extent using a handheld non-differential GPS unit.

4.1.4 Cultural values

RAPs are in the best position to provide information on Aboriginal social/cultural heritage values of a given area. Niche would consult with RAPs regarding the cultural heritage values of objects and places during the ACHA process and would include:

— A request (with this draft methodology) for any initial comments regarding the Aboriginal cultural heritage values of the Subject Area.
— The provision of this information package, including draft assessment methodology to all RAPs for comment.
— Discussion of cultural heritage values with RAPs throughout the process until the end of the updated draft ACHA review period; and
— Provision of updated draft ACHA to all RAPs for comment prior to finalisation.

4.2 Critical Timelines

Critical timelines for the ACHA are outlined in Table 4. Please note that some of these timeframes are estimated to allow forward planning of personnel and resources.

Table 4: Project timeline

Project Item	Due Date
Provision of comments on the proposed methodology (this document)	28-day review period Final comments to be received by 5pm 28 February 2025
Archaeological survey	Over one day Proposed for the first week of March 2025
Provision of the draft ACHA report (including proposed management and mitigation measures), to RAPs for review	Approximately 4 weeks following the survey
Provision of comments on the draft ACHA report	Within 28 days of delivery of the updated draft ACHA report
Collation of cultural significance information	Ongoing throughout the process until the end of the draft ACHA report review period
Finalisation of the ACHA report in consideration of comments received	Generally, within one week of the draft report comment deadline. Proposed for May 2025.

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In addition to the above, RAPs are invited to contribute information and have an input to the assessment at any time prior to the finalisation of the ACHA report.

Niche is planning to conduct our archaeological field survey over one day in March 2025, though this will be confirmed closer to the proposed time.

RAPs will need to provide the following information by 5 pm Friday 28 February 2025 to be considered for any fieldwork:

- Current insurances (certificate of currency and workers' compensation insurance).
- Name and contact details of the nominated individual.

In accordance with Section 3.4 of the consultation guidelines, the decision on who and how many RAP representatives participate in the survey is decided by the Proponent and will be based on a range of considerations including skills, relevant experience, and providing necessary certificates of currency.

The number of participants will be commensurate with the scope of the Project. Once we have finalised numbers for participation in the field survey, we will begin to organise logistics such as time and meeting place.

4.3 Who to contact

If you would like to provide information for the ACHA, or if you would like to discuss the Project please contact:

Carly Todhunter

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6 Appendix 1

6.1 Roles, responsibilities and functions (DECCW 2010b)

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5 Roles, responsibilities and functions

For the consultation process to be effective, all parties must appreciate and respect each other's perspective and understand each other's interests, roles and responsibilities.

5.1 Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water

The Director General of DECCW is the decision-maker who decides whether to grant or refuse an AHIP application. If an AHIP is issued, conditions are usually attached and DECCW is responsible for ensuring the AHIP holder complies with those conditions. When considering an application under Part 6 of the NPW Act, the Director General will review the information provided by proponents in line with its internal policies and procedures to assess potential or actual harm to Aboriginal objects or places (DECCW, 2009).

The Environment Protection and Regulation Group (EPRG) of DECCW is responsible for administering the regulatory functions under Part 6 of the NPW Act. A map and list of DECCW EPRG regional offices is in Appendix A.

DECCW expects proponents and Aboriginal people should:

- be aware that Part 6 of the NPW Act establishes the Director General or delegate of DECCW as the decision-maker
- recognise that the Director General's (or delegates) decisions may not be consistent with the views of the Aboriginal community and/or the proponent. However, DECCW will take into account all relevant information it receives as part of its decision-making process.

Further information about the structure of DECCW, and the roles and responsibilities of various groups and the services provided, such as EPRG, Culture and Heritage Division (CHD), and Parks and Wildlife Group (PWG) can be found at: www.environment.nsw.gov.au/whoweare/planorgs.htm

5.2 Registered Aboriginal parties

The interests and obligations of Aboriginal people relate to the protection of Aboriginal cultural heritage. It is only Aboriginal people who can determine who is accepted by their community as being authorised to speak for Country and its associated cultural heritage. Where there is a dispute about who speaks for Country, it is appropriate for Aboriginal people, not DECCW or the proponent, to resolve this dispute in a timely manner to enable effective consultation to proceed.

It is expected that DECCW, proponents and service providers that act on their behalf should:

- display a meaningful appreciation, understanding and respect for the belief system, spiritual connection and sense of belonging that Aboriginal people have to their land, people and environment, which includes plants, animals, waterways, sacred sites and other places of cultural significance and importance
- uphold and respect the traditional rights, obligations and responsibilities of Aboriginal people who hold cultural knowledge in accordance with traditional lore and custom, particularly as these relate to the cultural business of men and women
- encourage active participation of culturally experienced and appropriate Aboriginal people who hold cultural knowledge in the consultation process
- encourage opportunities for the effective transfer of cultural knowledge from older to younger generations in accordance with traditional lore and custom through the consultation process
- have an awareness and understanding of how colonisation has impacted the Aboriginal people of Australia

- have an understanding and respect for the lore and customs, cultural practices, responsibilities and obligations that Aboriginal people have toward the continued care and conservation of Aboriginal *objects* and *places*.

Aboriginal people should:

- have an awareness and understanding of the commercial environment and constraints in which proponents operate
- develop and display an awareness and understanding of the opportunities to input into regulatory processes to contribute to decision making by proponents and government authorities.

5.2.1 NSW Aboriginal Land Council and Local Aboriginal Land Councils

The NSW Aboriginal Land Council (NSWALC) and Local Aboriginal Land Councils (LALCs) have statutory functions relevant to the protection of Aboriginal culture and heritage under the NSW *Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983*. These requirements do not extend the role of NSWALC and LALCs in the significance assessment process. That is, these requirements do not provide NSWALC and/or LALCs any additional or specific decision-making role in the assessment of significance of Aboriginal object(s) and/or place(s) that are subject to an AHIP application under Part 6 of the NPW Act.

LALCs may choose to register an interest to be involved in the consultation process, or may assist registered Aboriginal parties to participate in the consultation process established by these requirements. In order to ensure effective consultation and the subsequent informed heritage assessment, LALCs are encouraged to identify and make contact with Aboriginal people who hold cultural knowledge in their area.

For further information on LALCs and the role they can play in these requirements, see DECCWs *Fact sheet 4: Local Aboriginal Land Councils.*

5.3 Proponents

Proponents operate within a commercial environment which includes:

- financial and management issues, priorities and deadlines
- the need to obtain broad community support and acceptance in order to secure any necessary approval/consent/licence/permit to operate
- the desire for clearer processes and certainty of outcomes
- the need for suitable access to land for the purpose of their development project
- a need to work efficiently within the project's time, quality and cost planning and management parameters
- the need for culturally appropriate assessment findings relevant to their project.

Under these requirements, proponents should:

- bring the registered Aboriginal parties 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 registered Aboriginal parties 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 DECCW of consultation by including information relevant to the cultural perspectives, views, knowledge and advice provided by the registered Aboriginal parties
- accurately record and clearly articulate all consultation findings in the final cultural heritage assessment report

- provide copies of their cultural heritage assessment report to the registered Aboriginal parties who have been consulted
- submit an application to DECCW for an AHIP in a timely manner and with all required information.

7 Appendix 2

7.1 AHIMS Searches

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8.1 AHIMS site cards

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Stage 2-3 RAP response

From: Ethan Trewlynn
To: consultation
Cc: Olivier Rochecouste
Subject: Re: Rouse Hill Hospital Development. Draft Project Methodology – Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment (Niche ref: #8595)
Date: Thursday, 1 August 2024 4:58:48 PM
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Hi Olivier,

You're welcome.

Thank you for that also, I appreciate it.

I look forward to hearing from you again soon.

Kind regards,
Ethan

On Thu, 1 Aug 2024, 4:57 pm consultation, <consultation@niche-eh.com> wrote:

> Hi Ethan,
>
> Thank you for your quick response
>
> I have noted your support for the methodology.
>
> We'll be in touch.
>
> Kind regards,
>
> Olivier
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> Dr Olivier Rochecouste BA, MRes (Distinction), PhD
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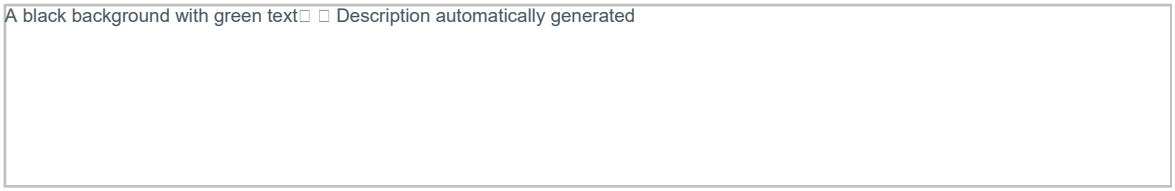

From: Ethan Trewlynn [redacted]>
Sent: Thursday, August 1, 2024 2:57 PM
To: Olivier Rochecouste <[redacted]
Subject: Re: Rouse Hill Hospital Development. Draft Project Methodology – Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment (Niche ref: #8595)

Good afternoon Olivier

I support the methodology for this project.

This area is quiet significant to the Dharug people due to the location being close to water sources in the area and potential trading of materials in the area.

Kind regards,
Ethan

On Thu, 1 Aug 2024, 2:22 pm Olivier Rochecouste, <[redacted] wrote:

> Dear Registered Stakeholder,
>
> I hope this email finds you well.
>
> Thank you for your registered interest in the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment (ACHA) for the proposed Rouse Hill Hospital Development (RHHD) located on the corner of Commercial Road and Windsor Road, Rouse Hill, New South Wales (Lot 311 DP 1274392 and Lot 312 DP 1274392).
>
> In accordance with Section 4.2 and 4.3 of the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents (DECCW 2010), Health Infrastructure (here on referred to as 'the Proponent') is initiating arrangements for presenting information to the RAPs about the proposed hospital development at Rouse Hill, and the ACHA methodology.
>
> Please find within this letter a document that provides:
>
> — a brief description of the RHHD; and
> — the proposed methodology for conducting the ACHA.
>
> Please review the RHHD ACHA information and methodology. If you have any comments, suggestions, or queries regarding the methodology, or wish to supply any knowledge regarding the cultural significance of the RHHD Subject Area or the wider region in general, please contact Niche Environment and Heritage Pty Ltd (Niche) using the contact details below as soon as possible.
>
> Details of the project, contact information and how to register are in the attached letter.
>
> Please return any comments or feedback on the RHHD ACHA Information or Methodology by 5 pm, 29 August 2024.
>
> Yours sincerely,

Olivier

From: consultation
To: Carolyn .H; Olivier Rochecouste
Subject: RE: Rouse Hill Hospital Development. Draft Project Methodology – Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment (Niche ref: #8595)
Date: Tuesday, 6 August 2024 5:54:48 AM
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Hi Carolyn,
Thank you for your response and providing your latest insurances for A1 Indigenous Services.
I have noted your support for the methodology.
We'll be in touch.
Kind regards,
Olivier

Dr Olivier Rochecouste BA, MRes (Distinction), PhD
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From: Carolyn .H
Sent: Sunday, August 4, 2024 9:56 PM
To: Olivier Rochecouste <
Subject: Re: Rouse Hill Hospital Development. Draft Project Methodology – Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment (Niche ref: #8595)

A1 INDIGENOUS SERVICES

Contact: Carolyn Hickey

ABN: : 20 616 970 327

Hi,

I have reviewed the document and support the Information and Methodology.
I Would like to be included in all Meetings, Reports, Sharing Cultural Information, and Field Work

About Carolyn Hickey
I am a Traditional Owner and Custodian with over 25 years experience in helping preserve Aboriginal cultural heritage on projects.
I hold cultural knowledge relevant to determining the cultural significance of Aboriginal objects and values that exist in the project area.

I have attached A1 Indigenous Services Insurances.

A1 INDIGENOUS SERVICES, Represents over 100 Indigenous Locals

When Selecting Groups for Engagement;

Please consider that **A1 INDIGENOUS SERVICES** is a member of the **NSW INDIGENOUS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.**

We carry the NSWICC Assured logo showing that **A1 Indigenous Services** has met National Policy requirements as upheld by the First Australians Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FACCI) for being identified as a **100% First Nations Owned Indigenous Business** That has demonstrate compliance with Government and Industry Regulators.

I agree to my details being supplied to OEH and the LALC

Please feel free to contact me on details supplied

Kind Regards,

Carolyn Hickey

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(Certificate attached) A certificate confirms that the Enterprise listed above has met all requirements of the NSWICC's Assured Program , operating as a100% Aboriginal Owned, Operated and Controlled Business. The NSW Indigenous Chamber of Commerce (NSWICC) is the Peak body for Aboriginal Business in New South Wales and a member of the First Australians Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FACCI)

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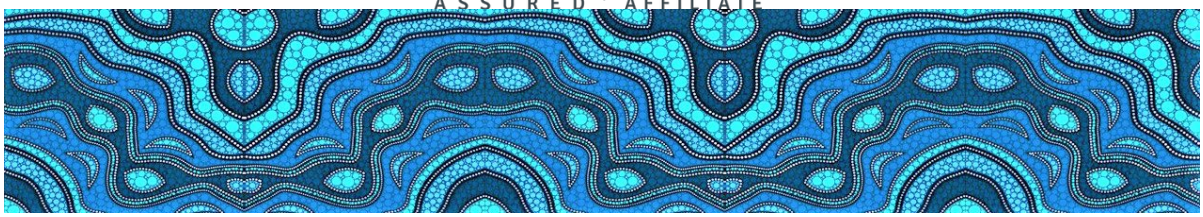


From: Olivier Rochecouste <[redacted]
Sent: Thursday, 1 August 2024 2:20 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Rouse Hill Hospital Development. Draft Project Methodology – Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment (Niche ref: #8595)

Dear Registered Stakeholder,

I hope this email finds you well.

Thank you for your registered interest in the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment (ACHA) for the proposed Rouse Hill Hospital Development (RHHD) located on the corner of Commercial Road and Windsor Road, Rouse Hill, New South Wales (Lot 311 DP 1274392 and Lot 312 DP 1274392).

In accordance with Section 4.2 and 4.3 of the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents (DECCW 2010), Health Infrastructure (here on referred to as 'the Proponent') is initiating arrangements for presenting information to the RAPs about the proposed hospital development at Rouse Hill, and the ACHA methodology.

Please find within this letter a document that provides:

— a brief description of the RHHD; and
— the proposed methodology for conducting the ACHA.

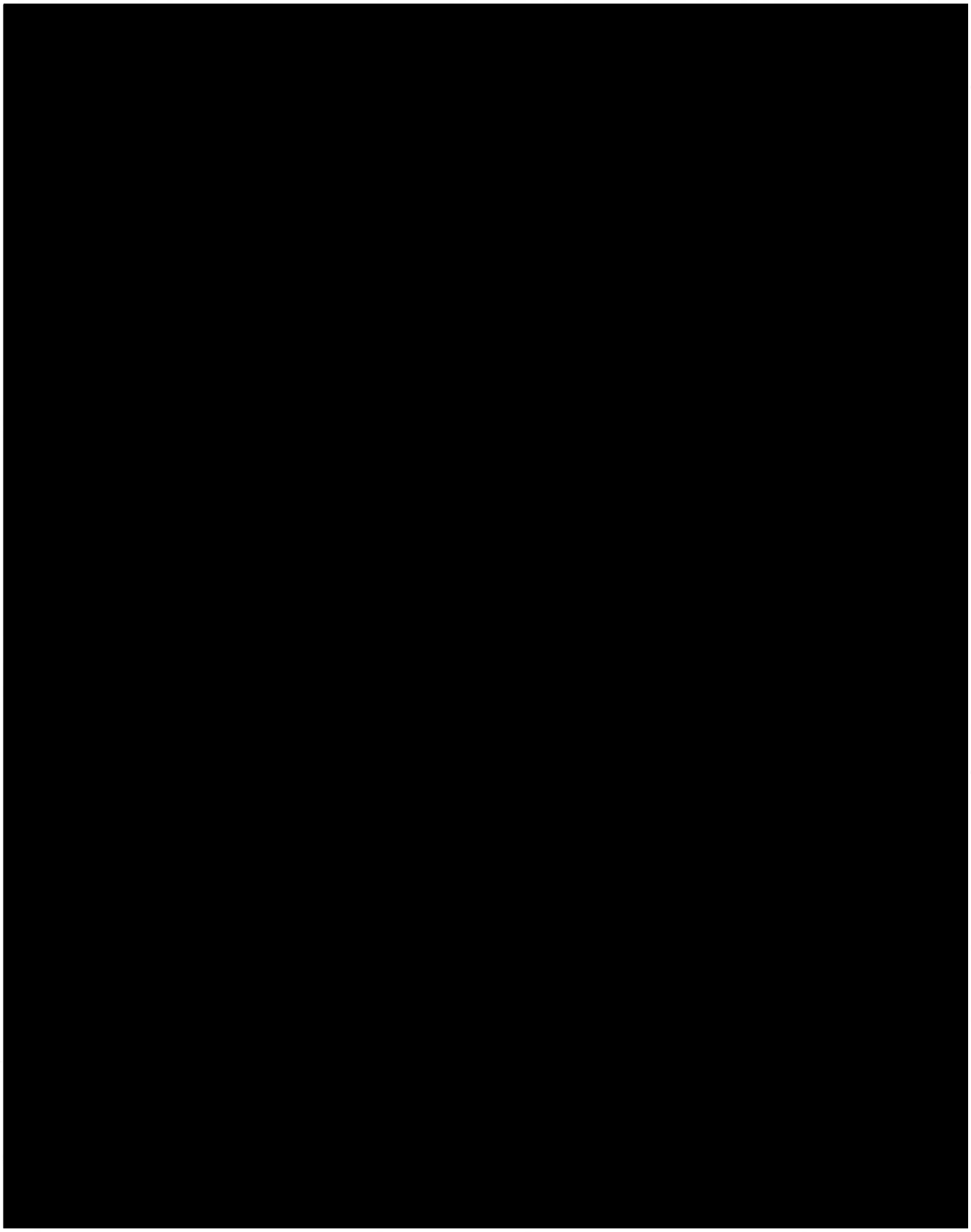
Please review the RHHD ACHA information and methodology. If you have any comments, suggestions, or queries regarding the methodology, or wish to supply any knowledge regarding the cultural significance of the RHHD Subject Area or the wider region in general, please contact Niche Environment and Heritage Pty Ltd (Niche) using the contact details below as soon as possible.

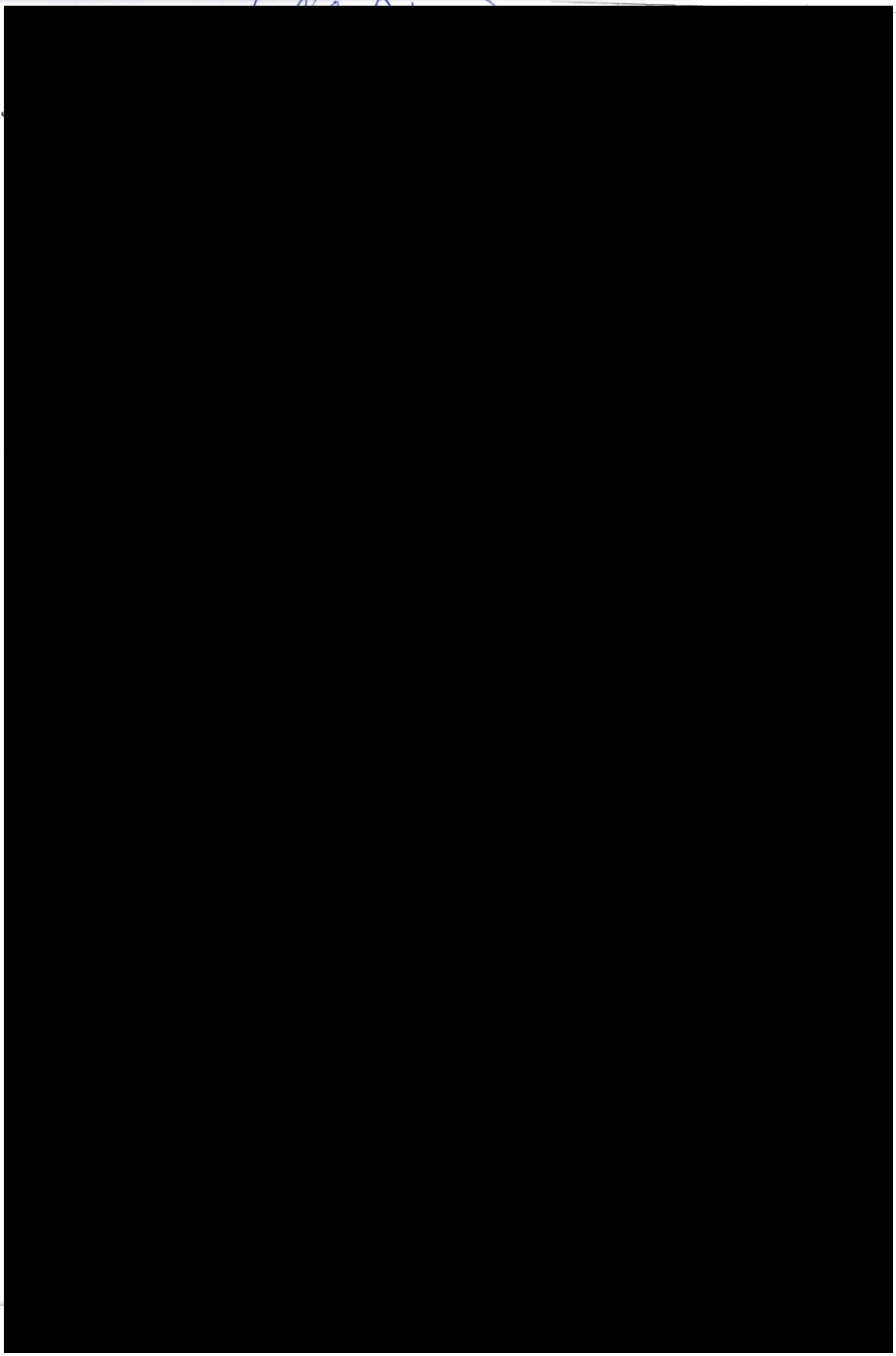
Details of the project, contact information and how to register are in the attached letter.

Please return any comments or feedback on the RHHD ACHA Information or Methodology by 5 pm, 29 August 2024.

Yours sincerely,

Olivier





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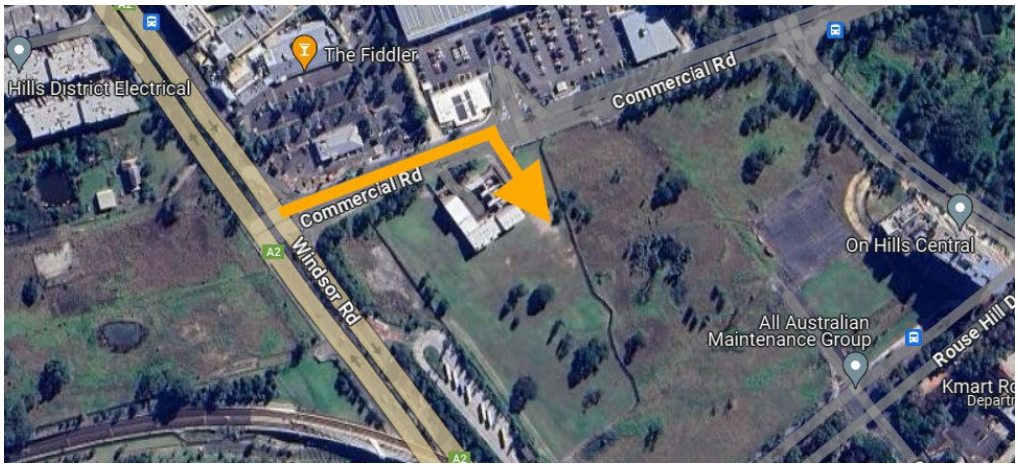

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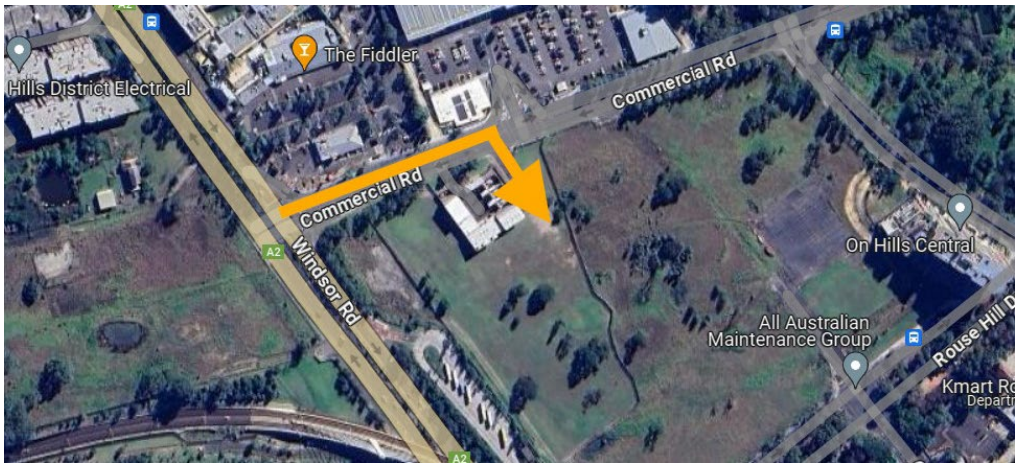

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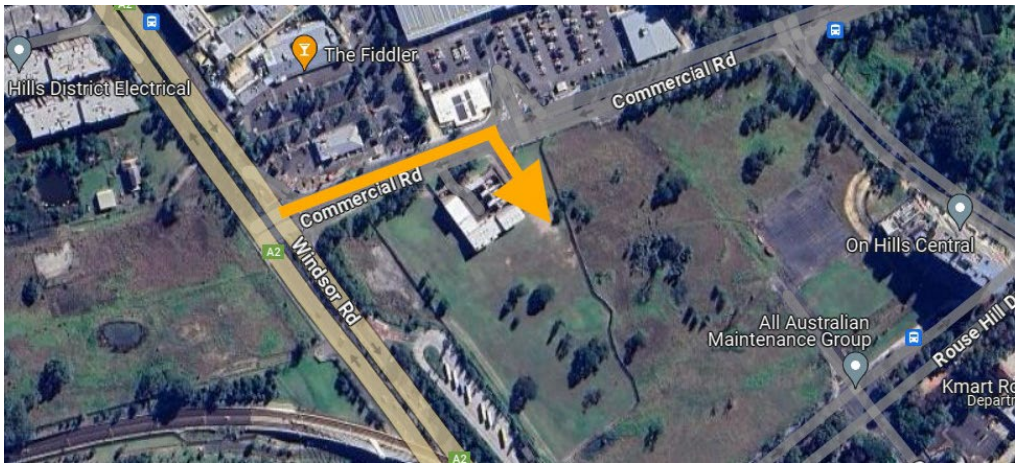

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Lee Field

Barraby Cultural Services

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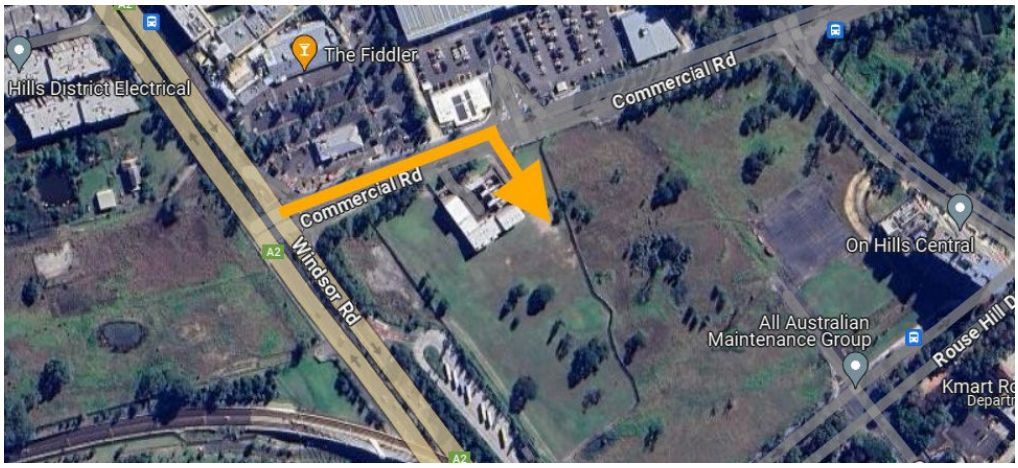

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Marilyn Carroll-Johnson

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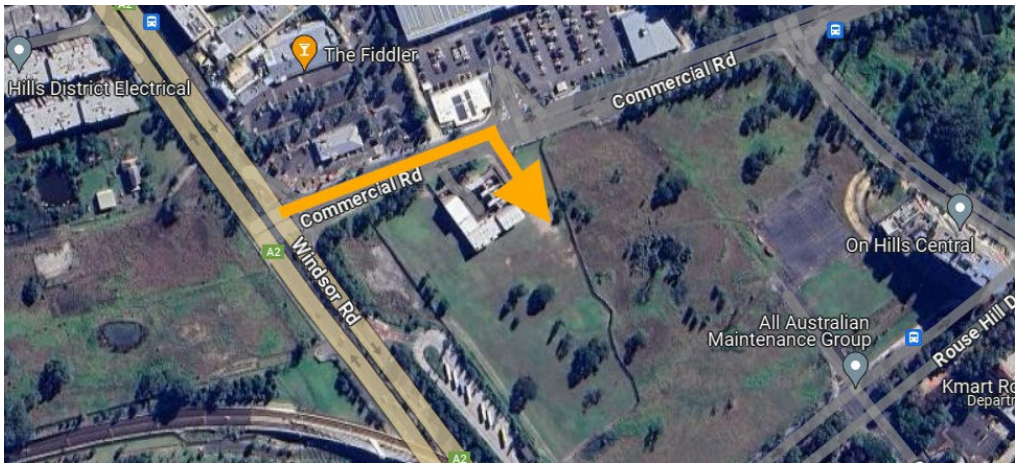

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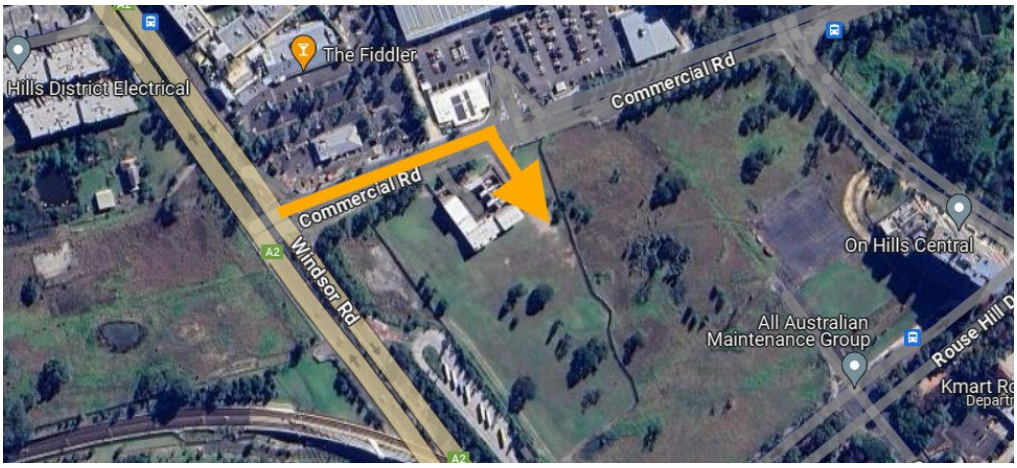

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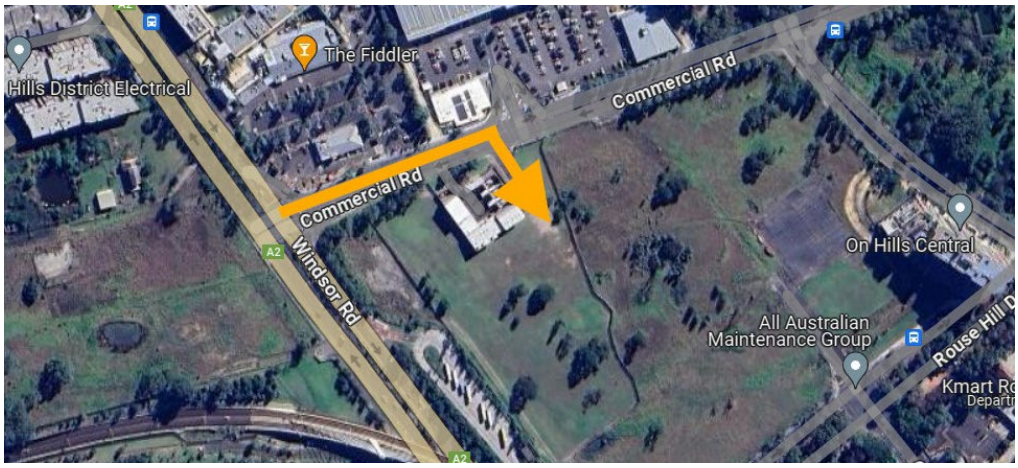

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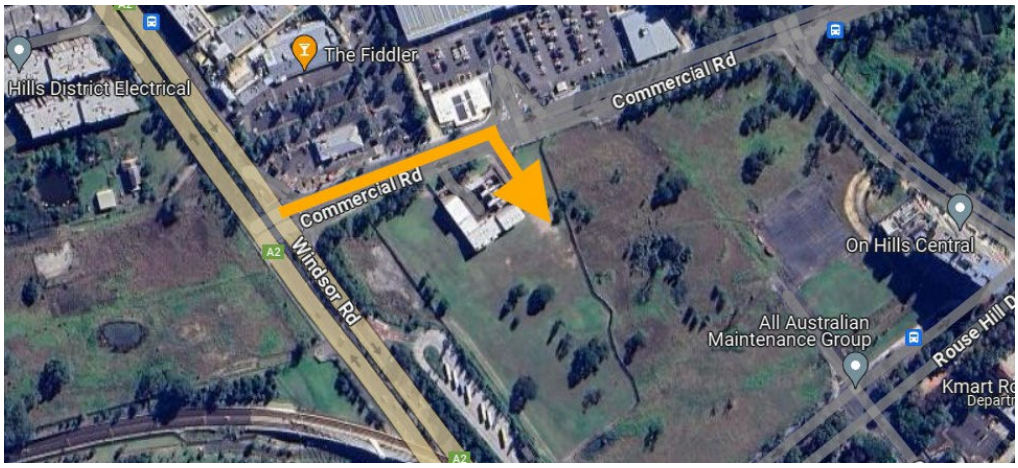

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Didge Ngunawal Clan
33 Carlyle Crescent
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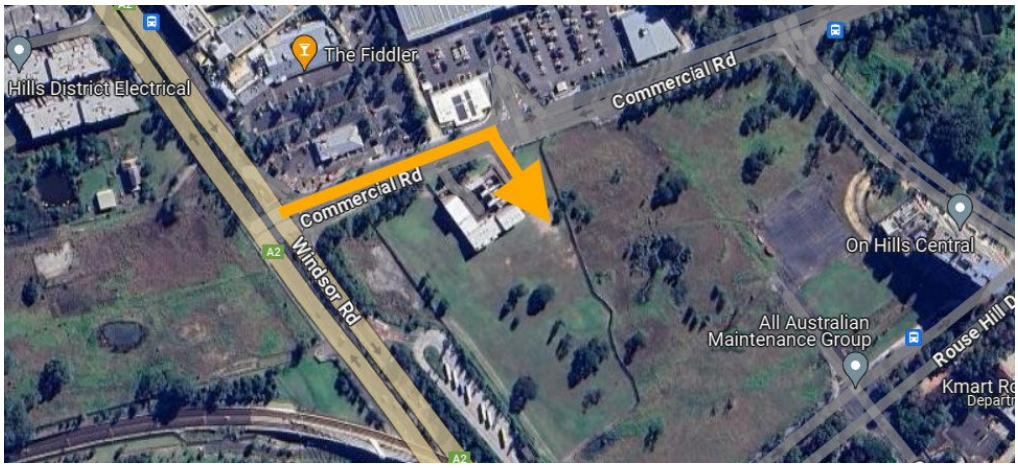

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Gunjeewong Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation

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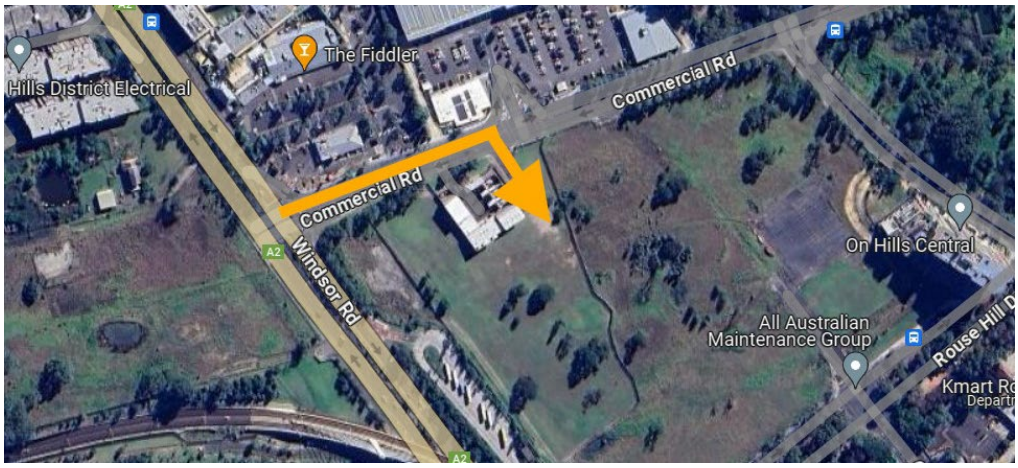

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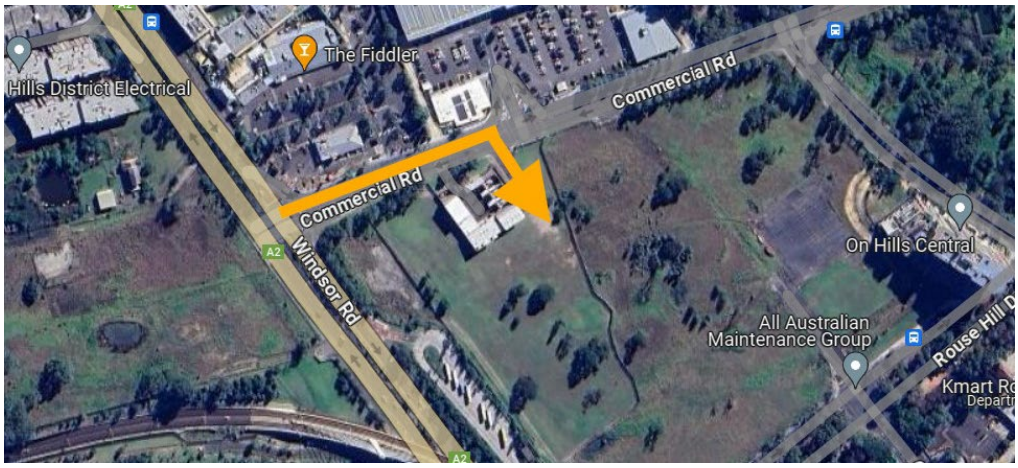

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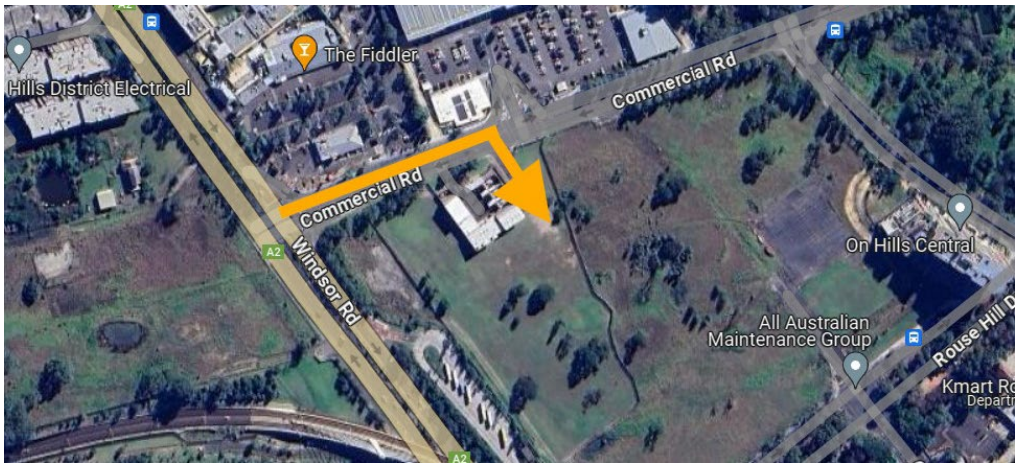

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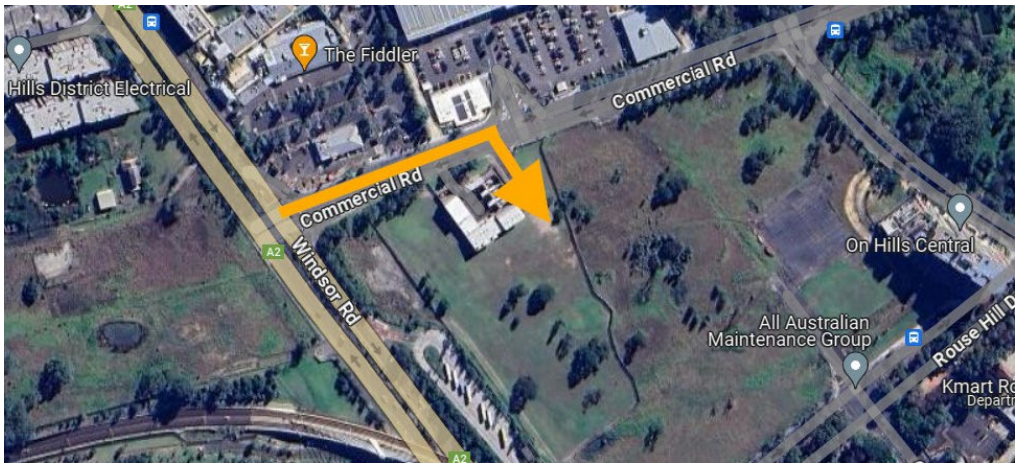

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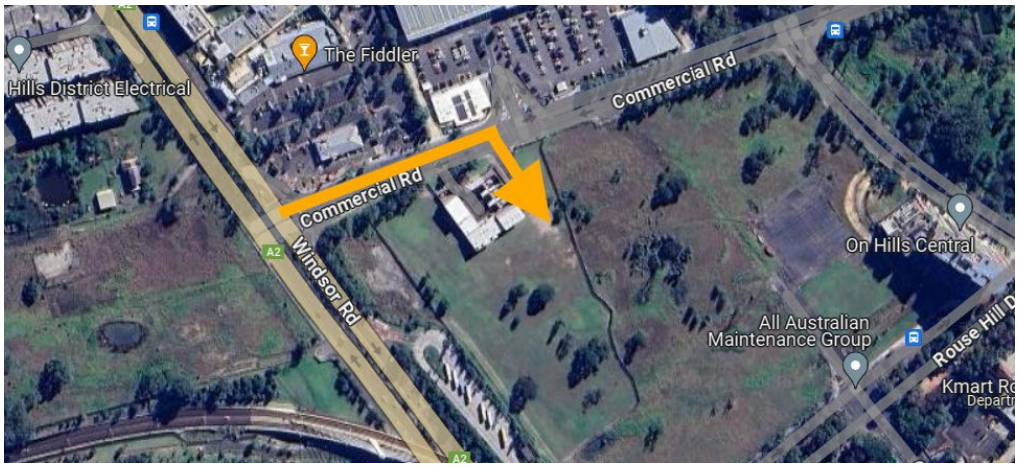

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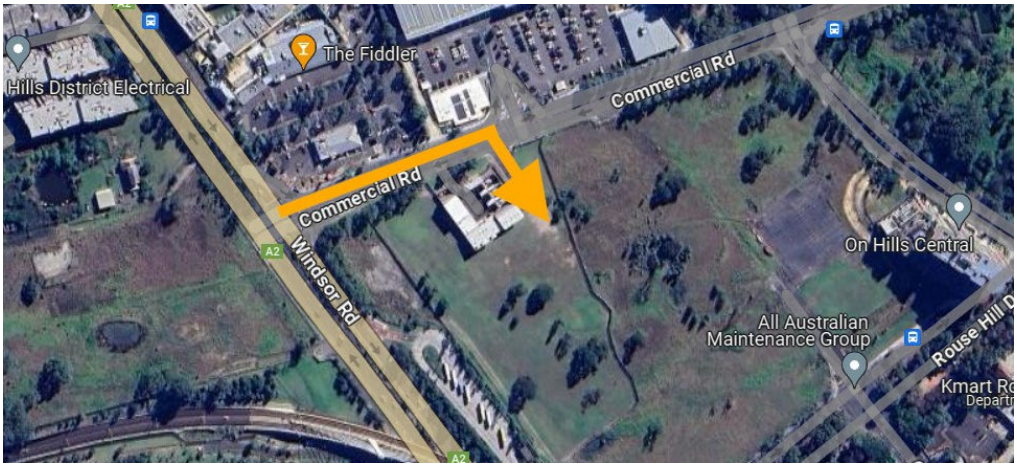

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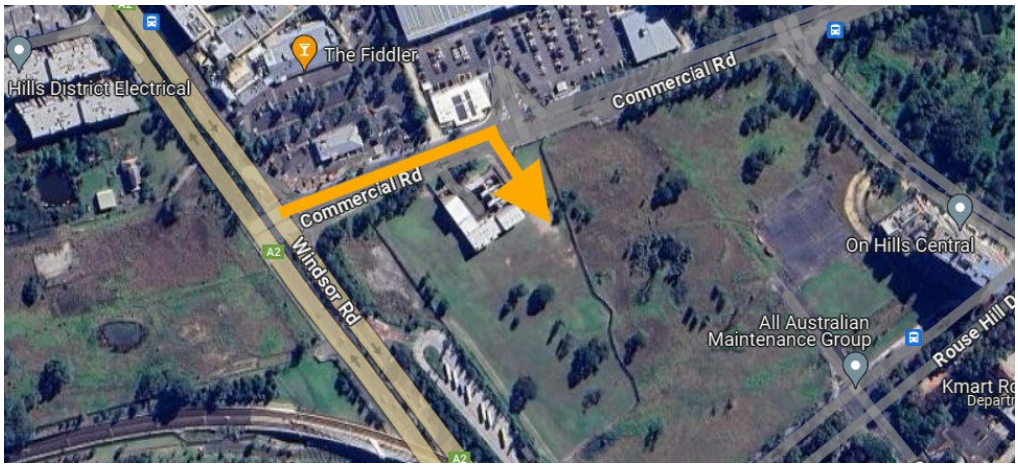

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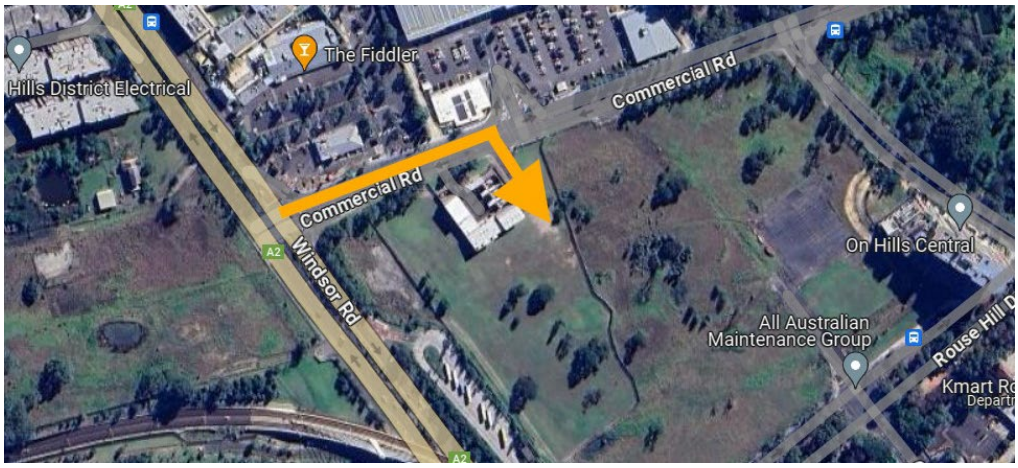

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Waawaar Awaa Aboriginal Corporation

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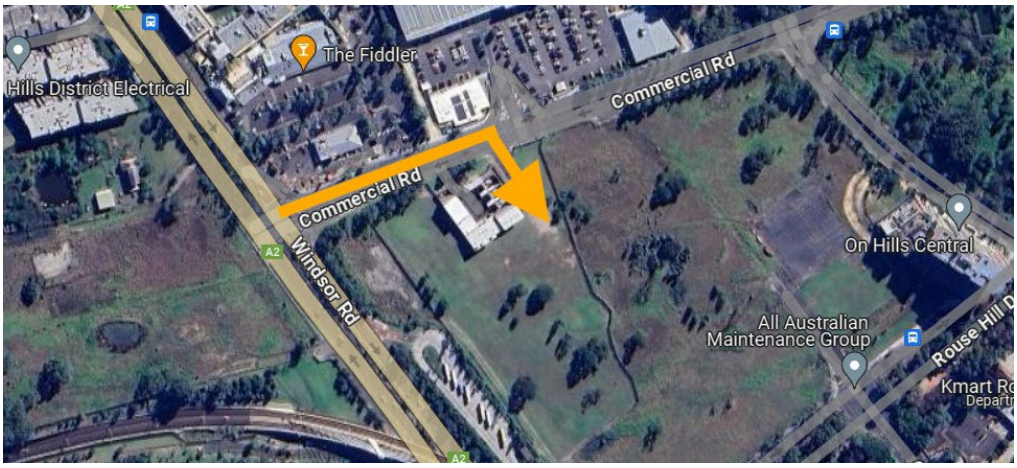

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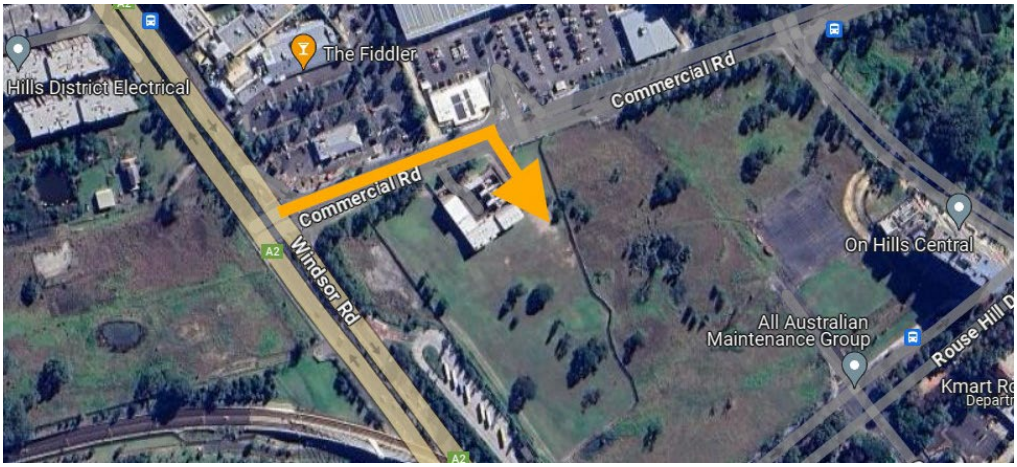

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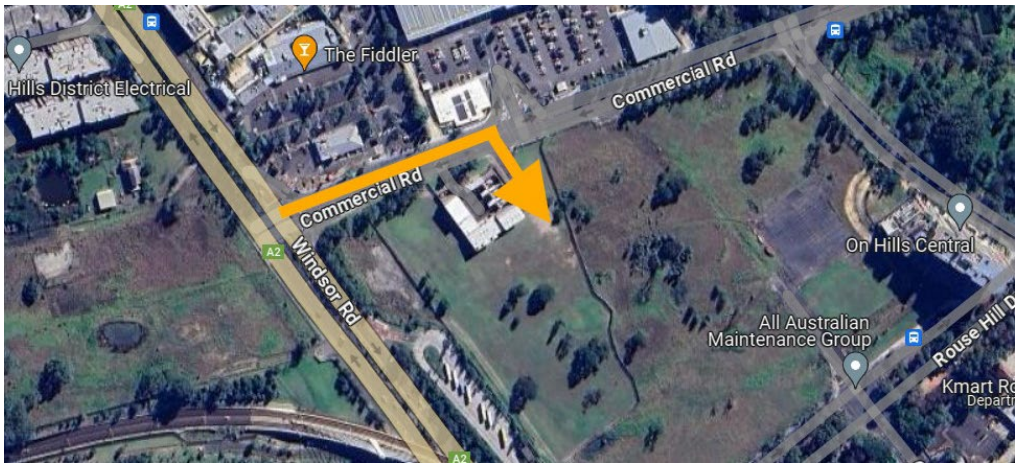

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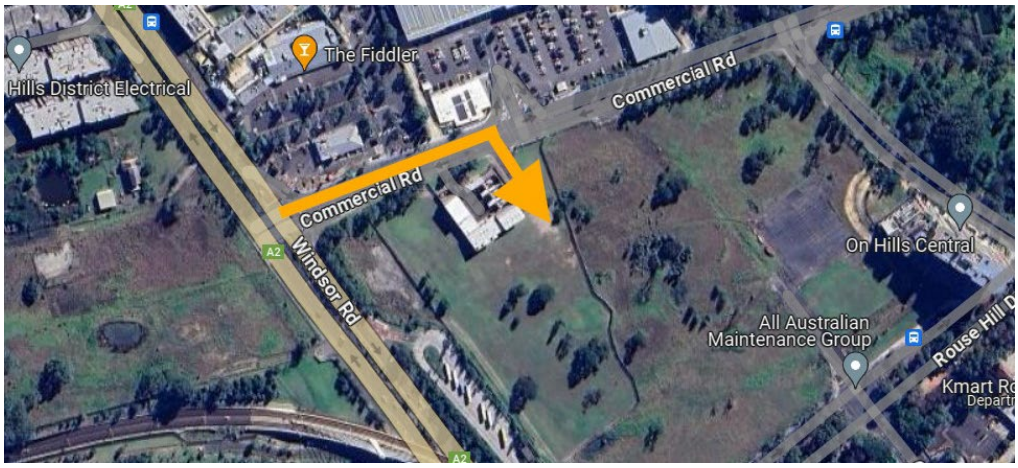

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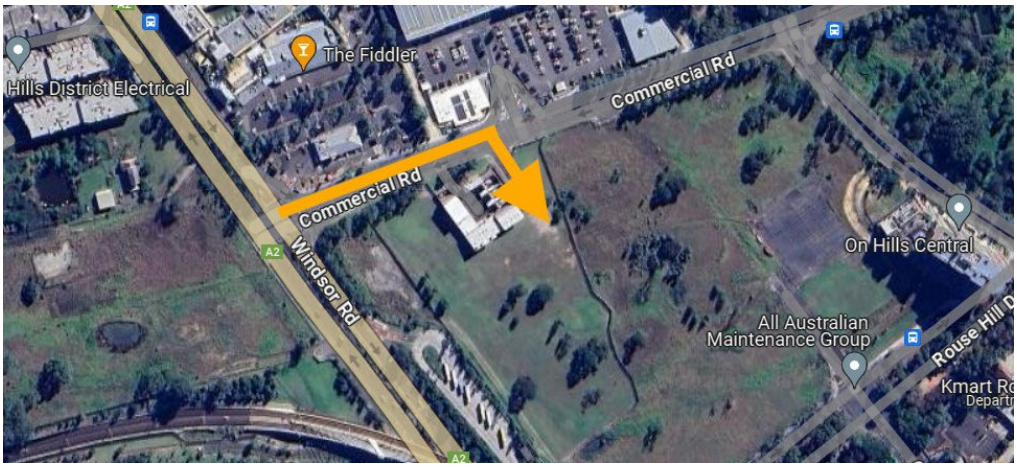

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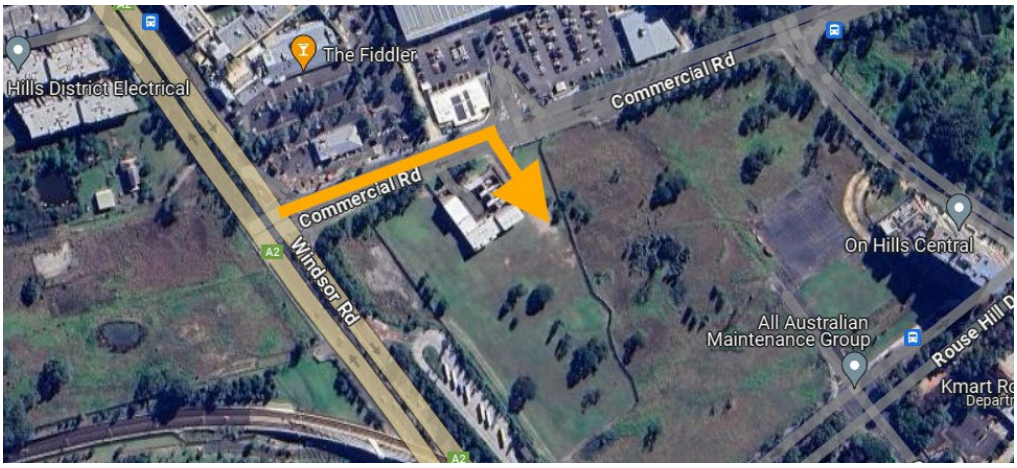

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Colin Gale

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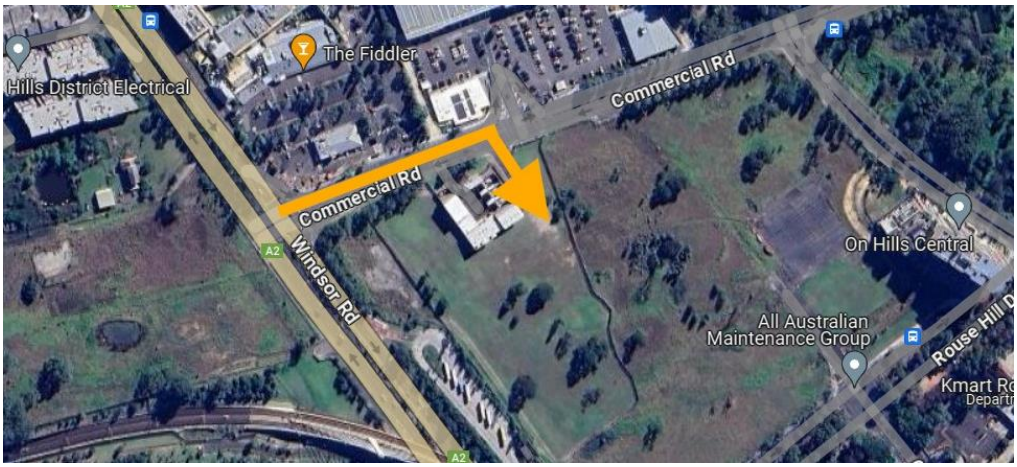

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Kaarina Slater

Ngambaa Cultural Connections

[redacted]

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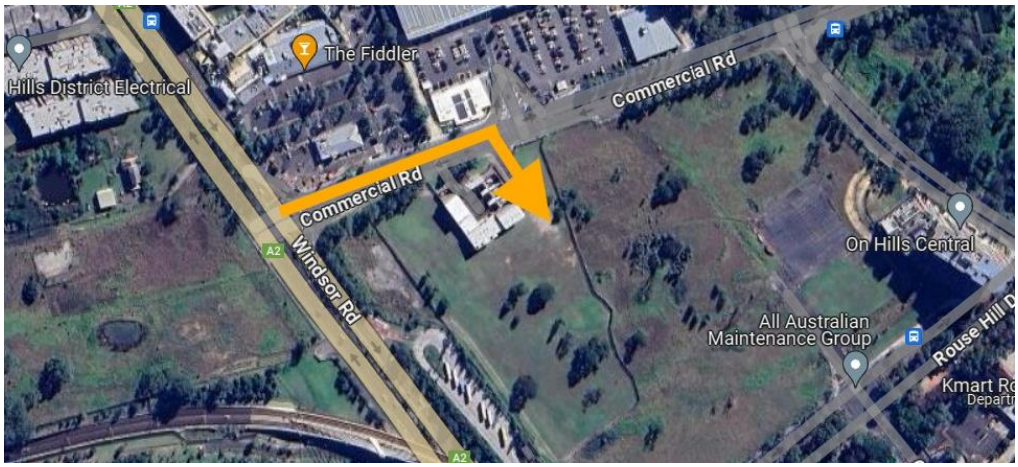

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Kerrie and Vicky Slater

Wurrumay Pty Ltd

[redacted]

Dear Kerrie and Vicky,

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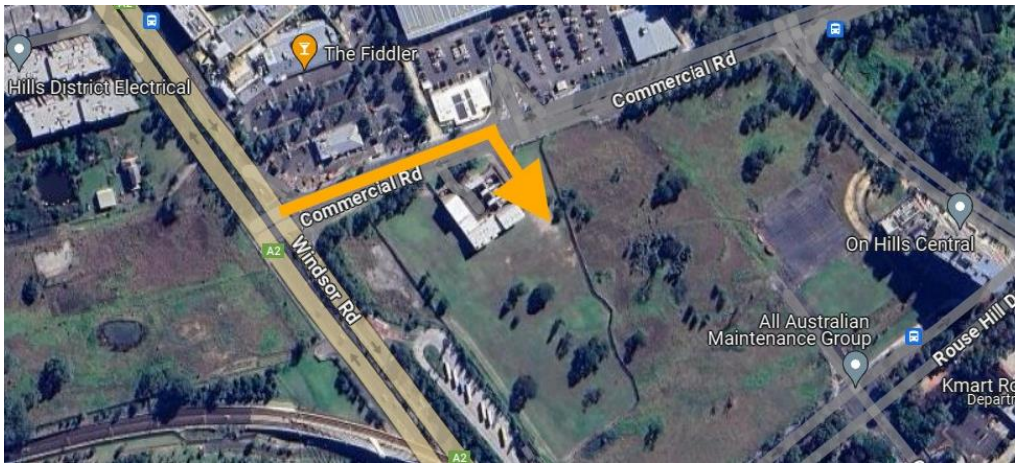

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From: Ethan Trewlynn
To: Olivier Rochecouste
Subject: Re: Rouse Hill Hospital ACHA – Site visit/ RAP meeting- Invitation letter (Niche ref: #8595)
Date: Tuesday, 13 August 2024 8:56:11 AM

Hi Olivier,

You're welcome, I'll be coming to the meeting. I'll send off my insurances today.

Kind regards,
Ethan

On Tue, 13 Aug 2024, 8:36 am Olivier Rochecouste, <[redacted] wrote:

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> Olivier

From: lilly carroll
To: Olivier Rochecouste
Subject: Re: Rouse Hill Hospital ACHA – Site visit/ RAP meeting- Invitation letter (Niche ref: #8595)
Date: Tuesday, 13 August 2024 1:42:23 PM
Attachments: IMG_0293.png
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Hi Olivier

Paul Boyd will be attending on [redacted] at half day rate, cheers

[redacted]

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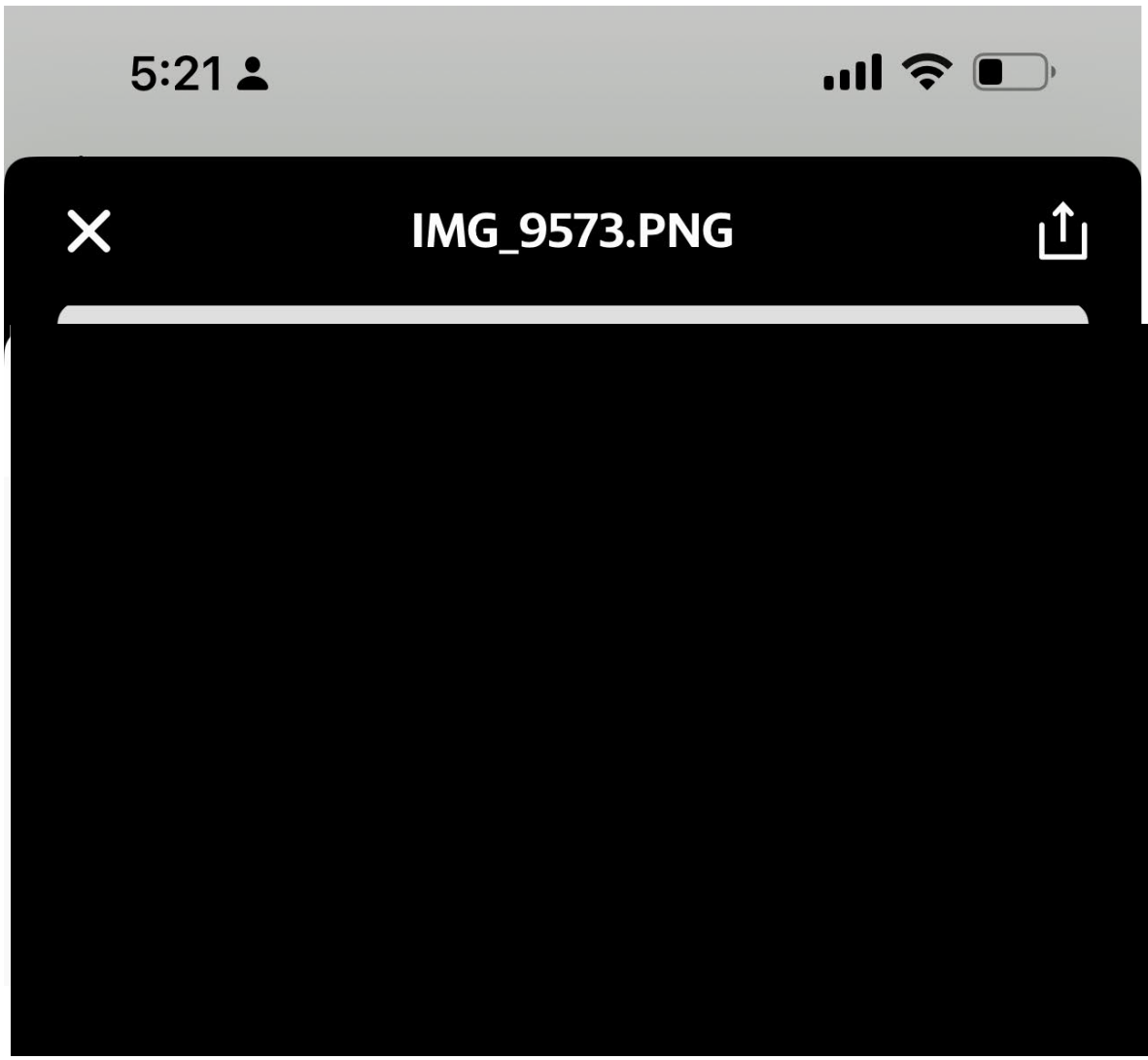

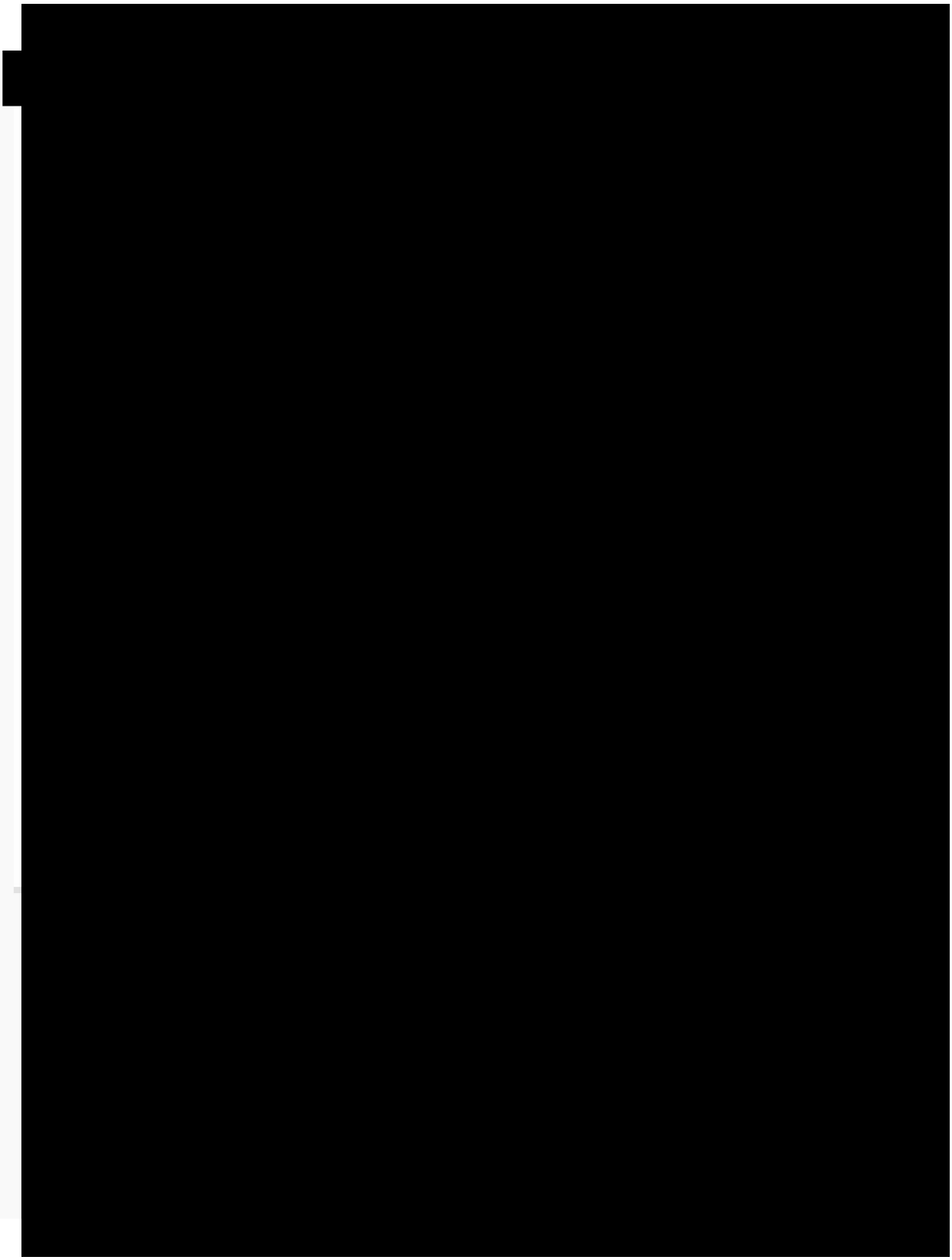

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From: consultation
To: Steven Johnson; Olivier Rochecouste
Subject: RE: Rouse Hill Hospital ACHA – Site visit/ RAP meeting- Invitation letter (Niche ref: #8595)
Date: Tuesday, 13 August 2024 10:47:23 AM
Attachments: image001.png

Hi Steven,

Thank you for your response.

Looking forward to meeting you face to face next Tuesday.

Any problems getting there, do give me a call.

Kind regards,

Olivier

Dr Olivier Rochecouste BA, MRes (Distinction), PhD
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From: Steven Johnson <[redacted]>
Sent: Tuesday, August 13, 2024 9:50 AM
To: Olivier Rochecouste <[redacted]>
Subject: Re: Rouse Hill Hospital ACHA – Site visit/ RAP meeting- Invitation letter (Niche ref: #8595)

Good morning Olivier

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Cheers
Steve - Director WAC

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Subject: Re: Rouse Hill Hospital ACHA – Site visit/ RAP meeting- Invitation letter (Niche ref: #8595)
Date: Tuesday, 13 August 2024 10:30:38 AM
Attachments: 8595_RHH_Site Invite_240813.pdf

Oliver,

Please be advised that we will not attend site visit with being provided proper fees for service. This is not consultation, this is a site visit that requires insurance certificate of currency. Please advise the proponent that Yarrawalk will not attend with payment.

I look forward to your response.

Regards
Scott Franks
Yarrawalk PTY Limited
[redacted]

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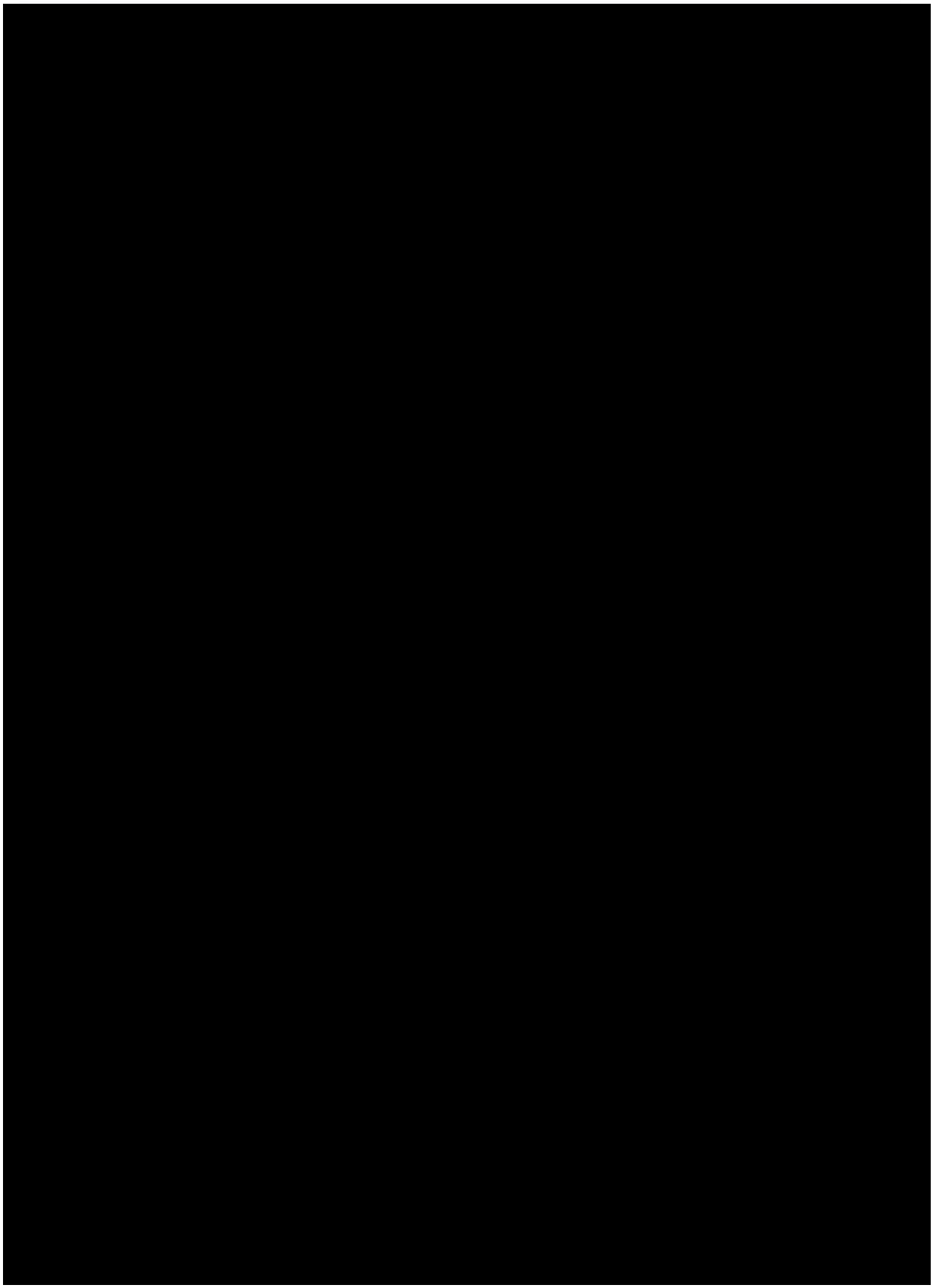

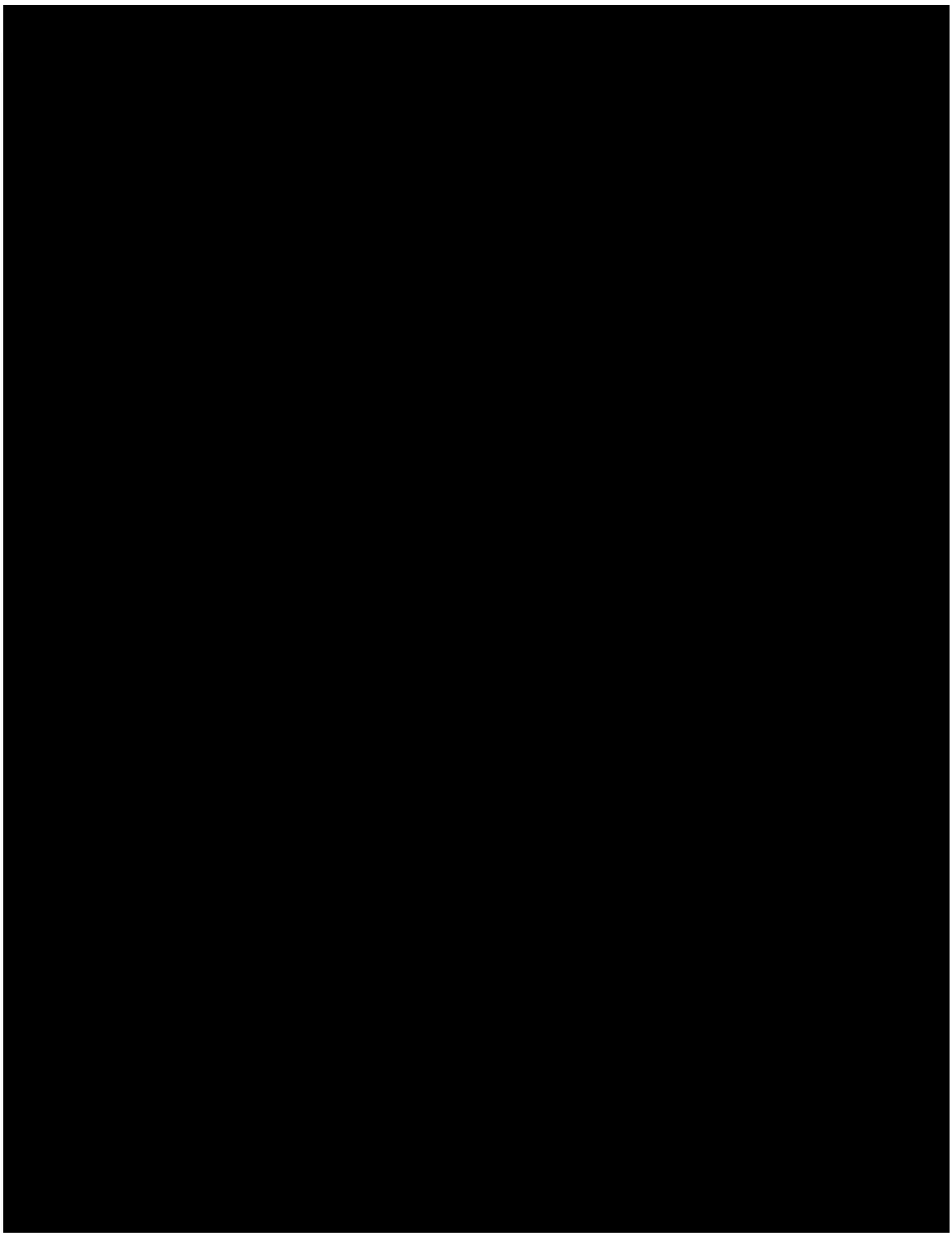

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From: consultation
To: Phil Khan
Subject: RE: 8595 Rouse Hill Hospital ACHA- Methodology document for review
Date: Monday, 10 March 2025 10:05:00 AM
Attachments: image001.png
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Thanks so much Phil for providing your feedback it's always much appreciated!

Carly Todhunter BA, BSc (Hons)
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From: Phil Khan [redacted]>
Sent: Friday, 28 February 2025 4:12 PM
To: consultation <consultation@niche-eh.com>
Subject: Re: 8595 Rouse Hill Hospital ACHA- Methodology document for review

Hi Carly,

Thank you for your methodology for Rouse Hill Hospital. The study area is highly significant and sensitive to our people and would have been utilised for it resources such as hunting kangaroos & wallabies , gathering plant foods and fishing in the Cattai Creek and Hawkesbury River, ceremonies and potential burial sites. We would like to agree and support your methodology to investigate further in the way of site survey. We look forward to working alongside you on this project.

Kind Regards

Phil Khan – Director

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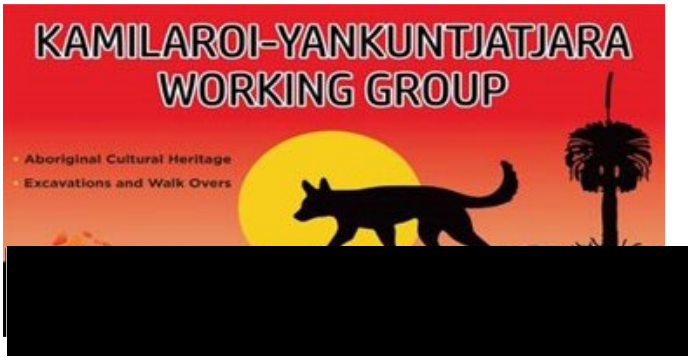

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Sent: Friday, 31 January 2025 4:19 PM
To: consultation <consultation@niche-eh.com>
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From: consultation
To: Arika J
Subject: RE: 8595 Rouse Hill Hospital ACHA- Methodology document for review
Date: Tuesday, 18 February 2025 1:13:00 PM
Attachments: image001.png

Awesome thanks so much for sending this all through Arika. I've just sent an email earlier today with the survey details- will you be attending on the day?

Warm regards,

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From: Arika J <[redacted]
Sent: Friday, 14 February 2025 7:26 PM
To: consultation <consultation@niche-eh.com>
Subject: Re: 8595 Rouse Hill Hospital ACHA- Methodology document for review

Dear Carly,

I have reviewed and agree with the methodology for this project and I would like to be involved in the site survey. Please find my insurance's attached.

[redacted]

[redacted]

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From: consultation
To: Darleen Johnson
Subject: RE: 8595 Rouse Hill Hospital ACHA- Methodology document for review
Date: Tuesday, 18 February 2025 1:07:00 PM
Attachments: image001.png

Hi Darleen,

Thanks for your response- its much appreciated.

I've sent through a survey invite email just earlier today- it would be great if you could confirm the details of your nominated representative (including phone number) for the survey. We will just require copies of your insurance documents (workers comp and public liability) as well to be engaged.

Thanks in advance,

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Sent: Wednesday, 12 February 2025 5:34 PM
To: consultation <consultation@niche-eh.com>
Subject: Re: 8595 Rouse Hill Hospital ACHA- Methodology document for review

Hi Carly
I have read the project information ACHA methodology for the above project, I endorse the recommendations made. Please keep our company in mind for the survey please.
Thanks
Darleen
[redacted]

On Friday 31 January 2025 at 04:19:35 pm AEDT, consultation <consultation@niche-eh.com> wrote:

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Warm regards,

Carly Todhunter BA, BSc (Hons)
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From: consultation
To: BCS GROUP
Subject: RE: 8595 Rouse Hill Hospital ACHA- Methodology document for review
Date: Tuesday, 18 February 2025 12:42:00 PM
Attachments: image001.png

Thanks Lee for your response- its much appreciated!

I'll add Bo to our list of attendees for March 4th survey. Can you please also send a copy of the public liability insurance as I think I have only received the workers comp in your email?

Thanks so much,

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From: BCS GROUP [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, 12 February 2025 10:57 AM
To: consultation <consultation@niche-eh.com>
Subject: Re: 8595 Rouse Hill Hospital ACHA- Methodology document for review

Hi Carly,

Hope you're well – long time no speak! :) We agree with the methodology and would like to be put forward for the upcoming survey. The site officer attending will be Bo. Please find our insurances attached, and let me know if you need anything else.

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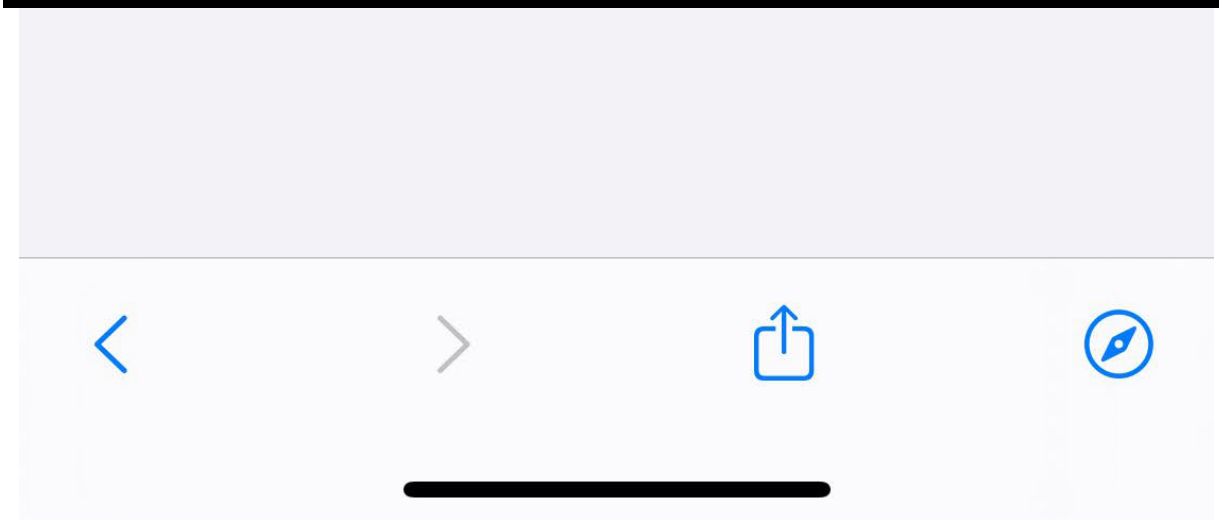

Regards,
Lee

Lee Field (she/her)
Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Officer - Sydney region
Manager and Director

[redacted]

I acknowledge the Aboriginal people of the country on which I work, their traditions, culture and a shared history and identity. I also pay my respects to Elders past and present and recognise the continued connection to country. Sovereignty has never been ceded. It always was and always will be, Aboriginal land.

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From: consultation
To: Carolyn .H
Subject: RE: 8595 Rouse Hill Hospital ACHA- Methodology document for review
Date: Tuesday, 18 February 2025 12:37:00 PM
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Hi Carolyn,

Thanks for sending through your methodology response- its much appreciated! We are organising the site survey for Tuesday 4 March (more details are included in the separate email I just sent through). It would be great if a representative of A1 could attend. If you are interested, could you please send through the insurance confirmation for the current workers comp insurance as the one attached had recently expired.

Thanks very much,

Carly Todhunter BA, BSc (Hons)
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From: Carolyn .H[redacted]
Sent: Sunday, 9 February 2025 4:44 PM
To: consultation <consultation@niche-eh.com>
Subject: Re: 8595 Rouse Hill Hospital ACHA- Methodology document for review

A1 INDIGENOUS SERVICES

Contact: Carolyn Hickey

[redacted]

Hi,

I have reviewed the document and fully support the Information and Methodology.

I would like to be included in all meetings, reports, sharing of cultural information,

and fieldwork.

About Carolyn Hickey

I am a Traditional Owner and a Deerubbin land council member with over 25 years of experience and a preserving Aboriginal cultural heritage.

My extensive cultural knowledge is essential in determining the significance of Aboriginal objects and values within the project area.

I have attached A1 Indigenous Services Insurances.

A1 INDIGENOUS SERVICES, Represents over 100 Indigenous Locals

I agree to my details being shared with OEH and the LALC. Please do not publish this email.

Please feel free to contact me using the details provided above.

Kind regards,
Carolyn Hickey

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From: consultation
To: Ethan Trewlynn
Subject: RE: 8595 Rouse Hill Hospital ACHA- Methodology document for review
Date: Tuesday, 18 February 2025 12:31:00 PM
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Thanks for providing this feedback its much appreciated. Just wanting to also give you a heads up that we are currently planning a survey on Tuesday 4 March. I've sent out an email to you just earlier- it would be great it you could confirm your interest in attending.

Warm regards,

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From: Ethan Trewlynn <[redacted]>
Sent: Monday, 3 February 2025 12:22 PM
To: consultation <consultation@niche-eh.com>
Subject: Re: 8595 Rouse Hill Hospital ACHA- Methodology document for review

Hi Carly,

I agree with the methodology for this project as it's up to standards.
I'm happy with everything that I've read.

Kind regards,

Ethan

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From: consultation
To: Dean Delponte
Subject: RE: 8595 Rouse Hill Hospital ACHA- Methodology document for review
Date: Tuesday, 18 February 2025 12:20:00 PM
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Thanks Dean for sending through the insurance documents- I've added these to the project folder. We have just sent out the survey invitation letter and look forward to you joining us on the day on Tuesday 4 March.

Warm regards,

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From: Dean Delponte <[redacted]
Sent: Sunday, 2 February 2025 5:56 AM
To: consultation <consultation@niche-eh.com>
Subject: Re: 8595 Rouse Hill Hospital ACHA- Methodology document for review

Hi Carly,

We have reviewed the proposed methodology and agree with the approach. The systematic assessment, detailed recording, and compliance with the Code of Practice are important to ensure accurate identification and protection of Aboriginal cultural heritage.

We would also like to attend the site survey in March. Please keep us updated on the details, including the confirmed date, time, and meeting location.

Kind regards

Dean Delponte
[redacted]

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Carolyn Hickey

A1 Indigenous Services

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Yours sincerely,

Olivier Rochecouste

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Amanda Hickey

Amanda Hickey Cultural Services

[redacted]

Dear Amanda,

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Ralph Hampton

B.H. Heritage Consultants

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[redacted]

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Lee Field

Barraby Cultural Services

[redacted]

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Marilyn Carroll-Johnson

Corroboree Aboriginal Corporation

[redacted]

Dear Marilyn,

Re: Rouse Hill Hospital ACHA – Site visit/ RAP meeting- Invitation letter (Niche ref: #8595)

Thank you for your involvement to date in the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment (ACHA) for the proposed Rouse Hill Hospital at Commercial Road, Rouse Hill, NSW (the Subject Area). This assessment is being undertaken on behalf of Health Infrastructure NSW (the Proponent).

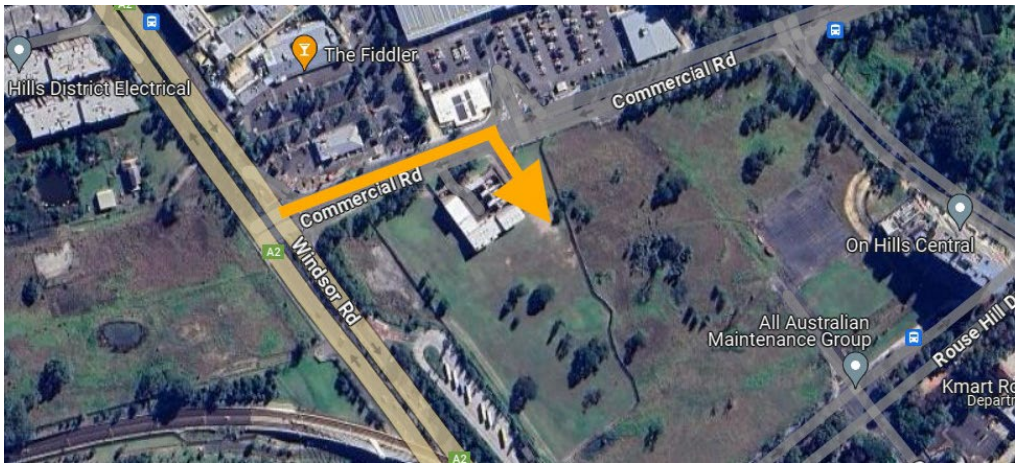
On behalf of the proponent, Niche Environment and Heritage (Niche) would like to invite you to attend an on-site project information meeting for the ACHA.

The meeting will take place on Tuesday 20 August 2024 at 12 pm. We anticipate the meeting will take 1 – 2 hours. Please note that time and costs for attendance of the meeting will not be reimbursed.

The purpose of the meeting is to:

- Discuss in further detail the scope of works of the project.
- Provide an update on the project's progress and schedule including a discussion of the survey and test excavation results for the site during the 2023 ACHA undertaken by Urbis.
- Provide details on the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Plan (ACHMP) that is being developed for the project.
- Discuss the cultural heritage assessment methodology including the proposed salvage methodology for Commercial Road AFT 2 (AHIMS ID# 45-5-5671) to be conducted following the approval of the ACHMP by Heritage NSW.
- Open comments regarding the project.

Please meet on-site at the intersection of Commercial and Windsor Roads (orange arrow below). Access through the secured front gate will be from 11:45 am. If you require access after this time, please ring Olivier Rochecouste on 0488 774 105.



One Niche representative will be present for the meeting. Their contact details are:

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Justine Coplin

Darug Custodian Aboriginal Corporation

[redacted]

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Steven Randall

Deerubbin Local Aboriginal Land Council

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Dharug Strategic Management Group (DSMG)

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Didge Ngunawal Clan

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Kamilaroi Yankuntjatjara Working Group

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Date:	Tuesday, 15 April 2025 1:49:00 PM
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Thanks in advance,

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Re: New Rouse Hill Hospital ACHA Draft report update for review (Niche ref: #8595)

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Ben Slack

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Email: consultation@niche-eh.com

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Yours sincerely,

Carly Todhunter

Heritage Consultant

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From: Carly Todhunter
To: consultation
Bcc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: 8595 New Rouse Hill Hospital ACHA report update for RAP review
Date: Tuesday, 15 April 2025 2:22:00 PM
Attachments: image001.png
8595_Updated draft ACHA RAP letter_20250415.pdf

Good afternoon,

Apologies for any confusion- the closing date for comments should have read Tuesday 13th May 2025. I have updated the RAP letter and reattached to this email for your records. Looking forward to receiving your comments shortly,

Warm regards,

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Heritage Consultant

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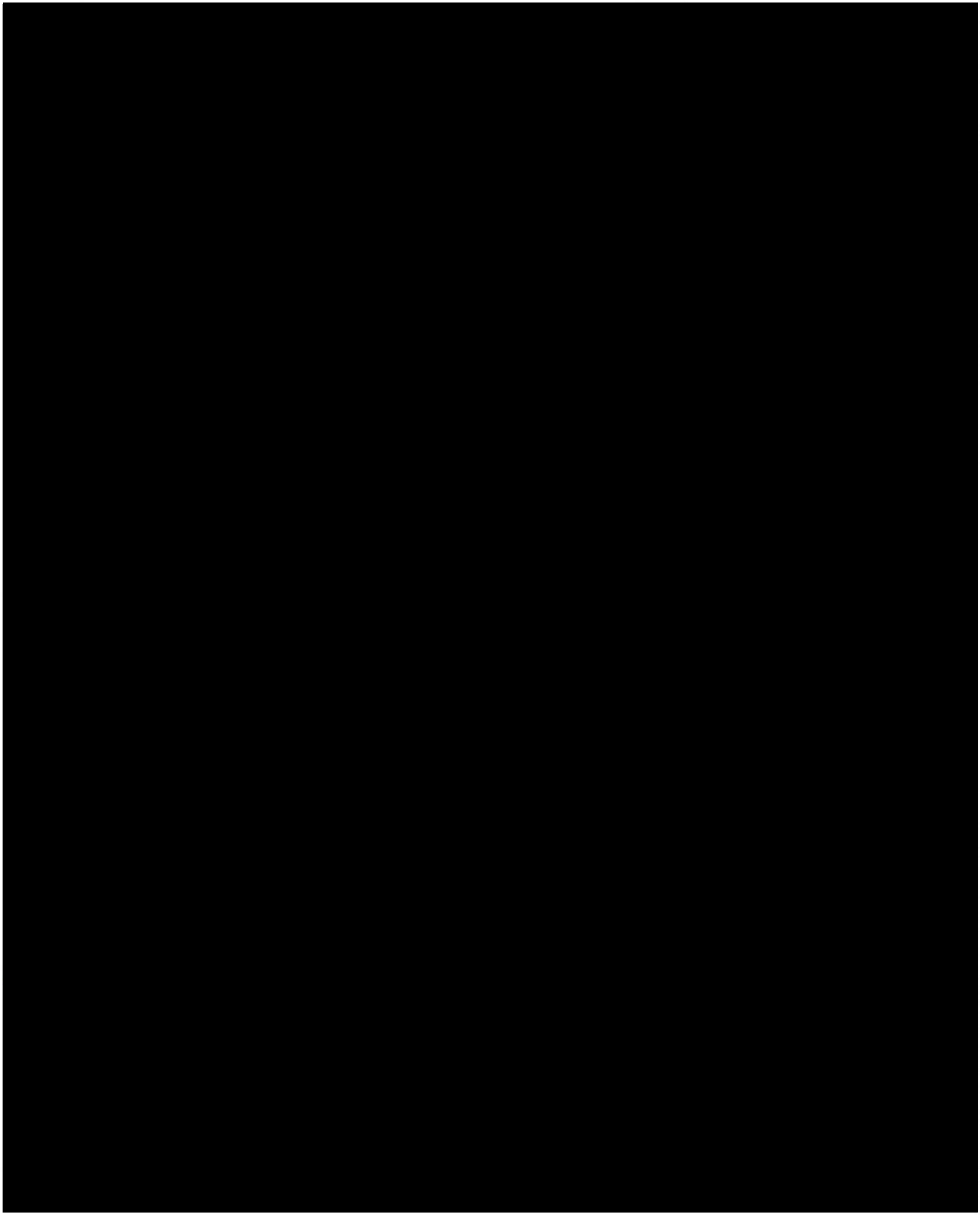

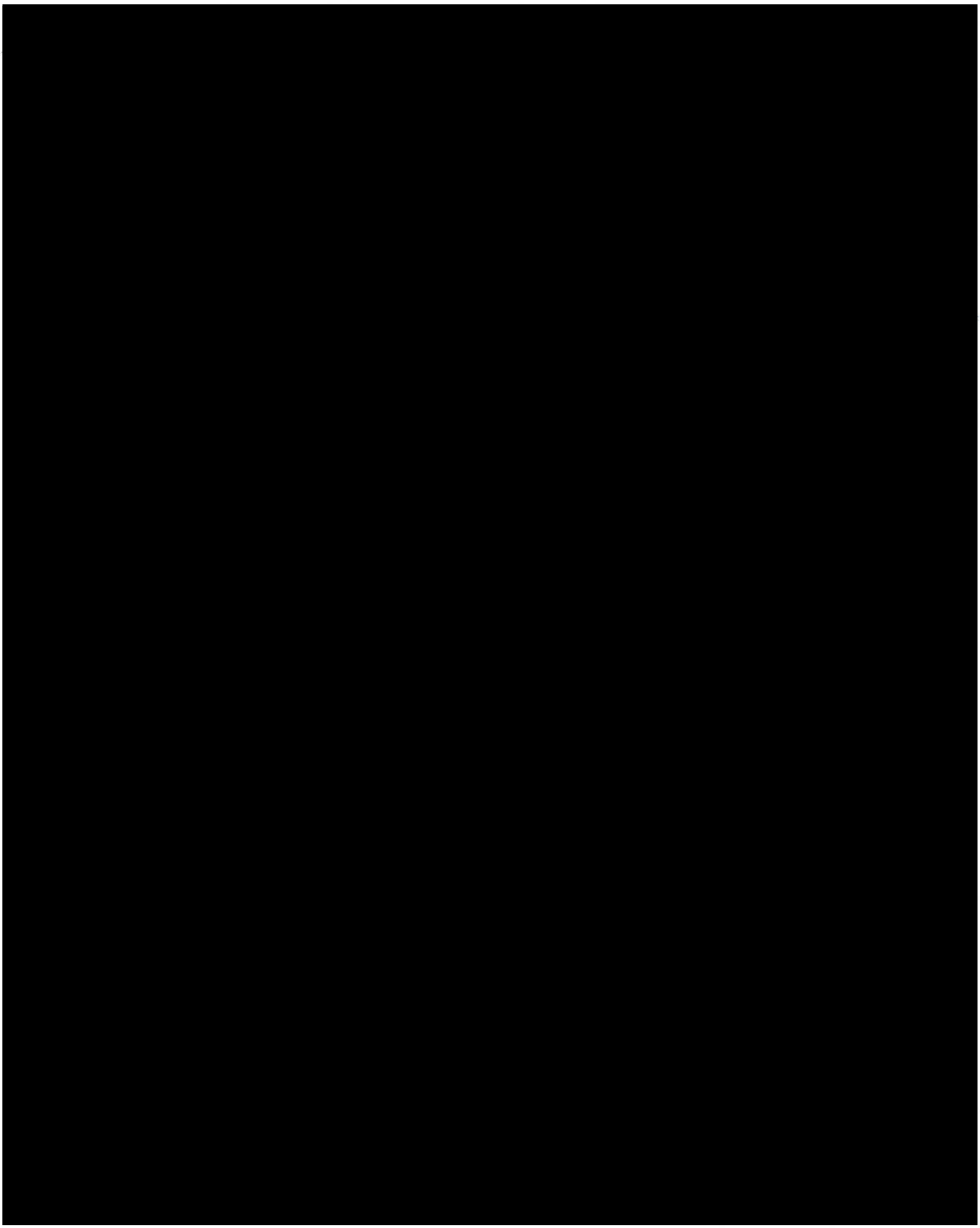

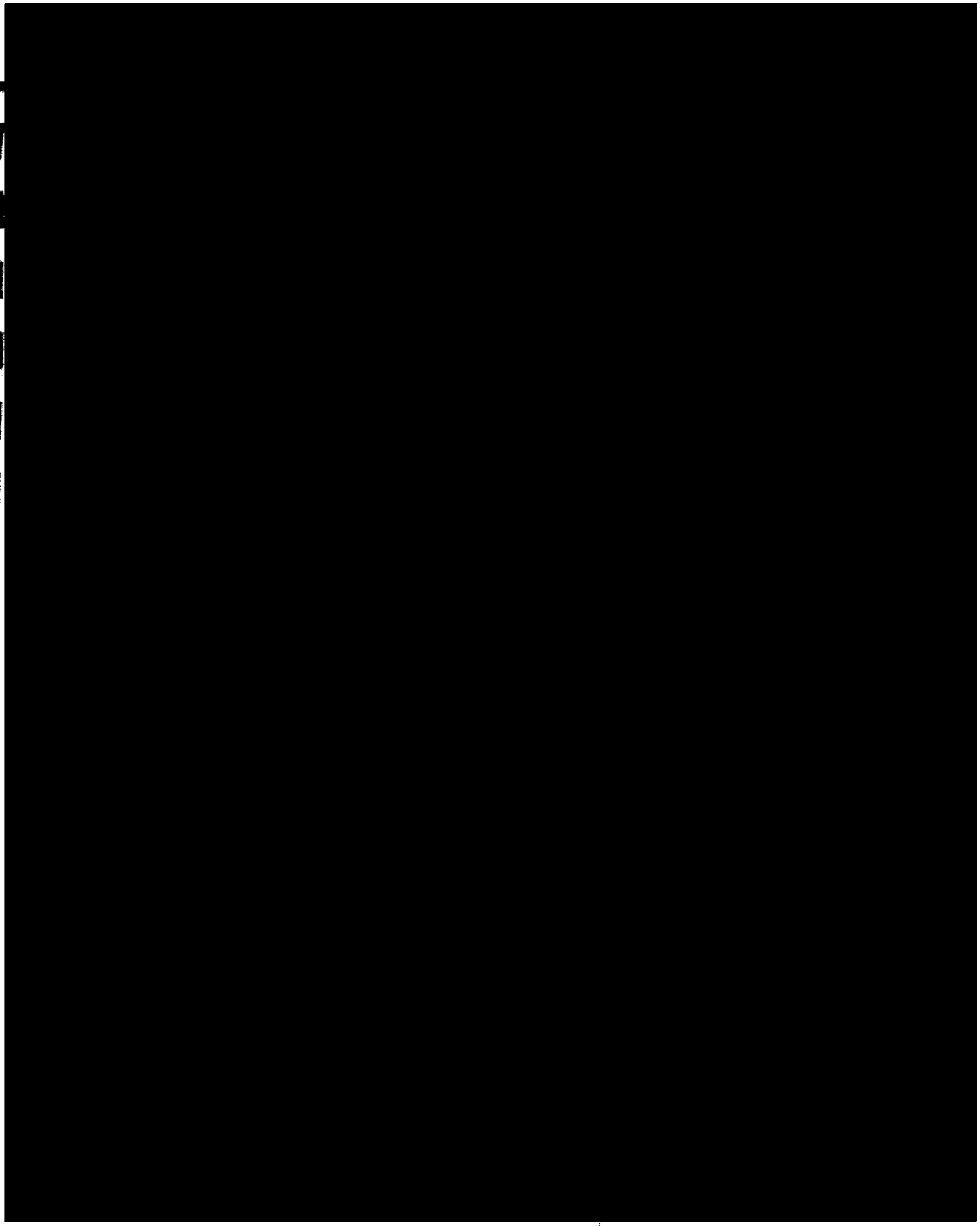

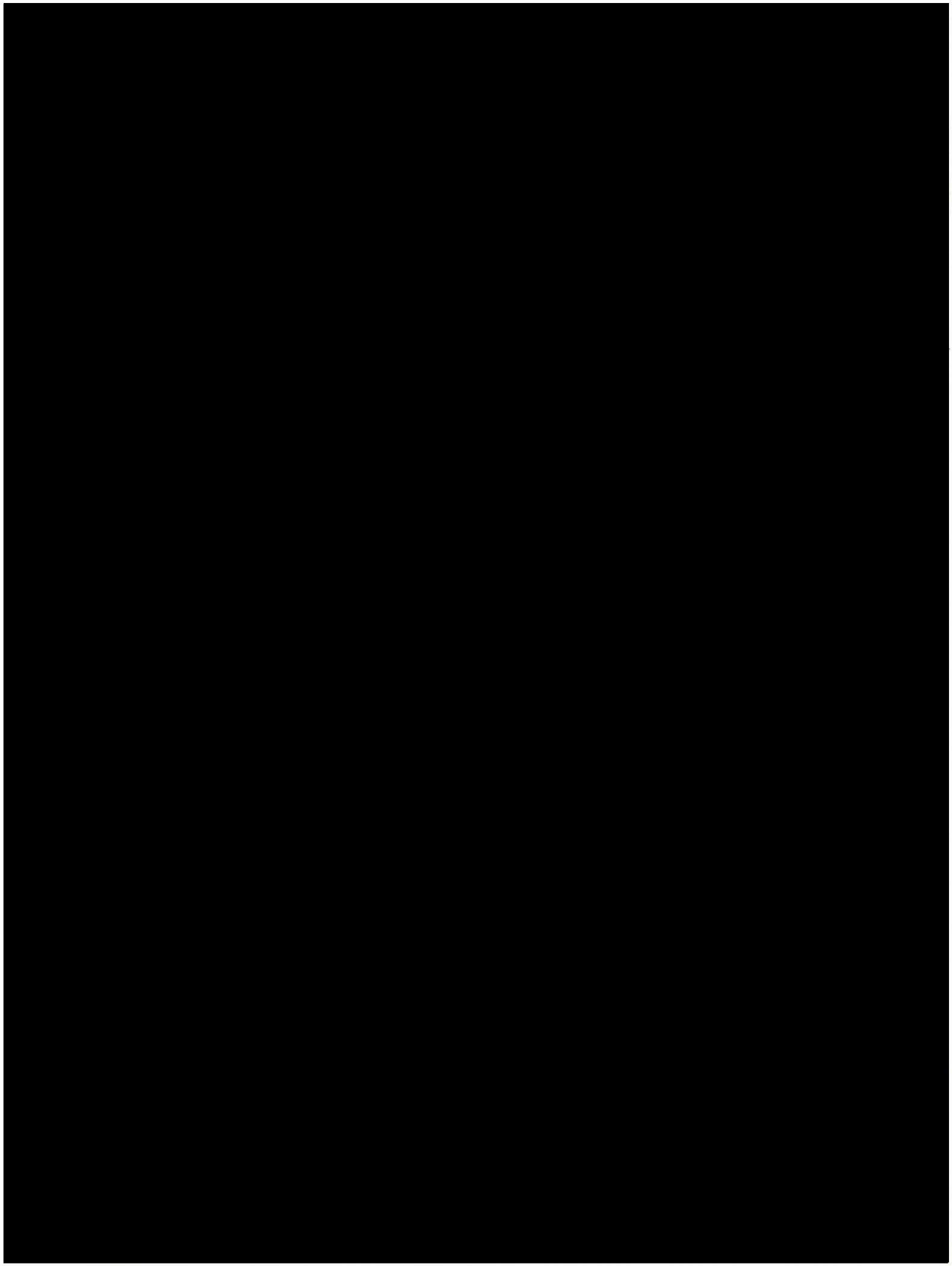

From: Alison Lamond
To: Carly Todhunter
Subject: RE: Heritage NSW Interim Response - DOC24/842382 - 8349 Stone artefact disposition and storage
Date: Tuesday, 15 October 2024 2:43:00 PM
Attachments: image001.png
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Hello Carly
Alternative methodologies for artefact reburial to the requirements of the Code of Practice for Archaeological Investigation of Aboriginal Objects in NSW (DECCW 2010) are regularly requested by the Aboriginal Community and approved by Heritage NSW (for Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permits where Heritage NSW has delegation for approval). However, we note that New Rouse Hill Hospital (SSD-66111708) is a state significant development project subject to conditions of approval issued by the Department of Planning Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI).
Heritage NSW recognises that the relevant Aboriginal community are the determiner of how cultural values and objects should be managed and maintained. If the Registered Aboriginal parties (RAPs) wish to rebury artefacts with a methodology that does not meet the requirements of the code (for example without plastic bags and labels on the artefacts) Heritage NSW supports that wish. If an alternative methodology of reburial is developed through consultation with RAPs for the repatriation of salvaged artefacts, Heritage NSW recommends that it is included within the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Plan (ACHMP) for the project. The alternative reburial methodology can then be approved as a part of ACHMP under the project approval.
Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.
Regards

Alison Lamond *BSci, BA (Hons), (she/her)*
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From: Carly Todhunter <[redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2024 11:49 AM
To: Colleen Klingberg [redacted]
Subject: Re: Heritage NSW Interim Response - DOC24/842382 - 8349 Stone artefact disposition and storage

Hi Colleen,

The project will actually be managed under an achmp which is being drafted at present (for **SSD-66111708).**

We are currently at the stage of completing an ACHA and developing the ACHMP so are exploring our options on advice of the RAPs.

Thanks in advance,

Carly Todhunter
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From: Colleen Klingberg [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2024 10:08:29 AM
To: Carly Todhunter <[redacted]
Subject: Heritage NSW Interim Response - DOC24/842382 - 8349 Stone artefact disposition and storage

Dear Carly

So that we can provide the most appropriate guidance, can you please advise the related Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit number or numbers.
The conditions within the permit/s need to be considered.

Your reference: DOC24/842382

Kind regards
Colleen

Colleen Klingberg
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From: Carly Todhunter <[redacted]
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2024 10:42 PM
To: OEH HD Heritage Mailbox <heritagemailbox@environment.nsw.gov.au>
Subject: 8349 Stone artefact disposition and storage

Good morning,

As part of ongoing consultation with Aboriginal stakeholders for a project, we are presently discussing the possibility of an on-site reburial of artefacts recovered from test and salvage excavations.

During this consultation, a recommendation has been received by a RAP to wrap the artefacts in paperbark without any plastic (Ziploc bags). Noting the requirements outlined in Requirement 26 of the Code of Practice, I wanted to inform myself of whether there is a precedent on taking this alternative approach or whether it would not be permissible even for cultural grounds within the Code?

We would still be reaching out to other RAPs as part of a ACHMP currently in development and as part of ongoing planning discussions to discuss the proposal further how would like to confirm whether such an approach could be permissible when the majority of RAPs would request it.

Thanks in advance of your further advice,

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Olivier Rochecouste

From: consultation
Sent: Tuesday, 8 October 2024 12:27 PM
To: Amanda De Zwart; consultation
Subject: RE: 8595 Rouse Hill Hospital- Draft ACHA mailout

Hi Amanda,

Thank you for sending your support for the recommendations of the Rouse Hill ACHA.

We will keep you updated on the project.

Kind regards,

Oli

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From: Amanda De Zwart [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, October 8, 2024 12:07 PM
To: consultation <consultation@niche-eh.com>
Subject: Re: 8595 Rouse Hill Hospital- Draft ACHA mailout

Hi
AHCS support the draft reports
If you need anything else please don't hesitate to contact me
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From: consultation <consultation@niche-eh.com>
Sent: Friday, September 20, 2024 2:32:47 PM
To: consultation <consultation@niche-eh.com>; [redacted]
Subject: RE: 8595 Rouse Hill Hospital- Draft ACHA mailout

Good afternoon,

I am writing to let you know that there has been a deadline extension for your feedback on the draft ACHA for the project.

Please provide any written comments or submissions on the draft reports within 28 days, or by **COB Friday 18 October 2024**.

Warm regards,

Olivier

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From: consultation <consultation@niche-eh.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 12, 2024 1:48 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: 8595 Rouse Hill Hospital- Draft ACHA mailout

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Warm regards,

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From: consultation
Sent: Monday, 14 October 2024 11:49 AM
To: [redacted] consultation
Subject: RE: 8595 Rouse Hill Hospital- Draft ACHA mailout

Hi Justine,

Thank you for sharing your comments regarding the excavation methodology and care agreement for the site's artefacts associated with the Rouse Hill ACHA.

We will keep you updated on the project.

Kind regards,

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Saturday, 12 October 2024 2:40 PM
To: consultation <consultation@niche-eh.com>
Subject: Re: 8595 Rouse Hill Hospital- Draft ACHA mailout

Warami

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

This 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 Dharug 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 Dharug group for the past 40 plus years.

There are so many sites in this area as well as axe grinding groves, 1000s of artefacts were collected where the shopping centre is now, when the lite rail was being built there was a site in front of the heritage house that was a huge amount of micro artefact. Jo Mac Donald and KNC.

Artefacts found on this site, once analysed should be reburied on site. the hole should be excavated by machine to be able to get it deep enough, all artefacts should be removed from all plastic, wrapped in paper bark, placed in the ground so overtime they can return to country. have Dharug Community should be involved in the reburial .

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Justine

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From:
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From: consultation
Sent: Tuesday, 8 October 2024 12:40 PM
To: lilly carroll; consultation
Subject: RE: 8595 Rouse Hill Hospital- Draft ACHA mailout

Hi Paul and Lilly,

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Oli

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From: lilly carroll [redacted]>
Sent: Thursday, September 12, 2024 10:19 PM
To: consultation <consultation@niche-eh.com>
Subject: Re: 8595 Rouse Hill Hospital- Draft ACHA mailout

Were all good from our end and everything that was discussed happened on site

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

On Thursday, September 12, 2024, 1:54 PM, consultation <consultation@niche-eh.com> wrote:

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From: consultation
Sent: Tuesday, 8 October 2024 12:24 PM
To: Phil Khan; consultation
Subject: RE: 8595 Rouse Hill Hospital- Draft ACHA mailout

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From: Phil Khan [redacted]
Sent: Friday, September 20, 2024 3:12 PM
To: consultation <consultation@niche-eh.com>
Subject: Re: 8595 Rouse Hill Hospital- Draft ACHA mailout

Hi Oliver,

Apologies for late response.

thank you for your Draft ACHA regarding 8595 Rouse Hill Hospital, we would like to agree and support your recomendations, we also recommend any artefacts found during excavation should be reburied. we look forward to working alongside you on this project.

Kind Regards

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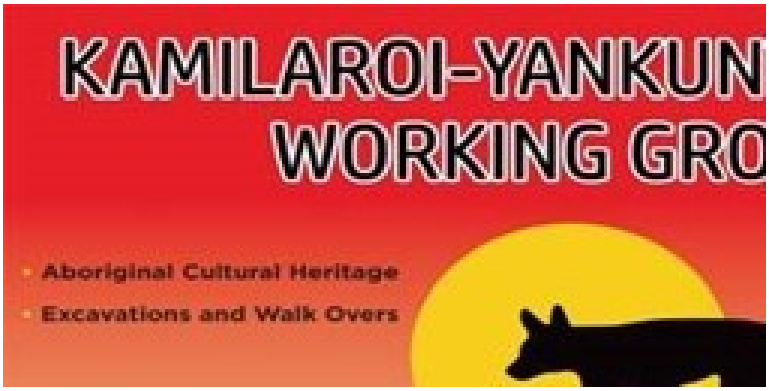

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From: consultation
Sent: Tuesday, 8 October 2024 12:26 PM
To: Ethan Trewlynn; consultation
Subject: RE: 8595 Rouse Hill Hospital- Draft ACHA mailout

Hi Ethan,

Thank you for sending your comments regarding the project's excavation methodology.

We will keep you updated on the project.

Kind regards,

Oli

Dr Olivier Rochecouste BA, MRes (Distinction), PhD
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Sent: Friday, September 20, 2024 5:26 PM
To: consultation <consultation@niche-eh.com>
Subject: Re: 8595 Rouse Hill Hospital- Draft ACHA mailout

Hi Oli,

As being on site I believe we should open that pit up more and maybe have other pits set up due to the location of where the artefacts were previously found.

Kind regards,

Ethan

On Fri, 20 Sept 2024, 2:34 pm consultation, <consultation@niche-eh.com> wrote:

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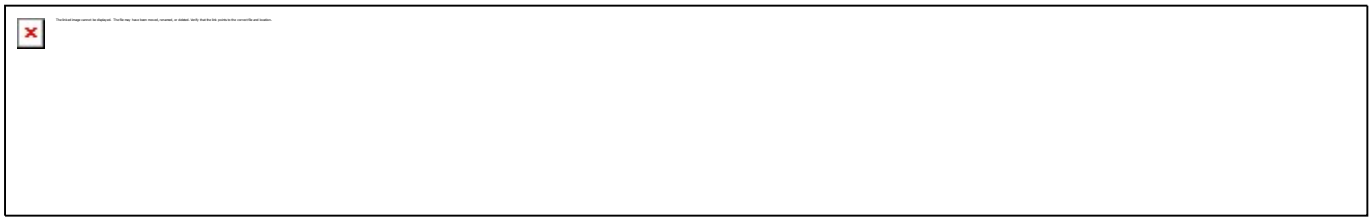

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Sent: Thursday, September 12, 2024 1:56 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: 8595 Rouse Hill Hospital- Draft ACHA mailout

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Please send your feedback to Ben Slack:

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Parramatta NSW 2150

Email: consultation@niche-eh.com

Warm regards,

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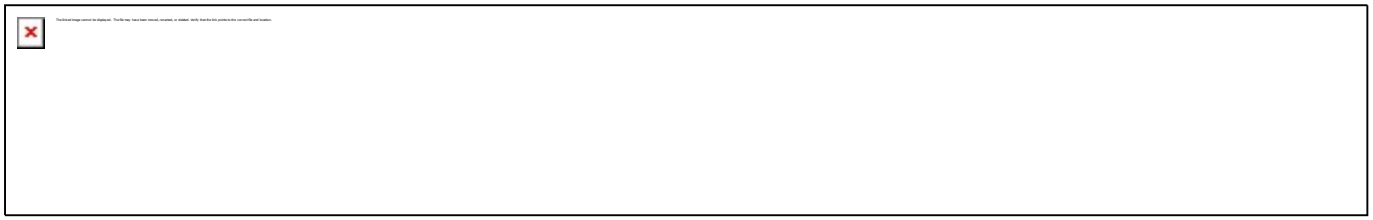

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Sent: Wednesday, 23 April 2025 9:42 AM
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To: "Kayne Moreton"
Subject: RE: 8595 New Rouse Hill Hospital ACHA report update for RAP review
Date: Tuesday, 22 April 2025 8:41:00 AM
Attachments: 8595_Updated draft ACHA RAP letter_20250415.pdf
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Hi Kayne,

Not a problem- thanks for reaching out. See attached for the RAP letter and report.

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From: Kayne Moreton [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, 16 April 2025 10:53 AM
To: Carly Todhunter <[redacted]
Subject: 8595 New Rouse Hill Hospital ACHA report update for RAP review

> You don't often get email from [redacted] Learn why this is important

Is there any way i could get the report or a link to the report please?

Kind regards,
Kayne Moreton

From: Carly Todhunter
To: Phillip Boney
Subject: RE: 8595 New Rouse Hill Hospital ACHA
Date: Tuesday, 22 April 2025 8:40:00 AM
Attachments: 8595_Updated draft ACHA RAP letter_20250415.pdf
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Hi Phil,

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From: Phillip Boney [redacted]
Sent: Friday, 18 April 2025 4:13 PM
To: Carly Todhunter <[redacted]
Subject: 8595 New Rouse Hill Hospital ACHA

Hi Carly,

Thankyou for contacting Wailwan Aboriginal Group,

Can you attach a copy of the Draft ACHA for us to review and provide commentary upon?

Thanks, Phil.

From: Carly Todhunter
To: Kaarina Slater
Cc: consultation
Subject: RE: 8595 New Rouse Hill Hospital ACHA report update for RAP review
Date: Tuesday, 22 April 2025 8:39:24 AM
Attachments: image001.png

Morning Kaarina,

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Sent: Monday, 21 April 2025 11:32 PM
To: Carly Todhunter <[redacted]
Cc: consultation <consultation@niche-eh.com>
Subject: Re: 8595 New Rouse Hill Hospital ACHA report update for RAP review

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Date: Tuesday, 22 April 2025 9:00:00 AM
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From: Darleen Johnson [redacted] >
Sent: Tuesday, 15 April 2025 10:49 PM
To: consultation <consultation@niche-eh.com>
Subject: Re: 8595 New Rouse Hill Hospital ACHA report update for RAP review

HI Carly
I have read the project information and ACHA methodology for the above project, I endorse the recommendations.
Kind regards
Darleen
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Warm regards,

Carly Todhunter BA, BSc (Hons)
Heritage Consultant

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From: consultation
To: Phillip Boney
Subject: RE: 8595 New Rouse Hill Hospital ACHA report update and ACHMP for review
Date: Thursday, 12 June 2025 7:35:00 AM
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Thanks Phil for your email- we will note your support for a reburial. We are still working along the department to confirm the feasibility and will provide more information once we are able to get some more details.

Warm regards,

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From: Phillip Boney [redacted]
Sent: Monday, 9 June 2025 9:30 AM
To: consultation <consultation@niche-eh.com>
Subject: Re: 8595 New Rouse Hill Hospital ACHA report update and ACHMP for review

Hey Carly Phil here, I agree with the project so far and awaiting for further updates on this project and as always as short term care of artefacts if found should be returned to the finished project site(offset land)for repatriation burial.

Thank you for your email regarding this project Regards

Phil Boney

Wailwan Aboriginal Group

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From: consultation <consultation@niche-eh.com>
Sent: Monday, June 9, 2025 9:16:20 AM
Subject: 8595 New Rouse Hill Hospital ACHA report update and ACHMP for review

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From: consultation
To: Kaarina Slater
Subject: RE: 8595 New Rouse Hill Hospital ACHA report update and ACHMP for review
Date: Thursday, 12 June 2025 7:33:00 AM
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Thanks Kaarina,

We have you registered for this project- thanks again for reaching out!

Warm regards,

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From: Kaarina Slater [redacted]
Sent: Monday, 9 June 2025 4:38 PM
To: consultation <consultation@niche-eh.com>
Subject: Re: 8595 New Rouse Hill Hospital ACHA report update and ACHMP for review

On behalf of Ngambaa Cultural connections I would like to register my expression of interest for the New Rouse Hill Hospital project

Kind regards
Kaarina Slater
[redacted]

On Mon, 9 June 2025, 9:16 am consultation, <consultation@niche-eh.com> wrote:

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From: Carly Todhunter
To: Carolyn .H; consultation
Subject: RE: 8595 New Rouse Hill Hospital ACHA report update and ACHMP for review
Date: Friday, 13 June 2025 1:29:06 PM
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Hi Carolyn,

Ah that makes sense now I can see what you mean now with the test excavation having only been attended by men. Actually the test excavation work was completed by a different company called Urbis so we haven't had any control over this.

Niche is very keen to ensure that we have an inclusive workplace and as you can see with our survey work generally all projects are going to engage both male and female participants as long as interested parties reach out.

Your comments are always really welcome so I hope you didn't feel that it was going to be regarded poorly- we agree its always important to raise issues and make sure we hold each other to account to get the best results for everyone involved (as much as possible!)

Thanks as always for your input in the project planning,

Carly Todhunter BA, BSc (Hons)
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From: Carolyn .H [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, 12 June 2025 8:00 PM
To: Carly Todhunter [redacted]
Subject: Re: 8595 New Rouse Hill Hospital ACHA report update and ACHMP for review

A1 INDIGENOUS SERVICES

Contact: **Carolyn Hickey**

Mobile: [redacted]

Email: [redacted]

Address: [redacted]

ABN: **20 616 970 327**

Hi Carly,

I hope this email finds you well and that my message isn't taken the wrong way. I don't mean to cause any upset. I was discussing this project with a couple of other female RAPs, and we noticed that the 2023 test excavations were exclusively staffed by men. We talked about it and agreed that I should follow up with an email.

With 26 years of experience in this field, I have consistently advocated for the inclusion of women in various aspects of archaeological work, not only site inspections, surveys, but also test excavations. Historically, men have predominantly been selected for these roles, and I have had to be a voice for women to emphasize the importance of equality in the workplace, ..and it has been a fight!

It is crucial for archaeological firms to recognize that we are working on Indigenous land and one meaningful way to honor this is by ensuring that our Indigenous women are equally included in all test excavations.

My intention is not to create negativity but to highlight a situation that warrants attention and improvement in this industry.

If Niche has already adopted this procedure since 2023, promoting Indigenous business equality on their work sites, then I apologize for any disruption my email may have caused.

Thank you for your understanding.

Best regards,
Carolyn Hickey

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From: Carly Todhunter [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, 12 June 2025 7:32 AM
To: Carolyn .H [redacted]
Subject: RE: 8595 New Rouse Hill Hospital ACHA report update and ACHMP for review

Hi Carolyn,

I wanted to send through a copy of Table 16 of our report where we have the participants in the field program for the project- please reach out if there are any issues.

Table 16: List of RAP representatives who participated in fieldwork for the project

Name	RAP organisation	Field program
Amanda Hickey/ DeZwart	Amanda Hickey Cultural Services	Survey (2022 and 2025)
Arika Jalomaki	Yulay Cultural Consultants	Survey (2025)
Belinda Kitson	Woka Aboriginal Corporation	Survey (2025)
Bo Field	Yurrandaali Cultural Services	Test excavation (2023)
Braydon McDougall	Wailwan Aboriginal Group	Survey (2025)
Carolyn Hickey	A1 Indigenous Services	Survey (2022 and 2025)
Colin Gale	Colin Gale	Survey (2025)
Darleen Johnson	Murra Bidgee Mullangari Aboriginal Corporation	Survey (2025)
Ethan Trewlynn	Long Gully Cultural Services	Site visit (2024) and survey (2025)
Jamie Eastwood	Aragung Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Site Assessments	Test excavation (2023)
Kayelene Slater	Pearl Depoma	Survey (2025)
Kenny Dickson	Mundawari Heritage Consultants	Survey (2025)
Korri Currell	Aragung Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Site Assessments	Test excavation (2023)
Kurt Brenner	Yurrandaali Cultural Services	Test excavation (2023)
Lana Wedgwood	Darug Custodians Aboriginal Corporation	Survey (2022)
Lee Carroll	Corroboree Aboriginal Corporation	Survey (2022)
Marbuck Khan	Kamilaroi Yankuntjatjara Working Group	Survey (2022 and 2025)
Marilyn Carroll-Johnson	Corroboree Aboriginal Corporation	Survey (2022 and 2025)
Michelle Taylor	Muragadi	Survey (2025)
Paul Boyd	Didge Ngunawal Clan	Survey (2022 and 2025) and site visit (2024)
Phil Boney	Wailwan Aboriginal Group	Site visit (2024)
Robert Hunter	Kamilaroi Yankuntjatjara Working Group	Test excavation (2023)
Shaya Holmes	Mundawari Heritage Consultants	Site visit (2024)
Tyrone Pal	Kamilaroi Yankuntjatjara Working Group	Survey (2022)
Vicky Slater	Wurrumay Pty Ltd	Survey (2025)

Warm regards,

Carly Todhunter BA, BSc (Hons)
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From: Carly Todhunter [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, 11 June 2025 9:43 PM
To: Carolyn .H [redacted] consultation <consultation@niche-eh.com>
Subject: Re: 8595 New Rouse Hill Hospital ACHA report update and ACHMP for review

Hi Carolyn,

I was sorry to receive your email but hoping you might be able to provide some more details so I can understand it a bit further. There has been quite a lot of women joining us out in the field on this project so not sure if your email is to do with Rouse Hill hospital or perhaps another job? I can track down a list of attendees to confirm who joined us during the site visits if it may help or else the list of names should also be in the report in section 3 with other consultation details.

Warm regards,

Carly Todhunter
Heritage Consultant
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From: Carolyn .H [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, June 11, 2025 5:40:30 PM
To: consultation <consultation@niche-eh.com>; Carly Todhunter [redacted]
Subject: Re: 8595 New Rouse Hill Hospital ACHA report update and ACHMP for review

Contact: Carolyn Hickey
Mobile: [redacted]
Email: [redacted]
Address: [redacted]
ABN: 20 616 970 327

Good morning Carly,

I hope this email finds you well. I have reviewed the document and I must express my disappointment with Niche's engagement teams. I find it very upsetting that Niche has decided to hire only males onsite, excluding women from participating in fieldwork.

Going forward, I would like Niche to commit to improving their relations with Indigenous women in this industry. It is important to commit to equality in the workplace, ensuring that we are hiring equal amounts of males and females on future projects. This is a standard that has been adopted by many archaeology firms, and I hope we can count on Niche joining this movement.

Could you please forward this email to your senior management team? Thank you for your assistance in this matter. I appreciate your consideration and look forward to seeing positive changes in your hiring practices.

Warm regards,
Carolyn Hickey

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From: jesse johnson
To: consultation
Subject: Re: 8595 New Rouse Hill Hospital ACHA report update and ACHMP for review
Date: Tuesday, 17 June 2025 8:24:45 AM
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Hi Carly
North Kellyville public school would be perfect Hezlett Road, they acknowledge our cultural heritage, please contact [redacted]
Thanks
Jesse Johnson

On Friday 13 June 2025 at 01:22:49 pm AEST, consultation <consultation@niche-eh.com> wrote:

Hi Jesse,

Thanks for sending through your response to the ACHA its much appreciated! So we can look into your suggestion a further did you have any schools or museums in mind that may be a good place for displaying the artefacts?

Warm regards,

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From: jesse johnson [redacted]
Sent: Friday, 13 June 2025 12:04 PM
To: consultation <consultation@niche-eh.com>
Subject: Re: 8595 New Rouse Hill Hospital ACHA report update and ACHMP for review

Hi Carly
I have read the project information, ACHA, and ACHMP for the above project, and I agree with the recommendations. I would also like to see the artefacts collected be put on display in schools around the project area and/or in museums.
Thanks
Anthony
[redacted]

On Monday 9 June 2025 at 09:16:47 am AEST, consultation <consultation@niche-eh.com> wrote:

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From: Phil Khan
To: consultation
Subject: Re: 8595 New Rouse Hill Hospital ACHA report update and ACHMP for review
Date: Monday, 23 June 2025 10:32:48 AM
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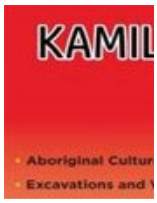
Hi Carly,

Hope you have been well.

Thank you for your ACHA & ACHMP for New Rouse Hill Hospital, we agree and support your recommendations and recommend reburial. We look forward to working alongside you on this project.

Kinds Regards
Phil Khan – Director
P [redacted]
Email: [redacted]
ABN 26 637 314 384



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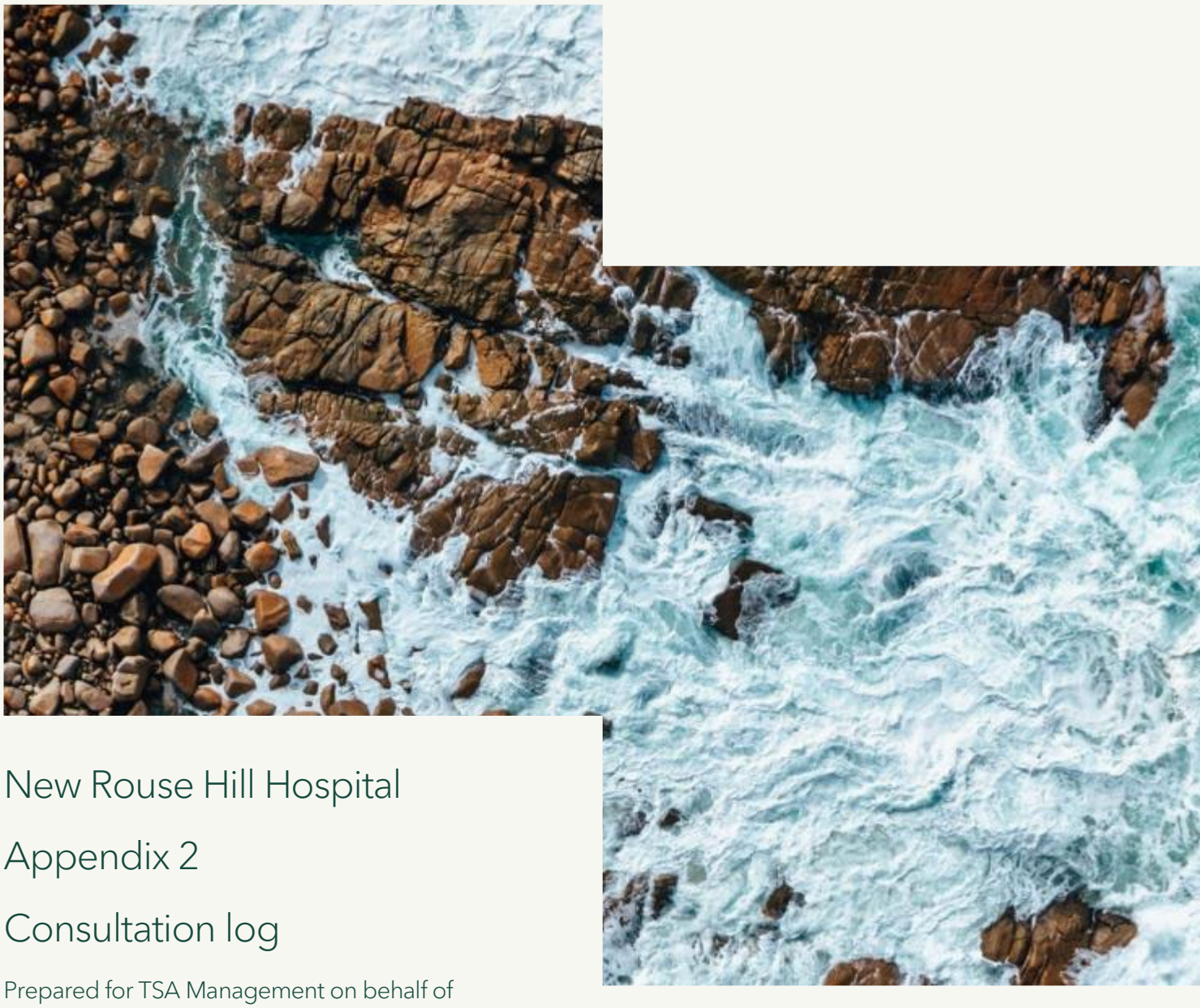

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Appendix 2

Consultation log

Prepared for TSA Management on behalf of
Health Infrastructure NSW | 15/05/2025

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Consultation log

Document control

Project number	Client	Project manager	LGA
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Date	Individual contacted	Organisation contacted	Form of contact	Contacted by	Organisation represented	Nature of consultation	Notes
20/05/2024	Kevin Cavanagh	Deerubbin LALC	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage 1 Agency Letters	To whom this many concern, I hope this email finds you well. Niche Environment and Heritage (Niche) has been engaged by TSA Management on behalf of Health Infrastructure (hereafter referred to as 'the Proponent'), to assist in the preparation of an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment including Aboriginal community consultation to support the development of the proposed Rouse Hill Hospital Development, located on the corner of Commercial Road and Windsor Road, Rouse Hill in NSW (the Subject Area) as part of a State Significant Development Application (SSDA) #6611708. I am writing to ask if your organisation knows of any Aboriginal people who hold cultural knowledge relevant to, or who have a right or interest in determining the cultural heritage significance of Aboriginal object(s) and/or place(s) in the Subject Area, please provide their details by 5pm on Monday 3 June 2024. Please see the attached letter for further details. Kind regards, Olivier
20/05/2024		Greater Sydney Local Land Service	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage 1 Agency Letters	As above
20/05/2024		Heritage NSW	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage 1 Agency Letters	As above
20/05/2024		Hills Shire Council	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage 1 Agency Letters	As above
20/05/2024		Office of the Registrar, Aboriginal Land Rights Act (ORALRA)	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage 1 Agency Letters	As above

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20/05/2024		Native Title Services Corp	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage 1 Agency Letters	As above
20/05/2024		National Native Title Tribunal	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage 1 Agency Letters	To whom it may concern, I hope this email finds you well. Please find attached a Request for Spatial Search of Tribunal Registers form for Rouse Hill Hospital Development (Niche ref#8595). Kind regards, Olivier
21/05/2024	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Email		National Native Title Tribunal	Stage 1 Agency Letters RESPONSE	Your ref: 8595 Our ref: SR24/863 Dear Olivier Rochecouste 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)
22/05/2024	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Email		Office of the Registrar, Aboriginal Land Rights Act (ORALRA)	Stage 1 Agency Letters RESPONSE	Dear Ben, Please find attached the response from the Office of the Registrar, ALRA to your letter of 20 May 2024 regarding the proposed Rouse Hill Hospital. If you have any further questions, please respond by return email. Kind Regards
23/05/2024	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Email	Colleen Klingberg	Heritage NSW	Stage 1 Agency Letters RESPONSE	Your request has been updated. To add additional comments, reply to this email. A response is being prepared by the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Team and you will be contacted by a member of the team. Reference: DOC24/399653 Kind regards

Date	Individual contacted	Organisation contacted	Form of contact	Contacted by	Organisation represented	Nature of consultation	Notes
							Colleen Klingberg Heritage NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW)
24/05/2024	Ben Slack	Niche	Email	Barry Gunther	Heritage NSW	Stage 1 Agency Letters RESPONSE	Hi Ben, Please find attached the Heritage NSW Aboriginal stakeholder list for Rouse Hill Hospital Development. regards Barry Gunther Aboriginal Senior Assessment Officer Heritage NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water
24/05/2024	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Email	Emma Langan	Hills Shire Council	Stage 1 Agency Letters RESPONSE	Hi Olivier, Thanks for your enquiry regarding Aboriginal Community contacts. Please find attached the contact details of relevant Aboriginal Stakeholders with respect to Rouse Hill Hospital. I hope this information assists in your enquiry. Kind regards, Emma
31/05/2024	Gordon Morton	Darug Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessments	Phone	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage One RAP Letters	Called Gordon to confirm whether he would like to receive project information via the post, since he ad no email address. He sadly confirmed that he has closed his business due to his health and would not like to receive any information about the project.
31/05/2024	Eric Keidge	Eric Keidge	Phone	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage One RAP Letters	Called Eric, no answer. Left a voicemail to call back and sent the following SMS: *Hi Eric, this is Olivier Rochecouste (Oli) from Niche Environment and Heritage. You have been identified as a potential stakeholder for an updated ACHA for the Rouse Hill Hospital development. From your details, I see you only have a postal address and no email. Would you like project information sent to you via the post?*

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3/06/2024	Eric Keidge	Eric Keidge	Phone	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage One RAP Letters	Called Eric, no answer. Left a voicemail to call back and sent the following SMS: *Hi Eric, just called again. Please ring back when you can.*
3/06/2024		Deerubbin LALC	Phone	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage One RAP Letters	Called LALC, no answer and left a voicemail to confirm their email address.
3/06/2024	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Phone	Paula	Deerubbin LALC	Stage One RAP Letters	Paula called back stating to send to the Reception email of the LALC.
4/06/2024	Carolyn Hickey	A1 Indigenous Services	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage One RAP Letters	Dear Stakeholder, I hope this email finds you well. Your organisation has been identified as a stakeholder for the proposed Rouse Hill Hospital Development. Please find attached an invitation to register an interest in the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment for the project that is being conducted by Niche Environment and Heritage. Details of the project, contact information and how to register are in the attached letter. Registrations are required by 5pm on Monday 17 June 2024. We look forward to hearing from you. Yours sincerely, Olivier
4/06/2024	Amanda Hickey	Amanda Hickey Cultural Services	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage One RAP Letters	Same as above
4/06/2024	Jamie Eastwood	Aragung Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Site Assessments	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage One RAP Letters	Same as above

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4/06/2024	Ralph and Nola Hampton	B.H. Heritage Consultants	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage One RAP Letters	Same as above
4/06/2024	Jody Kulakowski	Barking Owl Aboriginal Corporation	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage One RAP Letters	Same as above
4/06/2024	Lee Field	Barraby Cultural Services	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage One RAP Letters	Same as above
4/06/2024	James Carroll	Bidjawong Aboriginal Corporation	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage One RAP Letters	Same as above
4/06/2024	Jennifer Beale	Butucarbin Aboriginal Corporation	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage One RAP Letters	Same as above
4/06/2024	Marilyn Carroll-Johnson	Corroboree Aboriginal Corporation	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage One RAP Letters	Same as above
4/06/2024	Corey Smith	Cullendulla (Murrin Clan/Peoples)	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage One RAP Letters	Same as above
4/06/2024	Mark Dyer	Darug Aboriginal Land Care	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage One RAP Letters	Same as above

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4/06/2024	Paul Hand	Darug Boorooberongal Elders Aboriginal Corporation	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage One RAP Letters	Same as above
4/06/2024	Justine Coplin	Darug Custodian Aboriginal Corporation	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage One RAP Letters	Same as above
4/06/2024	Jamie Workman; Anna Workman and Anna O'Hara	Darug Land Observations	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage One RAP Letters	Same as above
4/06/2024	Kevin Cavanagh	Deerubbin Local Aboriginal Land Council	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage One RAP Letters	Same as above
4/06/2024	Andrew Bond	Dharug (Murrin Clan/Peoples)	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage One RAP Letters	Same as above
4/06/2024	Stephen Fields	Dhinawan Culture & Heritage Pty Ltd	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage One RAP Letters	Same as above
4/06/2024	Lilly Carroll and Paul Boyd	Didge Ngunawal Clan	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage One RAP Letters	Same as above
4/06/2024	Darren Duncan	DJMD Consultancy	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage One RAP Letters	Same as above

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4/06/2024	Carol Slater	Gilay Consultants	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage One RAP Letters	Same as above
4/06/2024	Steven Johnson and Krystle Carroll	Ginninderra Aboriginal Corporation	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage One RAP Letters	Same as above
4/06/2024	Caine Carroll	Goodradigbee Cultural & Heritage Aboriginal Corporation	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage One RAP Letters	Same as above
4/06/2024	Wendy Smith	Gulaga	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage One RAP Letters	Same as above
4/06/2024	Shayne Dickson	Gunjeewong Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage One RAP Letters	Same as above
4/06/2024	Wendy Morgan	Guntawang Aboriginal Resources Incorporated	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage One RAP Letters	Same as above
4/06/2024	Julia Narayan	Julia Narayan	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage One RAP Letters	Same as above

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4/06/2024	Phil Khan	Kamilaroi Yankuntjatjara Working Group	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage One RAP Letters	Same as above
4/06/2024	Nathan Moran	Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage One RAP Letters	Same as above
4/06/2024	Phillip Carroll	Mura Indigenous Corporation	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage One RAP Letters	Same as above
4/06/2024	Darleen Johnson	Murra Bidgee Mullangari Aboriginal Corporation	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage One RAP Letters	Same as above
4/06/2024	Roxanne Smith	Murramarang (Murrin Clan/Peoples)	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage One RAP Letters	Same as above
4/06/2024	Kaarina Slater	Ngambaa Cultural Connections	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage One RAP Letters	Same as above
4/06/2024	Pemulwuy Johnson	Pemulwuy (Murrin Clan/Peoples)	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage One RAP Letters	Same as above
4/06/2024	Shane Carriage	Thauaira	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage One RAP Letters	Same as above

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4/06/2024	Thomas Dahlstrom	Thomas Dahlstrom Offers ACH value by using 3D Laser and Drone technology	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage One RAP Letters	Same as above
4/06/2024	John Carriage	Thoorga Nura	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage One RAP Letters	Same as above
4/06/2024	Scott Franks	Wonnarua PBC Yarrawalk Pty Ltd	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage One RAP Letters	Same as above
4/06/2024	Rodney and Barry Gunther	Waawaar Awaa Aboriginal Corporation	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage One RAP Letters	Same as above
4/06/2024	Philip Boney	Wailwan Aboriginal Group	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage One RAP Letters	Same as above
4/06/2024	Ronald Stewart	Walgalu (Murrin Clan/Peoples)	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage One RAP Letters	Same as above
4/06/2024	Steven Johnson	Woka Aboriginal Corporation	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage One RAP Letters	Same as above
4/06/2024	Daniel Chalker	Wori Wooilywa	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage One RAP Letters	Same as above

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4/06/2024	Kerrie and Vicky Slater	Wurrumay Pty Ltd	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage One RAP Letters	Same as above
4/06/2024	Arika Jalomaki	Yulay Cultural Services	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage One RAP Letters	Same as above
4/06/2024	Bo Field	Yurrandaali	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage One RAP Letters	Same as above
4/06/2024	Dean and Merekai Bell	Yurwang Gundana Consultancy Cultural Heritage Services.	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage One RAP Letters	Same as above
4/06/2024	Kayelene Terry	Bariyan Cultural Connections	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage One RAP Letters	Same as above
4/06/2024	Raymond Weatherall	RAW Cultural Healing	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage One RAP Letters	Same as above
4/06/2024	Ethan Trewlynn	Long Gully Cultural Services	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage One RAP Letters	Same as above
4/06/2024	Trystan Treloar	Guthers Aboriginal Corporation	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage One RAP Letters	Same as above
4/06/2024	Colin Walker	Gadu chts	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage One RAP Letters	Same as above

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4/06/2024	Pearl Depoma	Pearl Depoma	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage One RAP Letters	Same as above
4/06/2024	Eric Keidge	Eric Keidge	Post	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage One RAP Letters	Tracking Number - 02 01016 00737 30060 40990
4/06/2024	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Email	Jamie Workman; Anna Workman and Anna O'Hara	Darug Land Observations	Stage One RAP Letters RESPONSE	mx.google.com rejected your message to the following email addresses: [redacted] The recipient's mailbox is full and can't accept messages now. Please try resending your message later, or contact the recipient directly.
4/06/2024	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Email	Reception	Deerubbin LALC	Stage One RAP Letters RESPONSE	Thank you for your email to Deerubbin Local Aboriginal Land Council. We receive a significant number of emails and we are reviewing yours for a reply. One of our team will be in touch with you in a minimum of 10 business days. If your enquiry is about a booking for an event at Old Parramatta Gaol, please email events@deerubbin.org.au
4/06/2024	Jamie Workman	Darug Land Observations	Phone	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage One RAP Letters RESPONSE	Tried calling Jamie - call failed.
4/06/2024	Anna Workman	Darug Land Observations	Phone	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage One RAP Letters RESPONSE	Tried calling Anna - call failed.
4/06/2024	Ben Slack	Niche	Email	Darleen Johnson	Murra Bidgee Mullangari Aboriginal Corporation	Stage One RAP Letters RESPONSE	Hi Ben Please register our company for the above project, we have been doing aboriginal heritage projects for over 26 years. Kind regards

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							Darleen [redacted]
4/06/2024	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Email	Ethan Trewlynn	Long Gully Cultural Services	Stage One RAP Letters RESPONSE	Hi Olivier, I would like to register Long Gully Cultural Services for this project as I have over 7 years experience and would like to help you in any way possible. Kind regards, Ethan Trewlynn
4/06/2024	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Email	Lilly Carroll and Paul Boyd	Didge Ngunawal Clan	Stage One RAP Letters RESPONSE	Hi Olivier Rochecouste DNC would like to register an interest into rouse Hill Hospital development Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone Kind regards Paul Boyd & Lilly Carroll Directors DNC [redacted]
4/06/2024	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Email	Arika Jalomaki	Yulay Cultural Services	Stage One RAP Letters RESPONSE	Good afternoon Olivier, Yulay cultural service's would like to register our interest in the above project. Kind regards Arika Jalomaki
4/06/2024	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Email	Philip Boney	Wailwan Aboriginal Group	Stage One RAP Letters RESPONSE	Hey Oliver Phil Boney here thank you for your email regarding this project, i would like to register my interest for this project in all aspects of it please, thank you Regards Phil Boney Wailwan Aboriginal Group 🪃🪃

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4/06/2024	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Email	Scott Franks	Wonnarua PBC Yarrawalk Pty Ltd	Stage One RAP Letters RESPONSE	Olivier Thank you for the EOI can you please register our interest. Regards Scott Franks Yarrawalk PTY Limited [redacted]
4/06/2024	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Email	Reception	Deerubbin LALC	Stage One RAP Letters RESPONSE	Hi Oliver, Thanks for your email. Our Cultural Officer, Steve Randall's email account is currently not working. Could you please give him a call on [redacted] Thanks. Reception
4/06/2024	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Email	Marilyn Carroll-Johnson	Corroboree Aboriginal Corporation	Stage One RAP Letters RESPONSE	Hi Olivier We are registering our organisation as we at Corroboree Aboriginal Corporation are identified First Nations people who hold cultural knowledge relevant to this project area and we wish to register an interest in the process of community consultation. As part of our registering we look forward to the opportunity to provide culturally appropriate information and to comment on the cultural heritage significance of Aboriginal Culture and heritage We are registering Corroboree Aboriginal Corporation in a full capacity. We have worked on a vast number of projects as Cultural Heritage Officers in the project area. We are currently involved on many projects in the subject area. My family and other family members have lived in the area and family currently reside in the surrounding areas. We are registering in a full capacity. We are Aboriginal people who are culturally & heritage aware. We have the necessary ability, experience, skills, insight and the knowledge to identify artefacts on field work. And as Aboriginal People we connect thru the land, thru our Ancestors and our Heritage. Therefore we are able participate on all levels. We have worked with many archaeologists across a broad landscape. We have consulted with most archeological companies over many years on projects. We have all the relevant insurances

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							and safety gear. We are all fit, capable and adapt to a vast landscape. Contact is preferred via email: corroboreecorp@outlook.com The contact number, email and contact person is also listed in the signature. Please do not disclose any of our details to LALC. We have responded for inclusion, to participate on all levels. Thanks. Kind regards Marilyn Carroll
4/06/2024	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Email	Justine Coplin	Darug Custodian Aboriginal Corporation	Stage One RAP Letters RESPONSE	Warami Olivier Please register Dharug Custodian Aboriginal Corporation for this project. Yanu Justine
4/06/2024	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Email	Bo Field	Yurrandaali	Stage One RAP Letters RESPONSE	Good afternoon Thank you for your email. On behalf of Yurrandaali and BCS Group we wish to register our interest in this project and be contacted regarding any further updates. Kind regards Lee Field Bo Field
4/06/2024	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Email	Lee Field	Barraby Cultural Services	Stage One RAP Letters RESPONSE	Good afternoon Thank you for your email. On behalf of Yurrandaali and BCS Group we wish to register our interest in this project and be contacted regarding any further updates. Kind regards Lee Field Bo Field
4/06/2024	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Email	Pearl Depoma	Pearl Depoma	Stage One RAP Letters RESPONSE	Hello Olivier, Yes, I'd like to register my interest in the upcoming Rouse Hill Hospital Development.

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							I look forward to working with you on this project. Thank you. Regards Pearl Depoma
5/06/2024	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Email	Steven Johnson	Woka Aboriginal Corporation	Stage One RAP Letters RESPONSE	Hi Oliver Please refer attachment Regards
5/06/2024	Steven Randall	Deerubbin LALC	Phone	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage One RAP Letters RESPONSE	Called Steven regarding the project and confirmed that Deerubbin LALC is registered.
5/06/2024	Reception	Deerubbin LALC	Phone	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage One RAP Letters RESPONSE	Hi there, I have spoken with Steven and I can confirm that Deerubbin is registered for the project. Kind regards, Olivier
5/06/2024	Marilyn Carroll-Johnson	Corroboree Aboriginal Corporation	Phone	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage One RAP Letters RESPONSE	Called Marilyn to confim her email address. She confirmed it was corroboreecorp. Remember not to send her details to the LALC.
5/06/2024	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Email	Phil Khan	Kamilaroi Yankuntjatjara Working Group	Stage One RAP Letters RESPONSE	Hi Olivier, Thank you for informing us that Niche Environment & Heritage will be involved in an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment for Rouse Hill Hospital Development &,that you are inviting Aboriginal organisations to register, if they wish too be involved in the community consultation process. As a senior Aboriginal person for the past 51yrs, I actively participate in the protection of the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage throughout the Sydney Basin, & particularly throughout Western Sydney, on behalf of Kamilaroi Yankuntjatjara Working Group 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.

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							I have attached a copy of Kamilaroi Yankuntjatjara Working group's Public Liability Insurance & Workers Compensation certificate. Our RAPS have up to 16yrs Cultural Heritage experience in - field work which involves manual excavation (digging), sieving , identifying artefacts, setting up transits, setting up equipment, packing equipment, site surveys & attending meetings (Focus groups, CwC, interpretation). Should you wish me to provide further information, please do not hesitate to contact me on [redacted] Kind Regards Phil Khan – Director
6/06/2024	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Email		Greater Sydney Local Land Service	Stage 1 Agency Letters RESPONSE	Dear Olivier Thank you for your recent letter seeking assistance to identify Aboriginal stakeholder organisations and persons who may hold an interest in Country at the project area designated in your correspondence. Greater Sydney Local Land Services (GS LLS) acknowledges that Local Land Services (formerly as Catchment Management Authorities) has been listed in Section 4.1.3.(g) of the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation requirements for proponents 2010, to support Part 6, of the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974 as a source of information to obtain the 'names of Aboriginal people who may hold cultural knowledge relevant to determining the significance of Aboriginal objects and/or places'. GS LLS understands and respects the significant role and values that tangible and intangible Aboriginal Cultural Heritage holds for First Nations/Aboriginal people with Country. GS LLS also partners with many First Nations communities on Caring for Country projects that aim to protect and enhance those tangible and intangible values in Country including Aboriginal Cultural Heritage. GS LLS considers Aboriginal Cultural Heritage matters in relation to its role in land management and considers cultural heritage issues in the context of Natural Resource Management. However, GS LLS feels that it is not a primary source of contact for First Nations (Aboriginal) communities or persons that may inform or provide comment on development or planning issues. GS LLS strongly recommends you contact Heritage NSW to seek their advice on all-inclusive

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							contact lists of persons and organisations who 'speak for Country' and that may assist with your investigation.
6/06/2024	Ben Slack	Niche	Email	Darran Willioams	Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council	Stage One RAP Letters RESPONSE	Dear Ben Black, I am the new Aboriginal Heritage and Cultural Officer at Metro LALC. I am sending a notification of our intentions to register with you and your team for the Rouse Hill hospital development. MetroLALC would like to meet. Kindly Darran Willioams
6/06/2024	Darran Williams	Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage One RAP Letters RESPONSE	Hi Darran, Just emailing to confirm that Metro LALC are registered for the Rouse Hill project. Can I confirm that your name is 'Darran Williams' instead of 'Darran Willioams'? Kind regards, Olivier
6/06/2024	Ethan Trewlynn	Long Gully Cultural Services	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage One RAP Letters RESPONSE	Hi Ethan, Thank you for your response. I am confirming that Long Gully Cultural Services are registered for the Rouse Hill project. Kind regards, Olivier
6/06/2024	Lilly Carroll and Paul Boyd	Didge Ngunawal Clan	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage One RAP Letters RESPONSE	Hi Lilly, Thank you for your response. I am confirming that DNC are registered for the Rouse Hill project. Kind regards, Olivier
6/06/2024	Arika Jalomaki	Yulay Cultural Services	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage One RAP Letters RESPONSE	Hi Arika, Thank you for your response. I am confirming that Yulay cultural service are registered for the Rouse Hill project.

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							Kind regards, Olivier
6/06/2024	Philip Boney	Wailwan Aboriginal Group	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage One RAP Letters RESPONSE	Hi Phil, Thank you for your response. I am confirming that Wailwan Aboriginal Group are registered for the Rouse Hill project. Kind regards, Olivier
6/06/2024	Scott Franks	Wonnarua PBC Yarrawalk Pty Ltd	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage One RAP Letters RESPONSE	Hi Scott, Thank you for your response. I am confirming that Yarrawalk are registered for the Rouse Hill project. Kind regards, Olivier
6/06/2024	Marilyn Carroll-Johnson	Corroboree Aboriginal Corporation	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage One RAP Letters RESPONSE	Hi Marilyn, Thanks for speaking with me on the phone yesterday. I am confirming that Corroboree Aboriginal Corporation are registered for the Rouse Hill project. We will not send your details to the LALC as requested. Kind regards, Olivier
6/06/2024	Justine Coplin	Darug Custodian Aboriginal Corporation	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage One RAP Letters RESPONSE	Hi Justine, Thank you for your response. I am confirming that Dharug Custodian Aboriginal Corporation are registered for the Rouse Hill project. Kind regards, Olivier

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6/06/2024	Bo and Lee Field	Yurrandaali and Barraby Cultural Services	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage One RAP Letters RESPONSE	Hi Lee and Bo, Thank you for your response. I am confirming that Yurrandaali and BCS Group are both registered for the Rouse Hill project. Kind regards, Olivier
6/06/2024	Pearl Depoma	Pearl Depoma	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage One RAP Letters RESPONSE	Hi Pearl, Thank you for your response. I am confirming that your organisation is registered for the Rouse Hill project. Kind regards, Olivier
6/06/2024	Darleen Johnson	Murra Bidgee Mullangari Aboriginal Corporation	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage One RAP Letters RESPONSE	Hi Darleen, Thank you for your response. I am confirming that Murrabidgee Mullangari is registered for the Rouse Hill project. Kind regards, Olivier
6/06/2024	Steven Johnson	Woka Aboriginal Corporation	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage One RAP Letters RESPONSE	Hi Steven, Thank you for your response. I am confirming that Woka Aboriginal Corporation is registered for the Rouse Hill project. Kind regards, Olivier
6/06/2024	Phil Khan	Kamilaroi Yankuntjatjara Working Group	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage One RAP Letters RESPONSE	Hi Phil, Thank you for your response and sending through your latest Public Liability Insurance & Workers Compensation certificate. I am confirming that Kamilaroi Yankuntjatjara Working group is registered for the Rouse Hill project.

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							Kind regards, Olivier
11/06/2024	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Email	Darran Williams	Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council	Stage One RAP Letters RESPONSE	Hi Olivier, Thank you for the email, yes correct name is “Darran Williams”, sorry for the typo. Kind regards Darran Williams Aboriginal heritage and Cultural Officer Metro LALC
11/06/2024	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Email	Carolyn Hickey	A1 Indigenous Services	Stage One RAP Letters RESPONSE	Hi, Thank you for your email, I would like to register in being involved in all levels of consultation for this project. Including, Meetings, Reports, Sharing Cultural Information, and available Field Work. About Carolyn Hickey I am a traditional owner with over 25 years experience in helping preserve Aboriginal cultural heritage on projects. I hold cultural knowledge relevant to determining the cultural significance of Aboriginal objects and values that exist in the project area. I have attached A1 Indigenous Services Insurances. A1 INDIGENOUS SERVICES, Represents over 100 Indigenous Locals When Selecting Groups for Engagement; Please consider that A1 INDIGENOUS SERVICES is a member of the NSW INDIGENOUS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. We carry the NSWICC Assured logo showing that A1 Indigenous Services has met National Policy requirements as upheld by the First Australians Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FACCI) for being identified as a 100% First Nations Owned Indigenous Business That has demonstrate compliance with Government and Industry Regulators. I agree to my details being supplied to OEH and the LALC Please feel free to contact me on details supplied Kind Regards, Carolyn Hickey

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11/06/2024	Carolyn Hickey	A1 Indigenous Services	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage One RAP Letters RESPONSE	Hi Carolyn, Thank you for your response and sending through your latest Public Liability Insurance & Workers Compensation certificate. I am confirming that A1 Indigenous Services is registered for the Rouse Hill project. Kind regards, Olivier
17/06/2024	Ben Slack	Niche	Post	Colin Gale	Colin Gale	Stage One RAP Letters RESPONSE	Dear Mr. Slack I would definitely like to be involved in the discussions / assessment of the Rouse Hill Hospital development , as I strongly believe that I alone have the greatest local knowledge of the areaas demonstrated by my previous involvement in the Rouse HILL Town Centre assessment and field work .... So if you wish to speak, I am only available on landline [I don't have internet or mobile]. Colin Gale
17/06/2024	Colin Gale	Colin Gale	Phone	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage One RAP Letters RESPONSE	Called Colin to confirm his details and being registered for the project. He confirmed that he did not want his details shared with the LALC. Spoke at length about the letter he sent through to Niche's office which details the landscape along Caddie's Creek, around 500 m east of the proposed Hospital site. He is open to joining for the walk over site meeting but will not be involved with any digging due to his age. Has expressed his knowledge of the local area. Colin called after seeing the ad in the newspaper.
18/06/2024	Amanda Hickey	Amanda Hickey Cultural Services	Phone	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage One RAP Letters PREVIOUS RAPs	Called Amanda Hickey if she would like to be registered as a RAP for the project. Amanda confirmed to be a RAP. Will send her further project information when it is ready.
18/06/2024	Jamie Eastwood	Aragung Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Site Assessments	Phone	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage One RAP Letters PREVIOUS RAPs	Called Jamie Eastwood, went to voicemail. Sent the following SMS - '*Hi Jamie this is Oli Rochecouste from Niche Environment and Heritage. Please give me a call back about whether you would like to register for the Rouse Hill Hospital development. My number is 0488774105. Cheers, Oli'*

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18/06/2024	Ralph and Nola Hampton	B.H. Heritage Consultants	Phone	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage One RAP Letters PREVIOUS RAPs	Called Ralph to see if he and Nola would like to be registered as a RAP for the project. Ralph confirmed he and his sister, Nola would be RAPs again for the project. Will send them further project information when it is ready.
18/06/2024	Jennifer Beale	Butucarbin Aboriginal Corporation	Phone	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage One RAP Letters PREVIOUS RAPs	Called Jennifer, went to voicemail, asked to call me back.
19/06/2024	Shayne Dickson	Gunjeewong Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation	Phone	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage One RAP Letters PREVIOUS RAPs	Called Shayne to see if Gunjeewong would like to be registered as a RAP for the project. Shayne confirmed Gunjeewong would be registred again for the project. Will send them further project information when it is ready.
19/06/2024	Kaarina Slater	Ngambaa Cultural Connections	Phone	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage One RAP Letters PREVIOUS RAPs	Called Kaarina Slater, went to voicemail. Sent the following SMS - '*Hi Kaarina this is Oli Rochecouste from Niche Environment and Heritage. Please give me a call back about whether you would like to register for the Rouse Hill Hospital development. My number is* [redacted] *Cheers, Oli'*
19/06/2024	Rodney and Barry Gunther	Waawaar Awaa Aboriginal Corporation	Phone	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage One RAP Letters PREVIOUS RAPs	Called Rodney Gunther, went to voicemail. Sent the following SMS - '*Hi Rodney this is Oli Rochecouste from Niche Environment and Heritage. Please give me a call back about whether you would like to register for the Rouse Hill Hospital development. My number is* [redacted] *Cheers, Oli'*
19/06/2024	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Phone SMS	Kaarina Slater	Ngambaa Cultural Connections	Stage One RAP Letters PREVIOUS RAPs	Hi Oli Yes, Please register Ngambaaculturalconnections For the above project. Can you register Vicky Slater Wurrumay Pty Ltd E: [redacted] for the project also. My cc my email [redacted]

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							Have a great day Cheers Kaarina
19/06/2024	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Phone SMS	Vicky Slater	Wurrumay Pty Ltd	Stage One RAP Letters PREVIOUS RAPs	Hi Oli Yes, Please register Ngambaaculturalconnections For the above project. Can you register Vicky Slater Wurrumay Pty Ltd E: [redacted] for the project also. My cc my email [redacted] Have a great day Cheers Kaarina
19/06/2024	Rodney and Barry Gunther	Waawaar Awaa Aboriginal Corporation	Phone	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage One RAP Letters PREVIOUS RAPs	Called Barry Gunther, went to voicemail. Sent the following SMS - '*Hi Barry this is Oli Rochecouste from Niche Environment and Heritage. Please give me a call back about whether you would like to register for the Rouse Hill Hospital development. My number is* [redacted]*. Cheers, Oli'*
19/06/2024	Dean Delponte	Mundawari Heritage Consultants	Phone	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage One RAP Letters PREVIOUS RAPs	Called Dean to see if Mundawari would like to be registered as a RAP for the project. Dean confirmed Mundawari would be registred again for the project. Will send them further project information when it is ready.
19/06/2024	Adam Gunther	Gunya Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Services Pty Ltd	Phone	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage One RAP Letters PREVIOUS RAPs	Called Adam Gunther, call failed. Sent the following SMS - '*Hi Adam this is Oli Rochecouste from Niche Environment and Heritage. Please give me a call back about whether you would like to register for the Rouse Hill Hospital development. My number is* [redacted] *Cheers, Oli'*

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19/06/2024	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Phone SMS	Rodney and Barry Gunther	Waawaar Awaa Aboriginal Corporation	Stage One RAP Letters PREVIOUS RAPs	Hi Oli Yes we would like to register please. I'll send an email today. That's very kind of you. Regards Barry
19/06/2024	Dean Delponte	Mundawari Heritage Consultants	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage One RAP Letters PREVIOUS RAPs	Hi Dean, Thanks for speaking with me over the phone. Mundawari Heritage Consultants was previously registered for the proposed Rouse Hill Hospital Development that was conducted by Urbis between 2022-2023. The project was then put on hold causing the consultation to lapse and needing to restart. The client has asked us to contact RAPs that were previously registered from the previous ACHA consultation and ask if they would like to be registered under the new consultation process being conducted by Niche Environment and Heritage. This email confirms that Mundawari Heritage Consultants is a registered RAP for this project. Please find attached the RAP notice letter that contains details of the project and contact information for the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment for the same project that is now being conducted by Niche Environment and Heritage. Stay tuned for further project information in the next few weeks. Yours sincerely, Oli
19/06/2024	Jesse Johnson	Muragadi	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage One RAP Letters PREVIOUS RAPs	Dear Jesse, I hope this email finds you well. Muragadi was previously registered for the proposed Rouse Hill Hospital Development that was conducted by Urbis between 2022-2023. The project was then put on hold causing the consultation to lapse and needing to restart. The client has asked us to contact RAPs that were previously registered from the previous ACHA consultation and ask if they would like to be registered under the new consultation process being conducted by Niche Environment and Heritage. Please find attached the RAP notice letter that contains details of the project and contact information for the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment for the same project that is now being conducted by Niche Environment and Heritage. Please reply all to Ben and me if you would like to be registered for the project.

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							We look forward to hearing from you. Yours sincerely, Olivier
19/06/2024	Shaun Carroll	Shaun Carroll	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage One RAP Letters PREVIOUS RAPs	Dear Shaun, I hope this email finds you well. You were previously registered for the proposed Rouse Hill Hospital Development that was conducted by Urbis between 2022-2023. The project was then put on hold causing the consultation to lapse and needing to restart. The client has asked us to contact RAPs that were previously registered from the previous ACHA consultation and ask if they would like to be registered under the new consultation process being conducted by Niche Environment and Heritage. Please find attached the RAP notice letter that contains details of the project and contact information for the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment for the same project that is now being conducted by Niche Environment and Heritage. Please reply all to Ben and me if you would like to be registered for the project. We look forward to hearing from you. Yours sincerely, Olivier
19/06/2024	Adam Gunther	Gunya Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Services Pty Ltd	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage One RAP Letters PREVIOUS RAPs	Dear Adam, I hope this email finds you well. Gunya Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Services Pty Ltd was previously registered for the proposed Rouse Hill Hospital Development that was conducted by Urbis between 2022-2023. The project was then put on hold causing the consultation to lapse and needing to restart. The client has asked us to contact RAPs that were previously registered from the previous ACHA consultation and ask if they would like to be registered under the new consultation process being conducted by Niche Environment and Heritage. Please find attached the RAP notice letter that contains details of the project and contact information for the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment for the same project that is now being conducted by Niche Environment and Heritage.

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							Please reply all to Ben and me if you would like to be registered for the project. We look forward to hearing from you. Yours sincerely, Olivier
26/06/2024	Amanda Hickey	Amanda Hickey Cultural Services	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage One RAP Letters PREVIOUS RAPs	Hi Oliver Thank you for your email AHCS would like to Formally register a interest in this project AHCS Holds strong cultural knowledge to the land and holds Cultural knowledge to determine Aboriginal heritage Attached is my current insurance Have a great day Amanda Hickey AHCS
26/06/2024	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Email	Amanda Hickey	Amanda Hickey Cultural Services	Stage One RAP Letters PREVIOUS RAPs	Hi Amanda, Thank you for your response and sending through your latest Public Liability Insurance & Workers Compensation certificate. I am confirming that AHCS is registered for the Rouse Hill project. Kind regards, Olivier
26/06/2024	Amanda Hickey	Amanda Hickey Cultural Services	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage One RAP Letters PREVIOUS RAPs	Hi Amanda, Thank you for your correspondence so far. I just noticed that the Certificate of Currency insurance you have sent us has expired from the 14 April 2024. Just so that you are cleared for any future fieldwork for the project, we will need an updated copy of that insurance. Kind regards, Oli
26/06/2024	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Email	Amanda Hickey	Amanda Hickey Cultural Services	Stage One RAP Letters PREVIOUS RAPs	Sorry about that attached is my 2024 to 2025 insurance If you need anything else please don't hesitate to contact me Thanks Amanda Hickey

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1/07/2024	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Email	Jesse Johnson	Muragadi	Stage One RAP Letters PREVIOUS RAPs	Hi Olivier Please register our company for the above project, we look forward to hearing from you. Jesse Johnson [redacted]
1/07/2024	Jesse Johnson	Muragadi	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage One RAP Letters PREVIOUS RAPs	Hi Jesse, Thank you for your response. I can confirm that Muragadi is registered for the Rouse Hill project. Kind regards, Olivier
10/07/2024	Wayne Cornish	Muru Mittigar Aboriginal Cultural & Education Centre	Phone SMS	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage One RAP Letters PREVIOUS RAPs	Called Wayne Cornish, went to voicemail. Sent the following SMS - '*Hi Wayne this is Oli Rochecouste from Niche Environment and Heritage. Please give me a call back about whether you would like to register for the Rouse Hill Hospital development. My number is* [redacted]*. Cheers, Oli'*
10/07/2024	Julie Jones Webb	Dharug Strategic Management Group (DSMG)-(Native Institiute)	Phone SMS	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage One RAP Letters PREVIOUS RAPs	Called Julie Jones Webb, went to voicemail. Sent the following SMS - '*Hi Julie this is Oli Rochecouste from Niche Environment and Heritage. Please give me a call back about whether you would like to register for the Rouse Hill Hospital development. My number is* [redacted] *Cheers, Oli'*
10/07/2024	Wayne Cornish	Muru Mittigar Aboriginal Cultural & Education Centre	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage One RAP Letters PREVIOUS RAPs	Dear Wayne, Thanks for speaking with me over the phone. Muru Mittigar Aboriginal Cultural & Education Centre was previously registered for the proposed Rouse Hill Hospital Development that was conducted by Urbis between 2022-2023. The project was then put on hold causing the consultation to lapse and needing to restart. The client has asked us to contact RAPs that were previously registered from the previous ACHA consultation and ask if they would like to be registered under the new consultation process being conducted by Niche Environment and Heritage. Please find attached the RAP notice letter that contains details of the project and contact information for the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment for the same project that is

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							now being conducted by Niche Environment and Heritage. Registrations are required by 5pm on Friday 19 July 2024. Please reply to this email if you would like to be registered for the project. We look forward to hearing from you. Yours sincerely, Olivier
10/07/2024	Julie Jones Webb	Dharug Strategic Management Group (DSMG)-(Native Institiute)	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage One RAP Letters PREVIOUS RAPs	As above
11/07/2024	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Email	Michelle Locke	Dharug Strategic Management Group (DSMG)-(Native Institiute)	Stage One RAP Letters PREVIOUS RAPs	Warami Olivier, Your email was presented to the DSMG Board meeting last night and I am writing to confirm that DSMG Ltd would like to be registered fo this project and that our Chair Julie Jones, we will be our representative. Kindest Regards Michelle Locke Secretary DSMG LTD
12/07/2024	Michelle Locke	Dharug Strategic Management Group (DSMG)-(Native Institiute)	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage One RAP Letters PREVIOUS RAPs	Hi Michelle, Thank you for your response. I can confirm that DSMG Ltd is registered for the Rouse Hill project. Kind regards, Olivier
18/07/2024	Wayne Cornish	Muru Mittigar Aboriginal Cultural & Education Centre	Phone/SMS	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage One RAP Letters PREVIOUS RAPs	Called Wayne Cornish, went to voicemail. Sent the following SMS - '*Hi Wayne this is Oli from Niche. Just touching base about whether Muru Mittigar will register as a RAP for the Rouse Hill Hospital development. If needed give me a call tomorrow. My number is* [redacted]. *Cheers, Oli*'

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19/07/2024	Admin	Muru Mittigar Aboriginal Cultural & Education Centre	Phone	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage One RAP Letters PREVIOUS RAPs	Called the Muru Mittigar office number. They advised they will send a message to Wayne.
22/07/2024	Wayne Cornish	Muru Mittigar Aboriginal Cultural & Education Centre	Phone	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage One RAP Letters PREVIOUS RAPs	Called Wayne Cornish, went to voicemail.
22/07/2024	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Phone	Wayne Cornish	Muru Mittigar Aboriginal Cultural & Education Centre	Stage One RAP Letters PREVIOUS RAPs	Wayne called to inform that he has contacted the elders about the registration for the project, but is yet to hear from them. Will update when approval will come from them. Asks for the original email to be forwarded to him so he can prompt the lders again.
23/07/2024	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Email	Wayne Cornish	Muru Mittigar Aboriginal Cultural & Education Centre	Stage One RAP Letters PREVIOUS RAPs	Hi Oliver Thank you for your time yesterday. I have sent this out to my board and have asked that they respond by Thursday. Regards and Yanu, Wayne Cornish
23/07/2024	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Email	Wayne Cornish	Muru Mittigar Aboriginal Cultural & Education Centre	Stage One RAP Letters PREVIOUS RAPs	Hi Oli I have resent this out to some our Elders. I do believe that they would like to be registerd for this project. Can you please register Muru Mittigar as an interested party Regards and Yanu, Wayne Cornish

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30/07/2024	Wayne Cornish	Muru Mittigar Aboriginal Cultural & Education Centre	Phone/SMS	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage One RAP Letters PREVIOUS RAPs	Called Wayne Cornish, went to voicemail. Sent the following SMS - '*Hi Wayne this is Oli from Niche, can you call me back when you can?*
30/07/2024	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Phone	Wayne Cornish	Muru Mittigar Aboriginal Cultural & Education Centre	Stage One RAP Letters PREVIOUS RAPs	Wayne called back informing that he sent an email the week before confirming Muru Mittigar's registration as a RAP for the project. Will send an email to confirm his response.
30/07/2024	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Email	Wayne Cornish	Muru Mittigar Aboriginal Cultural & Education Centre	Stage One RAP Letters PREVIOUS RAPs	FYI
30/07/2024	Wayne Cornish	Muru Mittigar Aboriginal Cultural & Education Centre	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage One RAP Letters PREVIOUS RAPs	Hi Wayne, Thanks for speaking with me over the phone. I am confirming that Muru Mittigar are registered for the Rouse Hill project. Kind regards, Oli
30/07/2024	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Email	Wayne Cornish	Muru Mittigar Aboriginal Cultural & Education Centre	Stage One RAP Letters PREVIOUS RAPs	Hi Oli Yes that's correct. Regards and Yanu, Wayne Cornish

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31/07/2024	Colin Gale	Colin Gale	Phone	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage One RAP Letters PREVIOUS RAPs	Tried to call Colin to confirm his address for posting the methodology to him, but went to voicemail.
1/08/2024	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Phone	Colin Gale	Colin Gale	Stage One RAP Letters PREVIOUS RAPs	Colin called to confirm his address for posting the methodology to him. Correct details as listed in the RAP list.
1/08/2024	Carolyn Hickey	A1 Indigenous Services	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage 2 Project Information & Methodology	Dear Registered Stakeholder, I hope this email finds you well. Thank you for your registered interest in the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment (ACHA) for the proposed Rouse Hill Hospital Development (RHHD) located on the corner of Commercial Road and Windsor Road, Rouse Hill, New South Wales (Lot 311 DP 1274392 and Lot 312 DP 1274392). In accordance with Section 4.2 and 4.3 of the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents (DECCW 2010), Health Infrastructure (here on referred to as 'the Proponent') is initiating arrangements for presenting information to the RAPs about the proposed hospital development at Rouse Hill, and the ACHA methodology. Please find within this letter a document that provides: — a brief description of the RHHD; and — the proposed methodology for conducting the ACHA. Please review the RHHD ACHA information and methodology. If you have any comments, suggestions, or queries regarding the methodology, or wish to supply any knowledge regarding the cultural significance of the RHHD Subject Area or the wider region in general, please contact Niche Environment and Heritage Pty Ltd (Niche) using the contact details below as soon as possible. Details of the project, contact information and how to register are in the attached letter. Please return any comments or feedback on the RHHD ACHA Information or Methodology by 5 pm, 29 August 2024. Yours sincerely, Olivier

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1/08/2024	Amanda Hickey	Amanda Hickey Cultural Services	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage 2 Project Information & Methodology	Same as above.
1/08/2024	Ralph and Nola Hampton	B.H. Heritage Consultants	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage 2 Project Information & Methodology	Same as above.
1/08/2024	Lee Field	Barraby Cultural Services	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage 2 Project Information & Methodology	Same as above.
1/08/2024	Marilyn Carroll-Johnson	Corroboree Aboriginal Corporation	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage 2 Project Information & Methodology	Same as above.
1/08/2024	Justine Coplin	Darug Custodian Aboriginal Corporation	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage 2 Project Information & Methodology	Same as above.
1/08/2024	Paula Maling	Deerubbin Local Aboriginal Land Council	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage 2 Project Information & Methodology	Same as above.
1/08/2024	Julie Jones Webb	Dharug Strategic Management Group (DSMG)-(Native Institiute)	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage 2 Project Information & Methodology	Same as above.

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1/08/2024	Lillie Carroll and Paul Boyd	Didge Ngunawal Clan	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage 2 Project Information & Methodology	Same as above.
1/08/2024	Shayne Dickson	Gunjeewong Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage 2 Project Information & Methodology	Same as above.
1/08/2024	Phil Khan	Kamilaroi Yankuntjatjara Working Group	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage 2 Project Information & Methodology	Same as above.
1/08/2024	Ethan Trewlynn	Long Gully Cultural Services	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage 2 Project Information & Methodology	Same as above.
1/08/2024	Darran Williams	Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage 2 Project Information & Methodology	Same as above.
1/08/2024	Dean Delponte	Mundawari Heritage Consultants	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage 2 Project Information & Methodology	Same as above.
1/08/2024	Jesse Johnson	Muragadi	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage 2 Project Information & Methodology	Same as above.

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1/08/2024	Darleen Johnson	Murra Bidgee Mullangari Aboriginal Corporation	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage 2 Project Information & Methodology	Same as above.
1/08/2024	Wayne Cornish	Muru Mittigar Aboriginal Cultural & Education Centre	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage 2 Project Information & Methodology	Same as above.
1/08/2024	Pearl Depoma	Pearl Depoma	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage 2 Project Information & Methodology	Same as above.
1/08/2024	Rodney and Barry Gunther	Waawaar Awaa Aboriginal Corporation	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage 2 Project Information & Methodology	Same as above.
1/08/2024	Philip Boney	Wailwan Aboriginal Group	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage 2 Project Information & Methodology	Same as above.
1/08/2024	Steven Johnson	Woka Aboriginal Corporation	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage 2 Project Information & Methodology	Same as above.
1/08/2024	Scott Franks	Yarrawalk Pty Ltd	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage 2 Project Information & Methodology	Same as above.

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1/08/2024	Arika Jalomaki	Yulay Cultural Services	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage 2 Project Information & Methodology	Same as above.
1/08/2024	Bo Field	Yurrandaali	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage 2 Project Information & Methodology	Same as above.
1/08/2024	Kaarina Slater	Ngambaa Cultural Connections	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage 2 Project Information & Methodology	Same as above.
1/08/2024	Vicky Slater	Wurrumay Pty Ltd	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage 2 Project Information & Methodology	Same as above.
1/08/2024	Colin Gale	Colin Gale	Post	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage 2 Project Information & Methodology	Tracking Number: 02 01015 04529 50060 50997
1/08/2024	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Email	Ethan Trewlynn	Long Gully Cultural Services	Stage 2 Project Information & Methodology RESPONSE	Good afternoon Olivier I support the methodology for this project. This area is quiet significant to the Dharug people due to the location being close to water sources in the area and potential trading of materials in the area. Kind regards, Ethan
1/08/2024	Ethan Trewlynn	Long Gully Cultural Services		Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage 2 Project Information &	Hi Ethan, Thank you for your quick response

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						Methodology RESPONSE	I have noted your support for the methodology. We'll be in touch. Kind regards, Olivier
1/08/2024	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Email	Ethan Trewlynn	Long Gully Cultural Services	Stage 2 Project Information & Methodology RESPONSE	Hi Olivier, You're welcome. Thank you for that also, I appreciate it. I look forward to hearing from you again soon. Kind regards, Ethan
4/08/2024	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Email	Carolyn Hickey	A1 Indigenous Services	Stage 2 Project Information & Methodology RESPONSE	Hi, I have reviewed the document and support the Information and Methodology. I Would like to be included in all Meetings, Reports, Sharing Cultural Information, and Field Work About Carolyn Hickey I am a Traditional Owner and Custodian with over 25 years experience in helping preserve Aboriginal cultural heritage on projects. I hold cultural knowledge relevant to determining the cultural significance of Aboriginal objects and values that exist in the project area. I have attached A1 Indigenous Services Insurances. A1 INDIGENOUS SERVICES, Represents over 100 Indigenous Locals When Selecting Groups for Engagement; Please consider that A1 INDIGENOUS SERVICES is a member of the NSW INDIGENOUS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. We carry the NSWICC Assured logo showing that A1 Indigenous Services has met National Policy requirements as upheld by the First Australians Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FACCI) for being identified as a 100% First Nations Owned Indigenous Business That has demonstrate compliance with Government and Industry Regulators. I agree to my details being supplied to OEH and the LALC Please feel free to contact me on details supplied

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							Kind Regards, Carolyn Hickey
6/08/2024	Carolyn Hickey	A1 Indigenous Services	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage 2 Project Information & Methodology RESPONSE	Hi Carolyn, Thank you for your response and providing your latest insurances for A1 Indigenous Services. I have noted your support for the methodology. We'll be in touch. Kind regards, Olivier
7/08/2024		Heritage NSW	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage One Notification to HeritageNSW and LALC	Good morning, I hope this email finds you well. Please find attached the RAP list for the Rouse Hill Hospital ACHA project (Niche Ref #8595) as per Section 4.1.6 of the Aboriginal cultural heritage consultation requirements for proponents (DECCW 2010). Twenty-seven (27) parties have registered for this project. kind regards, Olivier
7/08/2024		Deerubbin Local Aboriginal Land Council	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage One Notification to HeritageNSW and LALC	Good morning, I hope this email finds you well. Please find attached the RAP list for the Rouse Hill Hospital ACHA project (Niche Ref #8595) as per Section 4.1.6 of the Aboriginal cultural heritage consultation requirements for proponents (DECCW 2010). Twenty-seven (27) parties have registered for this project. Please note, two groups have requested that their registration not be disclosed to the Local Aboriginal Land Council. Kind regards, Olivier

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7/08/2024		Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage One Notification to HeritageNSW and LALC	As above
13/08/2024	Amanda Hickey	Amanda Hickey Cultural Services	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage 3 Site Visit	Dear Registered Stakeholder, I hope this email finds you well. Thank you for your involvement to date in the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment (ACHA) for the proposed Rouse Hill Hospital at Commercial Road, Rouse Hill, NSW (the Subject Area). This assessment is being undertaken on behalf of Health Infrastructure NSW (the Proponent). On behalf of the proponent, Niche Environment and Heritage (Niche) would like to invite you to attend an on-site project information meeting for the ACHA. The meeting will take place on Tuesday 20 August 2024 at 12 pm. We anticipate the meeting will take 1 – 2 hours. Please note that time and costs for attendance of the meeting will not be reimbursed. Please find within the attached letter the following info: — a brief description of the site project information meeting at the RHHD site — RSVP details — PPE requirements and safety Please provide the name and contact details of your chosen representative and copies of your insurance documents (Certificate of Currency and Workers Compensation insurance) by 5 pm on Monday 19 August 2024 by email to consultation@niche-eh.com or phone [redacted] We look forward to hearing from you. Yours sincerely, Olivier
13/08/2024	Ralph and Nola Hampton	B.H. Heritage Consultants	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage 3 Site Visit	Same as above.

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13/08/2024	Lee Field	Barraby Cultural Services	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage 3 Site Visit	Same as above.
13/08/2024	Marilyn Carroll-Johnson	Corroboree Aboriginal Corporation	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage 3 Site Visit	Same as above.
13/08/2024	Justine Coplin	Darug Custodian Aboriginal Corporation	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage 3 Site Visit	Same as above.
13/08/2024	Paula Maling	Deerubbin Local Aboriginal Land Council	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage 3 Site Visit	Same as above.
13/08/2024	Julie Jones Webb	Dharug Strategic Management Group (DSMG)-(Native Institiute)	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage 3 Site Visit	Same as above.
13/08/2024	Lillie Carroll and Paul Boyd	Didge Ngunawal Clan	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage 3 Site Visit	Same as above.
13/08/2024	Shayne Dickson	Gunjeewong Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage 3 Site Visit	Same as above.

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13/08/2024	Phil Khan	Kamilaroi Yankuntjatjara Working Group	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage 3 Site Visit	Same as above.
13/08/2024	Ethan Trewlynn	Long Gully Cultural Services	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage 3 Site Visit	Same as above.
13/08/2024	Darran Williams	Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage 3 Site Visit	Same as above.
13/08/2024	Dean Delponte	Mundawari Heritage Consultants	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage 3 Site Visit	Same as above.
13/08/2024	Jesse Johnson	Muragadi	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage 3 Site Visit	Same as above.
13/08/2024	Darleen Johnson	Murra Bidgee Mullangari Aboriginal Corporation	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage 3 Site Visit	Same as above.
13/08/2024	Wayne Cornish	Muru Mittigar Aboriginal Cultural & Education Centre	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage 3 Site Visit	Same as above.

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13/08/2024	Pearl Depoma	Pearl Depoma	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage 3 Site Visit	Same as above.
13/08/2024	Rodney and Barry Gunther	Waawaar Awaa Aboriginal Corporation	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage 3 Site Visit	Same as above.
13/08/2024	Philip Boney	Wailwan Aboriginal Group	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage 3 Site Visit	Same as above.
13/08/2024	Steven Johnson	Woka Aboriginal Corporation	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage 3 Site Visit	Same as above.
13/08/2024	Scott Franks	Yarrawalk Pty Ltd	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage 3 Site Visit	Same as above.
13/08/2024	Arika Jalomaki	Yulay Cultural Services	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage 3 Site Visit	Same as above.
13/08/2024	Bo Field	Yurrandaali	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage 3 Site Visit	Same as above.
13/08/2024	Kaarina Slater	Ngambaa Cultural Connections	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage 3 Site Visit	Same as above.
13/08/2024	Vicky Slater	Wurrumay Pty Ltd	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage 3 Site Visit	Same as above.

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13/08/2024	Colin Gale	Colin Gale	Post	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage 3 Site Visit	Tracking Number: 02 01004 47433 80060 30995
13/08/2024	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Email	Ethan Trewlynn	Long Gully Cultural Services	Stage 3 Site Visit RESPONSE	Hi Olivier, You're welcome, I'll be coming to the meeting. I'll send off my insurances today. Kind regards, Ethan
13/08/2024	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Email	Marilyn Carroll-Johnson	Corroboree Aboriginal Corporation	Stage 3 Site Visit RESPONSE	Hi Olivier We are available to attend Tuesday 20 August 2024 at 12 pm.
13/08/2024	Ethan Trewlynn	Long Gully Cultural Services	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage 3 Site Visit RESPONSE	Hi Ethan, Thanks for your response. Do send me your insurances when you can. Kind regards, Olivier
13/08/2024	Marilyn Carroll-Johnson	Corroboree Aboriginal Corporation	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage 3 Site Visit RESPONSE	Hi Marilyn, Thanks for your response and sending through your insurances. Looking forward to meeting you face to face next Tuesday. Any problems getting there, do give me a call. Kind regards, Olivier
13/08/2024	Ethan Trewlynn	Long Gully Cultural Services	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage 3 Site Visit RESPONSE	Hi Olivier, You're welcome, I just got a meeting and a drug and alcohol test for a job once I'm done I'll send it off. Kind regards, Ethan

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13/08/2024	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Email	Steven Johnson	Woka Aboriginal Corporation	Stage 3 Site Visit RESPONSE	Good morning Olivier We are available for the site meeting on Tuesday 20th of August @ 12:00pm. Cheers Steve - Director WAC
13/08/2024	Ethan Trewlynn	Long Gully Cultural Services	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage 3 Site Visit RESPONSE	Sent insurance screenshots
13/08/2024	Scott Franks	Yarrawalk Pty Ltd	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage 3 Site Visit RESPONSE	Oliver, Please be advised that we will not attend site visit with being provided proper fees for service. This is not consultation, this is a site visit that requires insurance certificate of currency. Please advise the proponent that Yarrawalk will not attend with payment. I look forward to your response. Regards Scott Franks
13/08/2024	Steven Johnson	Woka Aboriginal Corporation	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage 3 Site Visit RESPONSE	Hi Steven, Thank you for your response. Looking forward to meeting you face to face next Tuesday. Any problems getting there, do give me a call. Kind regards, Olivier
13/08/2024	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Email	Lilly Carroll and Paul Boyd	Didge Ngunawal Clan	Stage 3 Site Visit RESPONSE	Hi Olivier Paul Boyd will be attending on [redacted] at half day rate,
14/08/2024	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Email	Philip Boney	Wailwan Aboriginal Group	Stage 3 Site Visit RESPONSE	Good afternoon, Phil Boney here. Thank you for the email regarding the meeting at Rouse Hill Hospital. I, Phil Boney, will represent Wailwan Aboriginal Group for the meeting and I have attached insurance to this email. I look forward to working with you. Thank you.

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							Regards, Phil Boney Wailwan Aboriginal Group
16/08/2024	Marilyn Carroll-Johnson	Corroboree Aboriginal Corporation	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage 3 Site Visit RESPONSE	Hi Marilyn, Thank you for confirming your response and sending through your insurances. Please be advised that your site visit on Tuesday 20 August will be paid for at a half day rate. Following the site visit, please send your invoice to consultation@niche-eh.com and address them to: Health Infrastructure 1 Reserve Road St Leonards NSW 2065 Email: HI-RouseHillHospital@health.nsw.gov.au I look forward to seeing you next Tuesday. Have a great weekend! Kind regards, Olivier
16/08/2024	Ethan Trewlynn	Long Gully Cultural Services	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage 3 Site Visit RESPONSE	Hi Ethan, Thank you for confirming your response and sending through your insurances. Please be advised that your site visit on Tuesday 20 August will be paid for at a half day rate. Following the site visit, please send your invoice to consultation@niche-eh.com and address them to: Health Infrastructure 1 Reserve Road St Leonards NSW 2065 Email: HI-RouseHillHospital@health.nsw.gov.au I look forward to seeing you next Tuesday. Have a great weekend! Kind regards, Olivier
16/08/2024	Steven Johnson	Woka Aboriginal Corporation	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage 3 Site Visit RESPONSE	Hi Steven, Thank you for confirming your response. Please be advised that your site visit on Tuesday 20 August will be paid for at a half day rate for 1 representative from your organisation.

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							Can you please send through your insurances so that you are eligible? Following the site visit, please send your invoice to consultation@niche-eh.com and address them to: Health Infrastructure 1 Reserve Road St Leonards NSW 2065 Email: HI-RouseHillHospital@health.nsw.gov.au I look forward to seeing you next Tuesday. Have a great weekend! Kind regards, Olivier
16/08/2024	Lillie Carroll and Paul Boyd	Didge Ngunawal Clan	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage 3 Site Visit RESPONSE	Hi Lilly, Thank you for confirming that Paul will attend next Tuesday and sending through your insurances. Following the site visit, please send your invoice to consultation@niche-eh.com and address them to: Health Infrastructure 1 Reserve Road St Leonards NSW 2065 Email: HI-RouseHillHospital@health.nsw.gov.au I look forward to seeing Paul next Tuesday. Have a great weekend! Kind regards,
16/08/2024	Philip Boney	Wailwan Aboriginal Group	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage 3 Site Visit RESPONSE	Hi Phil, Thank you for confirming your response and sending through your insurances. Please be advised that your site visit on Tuesday 20 August will be paid for at a half day rate for 1 representative from your organisation. Following the site visit, please send your invoice to consultation@niche-eh.com and address them to: Health Infrastructure 1 Reserve Road St Leonards NSW 2065 Email: HI-RouseHillHospital@health.nsw.gov.au

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							I look forward to seeing you next Tuesday. Have a great weekend! Kind regards, Olivier
16/08/2024	Marilyn Carroll-Johnson	Corroboree Aboriginal Corporation	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage 3 Site Visit RESPONSE	My apologies, Marilyn, I forgot to advise that the site visit payment will only be for 1 representative from your organisation. Kind regards, Olivier
16/08/2024	Ethan Trewlynn	Long Gully Cultural Services	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage 3 Site Visit RESPONSE	My apologies, Ethan, I forgot to advise that the site visit payment will only be for 1 representative from your organisation. Kind regards, Olivier
16/08/2024	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Phone	Dean Delponte	Mundawari Heritage Consultants	Stage 3 Site Visit RESPONSE	Dean called to inform that Shaya Holmes will attend the site visit fro Mundawari. Olivier then informed Dean that she will be paid at a half day rate and that the insurances must be sent.
16/08/2024	Dean Delponte	Mundawari Heritage Consultants	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage 3 Site Visit RESPONSE	Hi Oli, Insurances attached. Thank you!!! Cheers Dean
16/08/2024	Dean Delponte	Mundawari Heritage Consultants	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage 3 Site Visit RESPONSE	Hi Dean, Thanks for confirming your response over the phone that Shaya will come out for you guys, plus sending through your insurances. Following the site visit, please send your invoice to consultation@niche-eh.com and address them to: Health Infrastructure 1 Reserve Road

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							St Leonards NSW 2065 Email: HI-RouseHillHospital@health.nsw.gov.au I look forward to seeing Shaya next Tuesday. Have a great weekend! Kind regards, Olivier
16/08/2024	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Email	Steven Johnson	Woka Aboriginal Corporation	Stage 3 Site Visit RESPONSE	Hi Oliver Please refer, regards Steve
16/08/2024	Steven Johnson	Woka Aboriginal Corporation	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage 3 Site Visit RESPONSE	Thank you, Steven. Have a great weekend! Kind regards, Olivier
19/08/2024	Colin Gale	Colin Gale	Phone	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage 3 Site Visit RESPONSE	Returned Colin Gale's call after he called the Niche office. Spoke at length regarding his comments about the proposed Methodology with certain information about the historical land use of the Subject Area. Talked about how the AHIMS site 45-5-2439 maybe in the wrong location compared to what AHIMS database has indicated. Colin also alluded that a report by Neville Baker from 200 regarding the Mungerie Town Centre excavations would be very useful for the ACHA study. Potentially, there is a possibility that the artefacts coming from the 2 AHIMS sites in the Subject Area maybe related to excavation infill coming from those Mungerie Excavations. Colin would liek to come to the on site meeting tomorrow, but doesn't have insurances to come onto site. Oli has organised to meet with Colin at 2pm after the meeting at the Fiddler.
19/08/2024	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Email	Steven Johnson	Woka Aboriginal Corporation	Stage 3 Site Visit RESPONSE	Hi Oliver Sending my apologies unfortunately we have no members available to attend. Kind Regards Steve Johnson

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20/08/2024	Steven Johnson	Woka Aboriginal Corporation	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage 3 Site Visit RESPONSE	Hi Steven, Thank you for letting me know that Woka won't be to attend today. Did you have any comments regarding the project Methodology? Kind regards, Olivier
20/08/2024	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Email	Lilly Carroll and Paul Boyd	Didge Ngunawal Clan	Stage 3 Site Visit INVOICE	(Attached invoice) Always a pleasure to have you on site with your professionalism, look forward to seeing you again next time
21/08/2024	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Email	Ethan Trewlynn	Long Gully Cultural Services	Stage 3 Site Visit INVOICE	Hi Oli, Is the invoice just for Healthcare Infrastructure ? Kind regards, Ethan
21/08/2024	Ethan Trewlynn	Long Gully Cultural Services	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage 3 Site Visit INVOICE	Hi Ethan, We just had a development. Can you please address the invoice to Niche instead using the following details please? Niche Environment and Heritage Level 3, 93 George Street Parramatta NSW 2150 Email: consultation@niche-eh.com Once that is done, send it through to the above email and we will sort it out. Kind regards, Oli
21/08/2024	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Email	Ethan Trewlynn	Long Gully Cultural Services	Stage 3 Site Visit INVOICE	Hi Oli, I'm sending it off now. It was nice meeting you yesterday! Kind regards, Ethan

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21/08/2024	Lilly Carroll and Paul Boyd	Didge Ngunawal Clan	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage 3 Site Visit INVOICE	Thank you for sending your invoice through, Lilly. Pleasure to work with Paul as always. We'll get this invoice sorted for you as soon as we can. Kind regards, Oli
21/08/2024	Ethan Trewlynn	Long Gully Cultural Services	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage 3 Site Visit INVOICE	Thank you, Ethan. Likewise! We'll get this invoice sorted for you as soon as we can. Kind regards, Oli
21/08/2024	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Email	Lilly Carroll and Paul Boyd	Didge Ngunawal Clan	Stage 3 Site Visit INVOICE	Cheers
22/08/2024	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Email	Dean Delponte	Mundawari Heritage Consultants	Stage 3 Site Visit INVOICE	Sent invoice
23/08/2024	Lilly Carroll and Paul Boyd	Didge Ngunawal Clan	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage 3 Site Visit INVOICE	Hi Lilly, We just had a development. Can you please reissue your invoice for DNC's time for the RAP meeting to Niche instead using the following details please? Niche Environment and Heritage Level 3, 93 George Street Parramatta NSW 2150 Email: consultation@niche-eh.com Once that is done, please reply back with it to this email and we will sort it out. Kind regards, Oli

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23/08/2024	Dean Delponte	Mundawari Heritage Consultants	Phone	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage 3 Site Visit INVOICE	Called Dean to ask if he can reissue his invoice to Niche. Dean confirmed he will do it next week. Oli to provide updated details.
23/08/2024	Dean Delponte	Mundawari Heritage Consultants	Phone	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage 3 Site Visit INVOICE	Hi Dean, Thanks for speaking with me over the phone. Can you please reissue your invoice for Mundarri's time for the RAP meeting to Niche instead using the following details please? Niche Environment and Heritage Level 3, 93 George Street Parramatta NSW 2150 Email: consultation@niche-eh.com Kind regards, Oli
23/08/2024	Philip Boney	Wailwan Aboriginal Group	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage 3 Site Visit INVOICE	Hi Phil, Good to meet with you this past Tuesday for the RAP meeting at Rouse Hill. We just had a development. Can you please issue the invoice for your time for the RAP meeting to Niche instead of Health Infrastructure using the following details please? Niche Environment and Heritage Level 3, 93 George Street Parramatta NSW 2150 Email: consultation@niche-eh.com Any issues do give me a call. Kind regards, Oli
23/08/2024	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Phone	Philip Boney	Wailwan Aboriginal Group	Stage 3 Site Visit INVOICE	Phil called confirming the invoice details. Also asked that his feedback from the meeting would be implemented in the report.

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26/08/2024	Colin Gale	Colin Gale	Phone	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Stage 2 Project Information & Methodology RESPONSE	Phoned Colin to discuss whether he may have time to discuss the comments he provided for the ACHA methodology in greater detail. Could not reach him however left a voicemail to ask if we could arrange a time to speak.
27/08/2024	Colin Gale	Colin Gale	Phone	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Stage 2 Project Information & Methodology RESPONSE	Phoned Colin however could not reach him and left another voicemail.
27/08/2024	Lilly Carroll	Didge Ngunawal Clan	Phone	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage 3 Site Visit INVOICE	Tried to call Lilly regarding invoice changes for their time at the RAP meeting. Could not reach and went to voicemail, will contact Paul.
27/08/2024	Paul Boyd	Didge Ngunawal Clan	Phone	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage 3 Site Visit INVOICE	Informed Paul about invoice changes and that they needed to be reissued to the client instead of Niche. Will send an email with further details.
27/08/2024	Dean Delponte	Mundawari Heritage Consultants	Phone	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage 3 Site Visit INVOICE	As above
27/08/2024	Philip Boney	Wailwan Aboriginal Group	Phone	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage 3 Site Visit INVOICE	As above
27/08/2024	Lilly Carroll and Paul Boyd	Didge Ngunawal Clan	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage 3 Site Visit INVOICE	Hi Lilly, I tried to call you earlier but couldn't reach you. I was then able to get a hold of Paul. I spoke with Paul over the phone regarding further changes to DNC's invoice for his time at the RAP Site visit/meeting last week. As I mentioned to him, the client (TSA Riley) will progress your invoice on behalf of Health Infrastructure.

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							1. Please reissue your invoice to the following recipient's details below and include a reference to Rouse Hill Hospital and the site visit including date (20/8/24): Katie Babula Health Infrastructure NSW 1 Reserve Road St Leonards NSW 2065 2. Then, please email your reissued invoice to: [redacted] consultation@niche-eh.com. These emails are cc'd in this email for your reference. We apologise for these additional changes, but rest assured these invoices will be progressed efficiently via this method. Any issues, feel free to email back or give me a call. Kind regards, Oli
27/08/2024	Dean Delponte	Mundawari Heritage Consultants	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage 3 Site Visit INVOICE	Same as above.
27/08/2024	Philip Boney	Wailwan Aboriginal Group	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage 3 Site Visit INVOICE	Same as above.
27/08/2024	Ethan Trewlynn	Long Gully Cultural Services	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage 3 Site Visit INVOICE	Hi Ethan, I hope you are well. I have been informed by the client (TSA Riley) that your invoice for your time at the RAP Site visit/meeting last week needs to be reissued to a different recipient. Instead of Niche, TSA Riley will progress your invoice on behalf of Health Infrastructure. 1. Please reissue your invoice to the following recipient's details below and include a reference to Rouse Hill Hospital and the site visit including date (20/8/24): Katie Babula Health Infrastructure NSW 1 Reserve Road St Leonards NSW 2065

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							2. Then, please email your reissued invoice to: [redacted] consultation@niche-eh.com. These emails are cc'd in this email for your reference. We apologise for these additional changes, but rest assured these invoices will be progressed efficiently via this method. Any issues, feel free to email back or give me a call. Kind regards, Oli
27/08/2024	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Email	Lilly Carroll and Paul Boyd	Didge Ngunawal Clan	Stage 3 Site Visit INVOICE	Sent updated invoice
27/08/2024	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Phone	Colin Gale	Colin Gale	Stage 2 Project Information & Methodology RESPONSE	Colin returned the call and we discussed a range of topics including his familial and personal connections to the local area including Pitt Town and Blacktown and locally significant places at Dural, Windsor, Toongabbie, Schofields and Rouse Hill. Colin spoke further about the excavations at Mungerie Park and advised that we take the opportunity to look at the tape that he has provided a copy of. Colin also asked that we make sure that we returned the VHS once we have had a chance to copy it which I assured him we would do. Colin discussed some significant locations connected to the Battle of Vinegar Hill according to his own research and confirmed that these are not within the current Subject Area boundaries however have regional and national significance.
27/08/2024	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Email	Ethan Trewlynn	Long Gully Cultural Services	Stage 3 Site Visit INVOICE	Hi all, I'm just sending off my invoice for the site inspection last week. Kind regards, Ethan
27/08/2024	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Email	Ethan Trewlynn	Long Gully Cultural Services	Stage 3 Site Visit INVOICE	Hi Oli, Everything is well I'm just away from Sydney doing a 3 week survey up in the Hunter Valley. How are you going? Also thank you for letting me know.

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							I just sent off the invoice. Look these things happen Oli, no stress. Kind regards, Ethan
28/08/2024	Ethan Trewlynn	Long Gully Cultural Services	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage 3 Site Visit INVOICE	Hi Ethan, Thanks for sending the updated invoice! Cheers, Oli
28/08/2024	Ethan Trewlynn	Long Gully Cultural Services	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage 3 Site Visit INVOICE	Hi Ethan, Glad you got some long-term work up in the Hunter. Enjoy! I am well, busy but happy. All good, thanks for sending the invoice through Ethan. Oli
28/08/2024	Marilyn Carroll-Johnson	Corroboree Aboriginal Corporation	Phone	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Stage 2 Project Information & Methodology RESPONSE	Called to confirm what details Marilyn would like me to keep confidential. Noted in RAP notes.
28/08/2024	Colin Gale	Colin Gale	Phone	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Stage 2 Project Information & Methodology RESPONSE	Called to confirm what details Colin would like me to keep confidential.
28/08/2024	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Email	Philip Boney	Wailwan Aboriginal Group	Stage 3 Site Visit INVOICE	Good Afternoon, Phil Boney here. I have amended the following invoice for the RAP meeting for Rouse Hill hospital. I have attached the following to this email. Thank you. Regards, Phil Boney Wailwan Aboriginal Group

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28/08/2024	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Phone	Colin Gale	Colin Gale	Stage 2 Project Information & Methodology RESPONSE	Colin returned my call and discussed what he would like to keep confidential. He provided some further information re: the film that he has passed on to us.
29/08/2024	Philip Boney	Wailwan Aboriginal Group	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage 3 Site Visit INVOICE	Hi Phil, Thanks for sending the updated invoice! Cheers, Oli
12/09/2024	Carolyn Hickey	A1 Indigenous Services	Email	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Stage 4 Draft Report	Good afternoon, Thank you for your involvement to date in the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment (ACHA) for the proposed Rouse Hill Hospital at Commercial Road, Rouse Hill, NSW. We are writing to you to ask for your feedback on the draft ACHA (see attached) for the project. Please provide any written comments or submissions on the draft reports within 28 days, or by COB Thursday 10 October 2024. Please send your feedback to Ben Slack: Niche Environment and Heritage Pty Ltd L3/93 George Street Parramatta NSW 2150 Email: consultation@niche-eh.com Warm regards, Carly Todhunter
12/09/2024	Amanda Hickey	Amanda Hickey Cultural Services	Email	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Stage 4 Draft Report	As above
12/09/2024	Ralph and Nola Hampton	B.H. Heritage Consultants	Email	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Stage 4 Draft Report	As above

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12/09/2024	Lee Field	Barraby Cultural Services	Email	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Stage 4 Draft Report	As above
12/09/2024	Colin Gale	Colin Gale	Post	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Stage 4 Draft Report	T/N: 02 01013 54512 10060 50990
12/09/2024	Marilyn Carroll-Johnson	Corroboree Aboriginal Corporation	Email	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Stage 4 Draft Report	As above
12/09/2024	Justine Coplin	Darug Custodian Aboriginal Corporation	Email	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Stage 4 Draft Report	As above
12/09/2024	Paula Maling	Deerubbin Local Aboriginal Land Council	Email	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Stage 4 Draft Report	As above
12/09/2024	Julie Jones Webb	Dharug Strategic Management Group (DSMG)-(Native Institiute)	Email	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Stage 4 Draft Report	As above
12/09/2024	Lillie Carroll and Paul Boyd	Didge Ngunawal Clan	Email	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Stage 4 Draft Report	As above
12/09/2024	Shayne Dickson	Gunjeewong Cultural Heritage	Email	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Stage 4 Draft Report	As above

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		Aboriginal Corporation					
12/09/2024	Phil Khan	Kamilaroi Yankuntjatjara Working Group	Email	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Stage 4 Draft Report	As above
12/09/2024	Ethan Trewlynn	Long Gully Cultural Services	Email	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Stage 4 Draft Report	As above
12/09/2024	Darran Williams	Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council	Email	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Stage 4 Draft Report	As above
12/09/2024	Dean Delponte	Mundawari Heritage Consultants	Email	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Stage 4 Draft Report	As above
12/09/2024	Jesse Johnson	Muragadi	Email	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Stage 4 Draft Report	As above
12/09/2024	Darleen Johnson	Murra Bidgee Mullangari Aboriginal Corporation	Email	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Stage 4 Draft Report	As above
12/09/2024	Kaarina Slater	Ngambaa Cultural Connections	Email	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Stage 4 Draft Report	As above

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12/09/2024	Pearl Depoma	Pearl Depoma	Email	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Stage 4 Draft Report	As above
12/09/2024	Rodney and Barry Gunther	Waawaar Awaa Aboriginal Corporation	Email	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Stage 4 Draft Report	As above
12/09/2024	Philip Boney	Wailwan Aboriginal Group	Email	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Stage 4 Draft Report	As above
12/09/2024	Steven Johnson	Woka Aboriginal Corporation	Email	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Stage 4 Draft Report	As above
12/09/2024	Vicky Slater	Wurrumay Pty Ltd	Email	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Stage 4 Draft Report	As above
12/09/2024	Scott Franks	Yarrawalk Pty Ltd	Email	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Stage 4 Draft Report	As above
12/09/2024	Arika Jalomaki	Yulay Cultural Services	Email	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Stage 4 Draft Report	As above
12/09/2024	Bo Field	Yurrandaali	Email	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Stage 4 Draft Report	As above
12/09/2024	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Email	Lillie Carroll and Paul Boyd	Didge Ngunawal Clan	Stage 4 Draft Report RESPONSE	Were all good from our end and everything that was discussed happened on site

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20/09/2024	Colin Gale	Colin Gale	Post	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage 4 Draft Report	Sent Colin his VHS Tape and a printed copy of the previous report for Mungerie Town Centre as he requested. T/N: 02 01013 54512 10060 50990
20/09/2024	Wayne Cornish	Muru Mittigar Aboriginal Cultural & Education Centre	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage 4 Draft Report	Good afternoon, Thank you for your involvement to date in the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment (ACHA) for the proposed Rouse Hill Hospital at Commercial Road, Rouse Hill, NSW. We are writing to you to ask for your feedback on the draft ACHA (see attached) for the project. Please provide any written comments or submissions on the draft reports within 28 days, or by COB Friday 18 October 2024. Please send your feedback to Ben Slack: Niche Environment and Heritage Pty Ltd L3/93 George Street Parramatta NSW 2150 Email: consultation@niche-eh.com Warm regards,
20/09/2024	Carolyn Hickey	A1 Indigenous Services	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage 4 Draft Report	Good afternoon, I am writing to let you know that there has been a deadline extension for your feedback on the draft ACHA for the project. Please provide any written comments or submissions on the draft reports within 28 days, or by COB Friday 18 October 2024. Warm regards, Olivier
20/09/2024	Amanda Hickey	Amanda Hickey Cultural Services	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage 4 Draft Report	As above
20/09/2024	Ralph and Nola Hampton	B.H. Heritage Consultants	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage 4 Draft Report	As above

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20/09/2024	Lee Field	Barraby Cultural Services	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage 4 Draft Report	As above
20/09/2024	Marilyn Carroll-Johnson	Corroboree Aboriginal Corporation	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage 4 Draft Report	As above
20/09/2024	Justine Coplin	Darug Custodian Aboriginal Corporation	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage 4 Draft Report	As above
20/09/2024	Paula Maling	Deerubbin Local Aboriginal Land Council	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage 4 Draft Report	As above
20/09/2024	Julie Jones Webb	Dharug Strategic Management Group (DSMG)-(Native Institiute)	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage 4 Draft Report	As above
20/09/2024	Lillie Carroll and Paul Boyd	Didge Ngunawal Clan	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage 4 Draft Report	As above
20/09/2024	Shayne Dickson	Gunjeewong Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage 4 Draft Report	As above

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20/09/2024	Phil Khan	Kamilaroi Yankuntjatjara Working Group	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage 4 Draft Report	As above
20/09/2024	Ethan Trewlynn	Long Gully Cultural Services	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage 4 Draft Report	As above
20/09/2024	Darran Williams	Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage 4 Draft Report	As above
20/09/2024	Dean Delponte	Mundawari Heritage Consultants	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage 4 Draft Report	As above
20/09/2024	Jesse Johnson	Muragadi	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage 4 Draft Report	As above
20/09/2024	Darleen Johnson	Murra Bidgee Mullangari Aboriginal Corporation	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage 4 Draft Report	As above
20/09/2024	Kaarina Slater	Ngambaa Cultural Connections	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage 4 Draft Report	As above
20/09/2024	Pearl Depoma	Pearl Depoma	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage 4 Draft Report	As above

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20/09/2024	Rodney and Barry Gunther	Waawaar Awaa Aboriginal Corporation	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage 4 Draft Report	As above
20/09/2024	Philip Boney	Wailwan Aboriginal Group	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage 4 Draft Report	As above
20/09/2024	Steven Johnson	Woka Aboriginal Corporation	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage 4 Draft Report	As above
20/09/2024	Vicky Slater	Wurrumay Pty Ltd	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage 4 Draft Report	As above
20/09/2024	Scott Franks	Yarrawalk Pty Ltd	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage 4 Draft Report	As above
20/09/2024	Arika Jalomaki	Yulay Cultural Services	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage 4 Draft Report	As above
20/09/2024	Bo Field	Yurrandaali	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage 4 Draft Report	As above
20/09/2024	Colin Gale	Colin Gale	Phone	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage 4 Draft Report	Called Colin and left a voicemail to let him know that the VHS tape and report are on its way to him and that the ACHA Feedback deadline has been extended to 18 October.
20/09/2024	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Email	Phil Khan	Kamilaroi Yankuntjatjara Working Group	Stage 4 Draft Report RESPONSE	Hi Oliver, Apologies for late response. thank you for your Draft ACHA regarding 8595 Rouse Hill Hospital, we would like to agree and support your recomendations, we also recommend any artefacts found during

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							excavation should be reburied. we look forward to working alongside you on this project. Kind Regards Phil Khan – Director
20/09/2024	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Phone	Colin Gale	Colin Gale	Stage 4 Draft Report	Uncle Colin returned my call to inform that he has sent further info regarding some land grants from the area. Mentioned he will post a report back with his comments.
20/09/2024	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Email	Ethan Trewlynn	Long Gully Cultural Services	Stage 4 Draft Report RESPONSE	Hi Oli, As being on site I believe we should open that pit up more and maybe have other pits set up due to the location of where the artefacts were previously found. Kind regards, Ethan
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8/10/2024	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Email	Amanda Hickey	Amanda Hickey Cultural Services	Stage 4 Draft Report RESPONSE	Hi AHCS support the draft reports If you need anything else please don't hesitate to contact me Have a great day
8/10/2024	Phil Khan	Kamilaroi Yankuntjatjara Working Group	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage 4 Draft Report RESPONSE	Hi Phil and Stef, Thank you for sending your comments regarding the care agreement for the site's artefacts and supporting the recommendations of the Rouse Hill ACHA. We will keep you updated on the project. Kind regards, Oli
8/10/2024	Ethan Trewlynn	Long Gully Cultural Services	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage 4 Draft Report RESPONSE	Hi Ethan, Thank you for sending your comments regarding the project's excavation methodology. We will keep you updated on the project. Kind regards, Oli
8/10/2024	Amanda Hickey	Amanda Hickey Cultural Services	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage 4 Draft Report RESPONSE	Hi Amanda, Thank you for sending your support for the recommendations of the Rouse Hill ACHA. We will keep you updated on the project. Kind regards, Oli
8/10/2024	Lillie Carroll and Paul Boyd	Didge Ngunawal Clan	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage 4 Draft Report RESPONSE	Hi Paul and Lilly, Thank you for sending your support for the recommendations of the Rouse Hill ACHA. We will keep you updated on the project. Kind regards, Oli

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8/10/2024	Ben Slack	Niche	Post	Colin Gale	Colin Gale	Stage 4 Draft Report RESPONSE	Ben Slack Niche Parramatta Comments on R.H.H. ACHA Page 8 Aboriginal Stakeholders. I was a Native Title Claimants over the whole Sydney Basin for 16 years before I withdrew without prejudice. Page 30 Ecology 2.3.5 add Yams, now called vanilla lillies- after last line add fresh water mussels in Caddies Creek. Page 31. Table 9. Flora and Fauna- Trees- add Black Wattle- for witchety grubs, sap and tools digging sticks etc.), long necked tortoise- add eels, perch, yabbies, platypus etc. Goanna- we melted down goanna fat to make a pigment. Page 32- 2.3. 6. Land use- as per my documents this land was not released for settlement until 1818- to rebels who fought in the Battle of Vinegar Hill uprising- the site of the so called private burial ground- Lucy Mileham's grant is granted in 1897 was a very much later grant. Page 42- Potential stakeholders (Colin Gale) Response from Nicke L. Mileham, this must be an error. Page 45. Last comment Phil Boney- Ab mission- this refers to the Marella Mission- not an old style mission, but a more modern version a the back of Kellyville north of Windsor Road- Niche comment- The Sackville Reach- This was taken over by the D.L.A.L.C. by illegally using our name Darug after a 5 year court battle. I caused the then Aboriginal Affairs Minister to admit and apologise for misleading Parliament over the announcement. Can provide evidence. Page 51 Other registers. As per the material I sent you on Harvey's Grant- it fronted the Hawkesbury Road as did Gov. Bligh's 100 acres Copenhagen see my covering paperwork as listed with the State Library in 2014- includes full details of the Battle of Vinegar Hill as should be a listed item. Page 52- Heritage items. As per the previous page LEP1189 is the burial ground of 3 Irish rebels who fought in the Battle of Vinegar Hill. Also LEP 132 is NOT the actual battleground site. Page 56 3rd Paragraph- Baker explanation etc. supposedly 1.3 km to the South of the current Subject Area description is TOTALLY WRONG AS described in the Video tape that I loaned you and the report of the excavations AMBS (2000). Note the northings and eastern listings on the numerous pits.

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							Page 61 JO McDonald Cultural Heritage etc. 2001 The salvage excavations conducted by McDonald are regionally significant and led to referencing regional occupation models etc. This only came about after she visited us on Mungerie Park Town Centre site- I also participated in some of these sites- she also commences to use the word terraces (after M.P.T.C site that I identified to N. Baker). NOTE The D.C.A.C. were actually litigants AGAINST MY NATIVE TITLE APPLICATION as per the Federal court document that I have enclosed. Very nice way of now claiming to have all this knowledge etc. <Provides excerpt from the Genealogical Report on the "Gale for Darug" Native Title Claim in Western Sydney Volume 2 of 2 Attachments" Ben I have received my tape and the copy of N. Baker report on M.P. T. C. I have made some comments about this because I sick of archos and others not giving me the credit for things I do and show them etc. Page 2. Nowhere does he acknowledge that it was at my insistence that more work needed to be done on that (as per the letter that I gave you about the upcoming work- bottom paragraph- does not acknowledge that sections of THAT tape are taken from our tape showing the axe grinding grooves etc. Does not acknowledge that after weeks of wasted effort that he then asked for my advice as to where to dig next (the main excavation and 2 other sites. He does not acknowledge that we actually staged a one day walk out over the fact that D.T.A.C. were actually doing about 75% of the total workload- Because 3 of D.C.A.C. men were unable or unwilling to work whilst talking- a fourth member was not doing anything other than setting beside a fire all day. We returned the next day with the ultimatum that either they worked equally or were removed from the site or we would withdraw and sue AMBS. Page 17 last paragraph. Rare artefacts- Page 73 and 74-75 Camping does not recognise the fact that you don't camp on wet, muddy sloping ground- we personally camped overnight on slightly damp clay soils- but we burnt branches to dry out and the used branches to sweep clean. The fact that M.P. T. C. become one of the biggest excavations on the Cumberland Plain. Colin Gale.

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12/10/2024	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Email	Justine Coplin	Darug Custodian Aboriginal Corporation	Stage 4 Draft Report RESPONSE	Warami Our group is a non- profit organisation that has been active for over forty years in Western Sydney, we are a Dharug community group with over three hundred members. The main aim in our constitution is the care of Dharug sites, places, wildlife and to promote our culture and provide education on the Dharug history. This 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 Dharug 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 Dharug group for the past 40 plus years. There are so many sites in this area as well as axe grinding groves, 1000s of artefacts were collected where the shopping centre is now, when the lite rail was being built there was a site in front of the heritage house that was a huge amount of micro artefact. Jo Mac Donald and KNC. Artefacts found on this site, once analysed should be reburied on site. the hole should be excavated by machine to be able to get it deep enough, all artefacts should be removed from all plastic, wrapped in paper bark, placed in the ground so overtime they can return to country. have Dharug Community should be involved in the reburial . yanu Justine
14/10/2024	Heritage NSW	Heritage NSW	Email	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Stage 4 Draft Report RESPONSE	Good morning, As part of ongoing consultation with Aboriginal stakeholders for a project, we are presently discussing the possibility of an on-site reburial of artefacts recovered from test and salvage excavations. During this consultation, a recommendation has been received by a RAP to wrap the artefacts in paperbark without any plastic (Ziploc bags). Noting the requirements outlined in Requirement 26 of the Code of Practice, I wanted to inform myself of whether there is a precedent on taking this alternative approach or whether it would not be permissible even for cultural grounds within the Code? We would still be reaching out to other RAPs as part of a ACHMP currently in development and as part of ongoing planning discussions to discuss the proposal further how would like to confirm whether such an approach could be permissible when the majority of RAPs

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							would request it. Thanks in advance of your further advice,
14/10/2024	Justine Coplin	Darug Custodian Aboriginal Corporation	Email	Olivier Rochecouste	Niche	Stage 4 Draft Report RESPONSE	Hi Justine, Thank you for sharing your comments regarding the excavation methodology and care agreement for the site's artefacts associated with the Rouse Hill ACHA. We will keep you updated on the project. Kind regards, Oli
15/10/2024	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Email	Heritage NSW	Heritage NSW	Stage 4 Draft Report RESPONSE	Dear Carly So that we can provide the most appropriate guidance, can you please advise the related Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit number or numbers. The conditions within the permit/s need to be considered. Your reference: DOC24/842382 Kind regards Colleen
15/10/2024	Heritage NSW	Heritage NSW	Email	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Stage 4 Draft Report RESPONSE	Hi Colleen, The project will actually be managed under an achmp which is being drafted at present (for SSD-66111708). We are currently at the stage of completing an ACHA and developing the ACHMP so are exploring our options on advice of the RAPs. Thanks in advance,
15/10/2024	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Email	Heritage NSW	Heritage NSW	Stage 4 Draft Report RESPONSE	Hello Carly Alternative methodologies for artefact reburial to the requirements of the Code of Practice for Archaeological Investigation of Aboriginal Objects in NSW (DECCW 2010) are regularly requested by the Aboriginal Community and approved by Heritage NSW (for Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permits where Heritage NSW has delegation for approval). However, we note that New Rouse Hill Hospital (SSD-66111708) is a state significant development project subject to conditions of approval issued by the Department of Planning Housing and

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							Infrastructure (DPHI). Heritage NSW recognises that the relevant Aboriginal community are the determiner of how cultural values and objects should be managed and maintained. If the Registered Aboriginal parties (RAPs) wish to rebury artefacts with a methodology that does not meet the requirements of the code (for example without plastic bags and labels on the artefacts) Heritage NSW supports that wish. If an alternative methodology of reburial is developed through consultation with RAPs for the repatriation of salvaged artefacts, Heritage NSW recommends that it is included within the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Plan (ACHMP) for the project. The alternative reburial methodology can then be approved as a part of ACHMP under the project approval. Please let me know if I can be of further assistance. Regards
16/10/2024	Justine Coplin	Darug Custodian Aboriginal Corporation		Carly Todhunter	Justine Coplin	Stage 4 Draft Report RESPONSE	Called Justine to advise that I have spoken to Heritage NSW and they would support the proposal to bury the artefacts in paperbark if this is the wish of the RAPs. She acknowledged this and I let her know that further details will be included in the ACHMP. We also discussed the timing of the salvage and that Urbis have temporary storage of the artefacts from the test ex. Justine mentioned that she doesn't appreciate digs bulking out pits in that area because of the significance of the area having many important local rivers. I advised that at the moment, we are putting forward the salvage methodology proposed by Urbis which indicated that the soils were so disturbed that digging in spits would not be warranted however if we find out in the field that actually the soils are intact, aren't heavily disturbed, or have any features including a hearth than the bulk excavation would be stopped and we would revert to excavating in pits to better understand the deposit. Justine agreed with this approach.
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31/01/2025	All RAPS	All RAPs	Email	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Stage 2-3 updated project information and methodology	"Good afternoon, Thanks for your contributions to date with the new Rouse Hill Hospital ACHA. There has been a small increase to the footprint of the development in order to provide a shared pedestrian/cycle path to connect the new hospital with the Rouse Hill metro station. This new area will be included in a future update to the ACHA report which has been reviewed by RAPs back in Sep/Oct last year. For now, we are presenting the methodology document and updated project information and will be planning to undertake a survey in the first week of March. Please see attached for further project information including the draft methodology which are proposing to undertake to assess this additional area. If you could please review this document it would be much appreciated. We are asking for any comments to be provided before 5pm Friday 28 February 2025. Thanks in advance for your participation in the project and please reach out to my contact details below should you have any questions or comments. Warm regards,"
3/02/2025	Colin Gale	Colin Gale	Post	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Stage 2-3 updated project information and methodology	As above. Sent by post tracking number R443442000727316006140905
2/02/2025	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Email	Dean Delponte	Mundawari Heritage Consultants	Stage 2-3 updated project information and methodology-RAP response	"Hi Carly, We have reviewed the proposed methodology and agree with the approach. The systematic assessment, detailed recording, and compliance with the Code of Practice are important to ensure accurate identification and protection of Aboriginal cultural heritage. We would also like to attend the site survey in March. Please keep us updated on the details, including the confirmed date, time, and meeting location."
3/02/2025	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Email	Ethan Trewlynn	Long Gully Cultural Services	Stage 2-3 updated project information and methodology-RAP response	"Hi Carly, I agree with the methodology for this project as it's up to standards. I'm happy with everything that I've read. Kind regards, Ethan"
9/02/2025	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Email	Carolyn Hickey	A1 Indigenous Services	Stage 2-3 updated project information	"Hi, I have reviewed the document and fully support the Information and Methodology. I would like to be included in all meetings, reports, sharing of cultural information,

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						and methodology-RAP response	and fieldwork."
12/02/2025	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Email	Lee Field	Barraby Cultural Services	Stage 2-3 updated project information and methodology-RAP response	"Hi Carly, Hope you're well – long time no speak! :) We agree with the methodology and would like to be put forward for the upcoming survey. The site officer attending will be Bo. Please find our insurances attached, and let me know if you need anything else. Take care, "
12/02/2025	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Email	Darleen Johnson	Murra Bidgee Mullangari Aboriginal Corporation	Stage 2-3 updated project information and methodology-RAP response	"Hi Carly I have read the project information ACHA methodology for the above project, I endorse the recommendations made. Please keep our company in mind for the survey please. Thanks Darleen"
14/02/2025	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Email	Arika Jalomaki	Yulay Cultural Services	Stage 2-3 updated project information and methodology-RAP response	"Dear Carly, I have reviewed and agree with the methodology for this project and I would like to be involved in the site survey. Please find my insurance's attached."
18/02/2025	All RAPS	All RAPs	Email	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Site survey	"Good afternoon, Thank you for your involvement to date in the New Rouse Hill Hospital ACHA. This assessment is being undertaken for TSA Riley on behalf of Health Infrastructure NSW (the Proponent). As advised in our recent methodology/project update, a new area has been added to the project relating to a proposed shared cycle/pedestrian connection to the nearby Rouse Hill metro station. On behalf of the Proponent, Niche would like to invite you to attend the site survey of this additional area. The survey will take place on Tuesday 4 March 2024 starting at 9 am. We anticipate the survey will take a maximum of 4 hours and will therefore be reimbursed as a half-day rate. Please provide the name and contact details of your chosen representative and copies of your insurance documents (Certificate of Currency and Workers Compensation insurance) by 5 pm on Friday 21 February by email to consultation@niche-eh.com. Only organisations which have sent through copies of current insurance documents can be engaged for the survey work- we therefore encourage everyone to provide these as soon as possible before Friday.

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							Invoicing Invoices are to be addressed to Carly Todhunter for processing (consultation@niche-eh.com) The meeting location is detailed in the attachment for your reference. Warm regards,"
18/02/2025	Colin Gale	Colin Gale	Phone	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Site survey	Spoke to Colin about us planning to undertake a survey on 4 March and to ask if he would like to be involved.
18/02/2025	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Email	Ethan Trewlynn	Long Gully Cultural Services	Site survey	"Hi Carly, I would like to attend for Long Gully Cultural Services. Kind regards, Ethan "
18/02/2025	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Email	Marilyn Carroll-Johnson	Corroboree Aboriginal Corporation	Site survey	"Hi Carly Available for survey Tuesday 4 March 2024 starting at 9 am. Will forward insurances."
18/02/2025	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Email	Marilyn Carroll-Johnson	Corroboree Aboriginal Corporation	Site survey	"Hi Carly I will be representing CAC Insurances attached "
18/02/2025	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Email	Steven Johnson	Woka Aboriginal Corporation	Site survey	Available.
18/02/2025	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Email	Steven Johnson	Woka Aboriginal Corporation	Site survey	<Insurance documents>
18/02/2025	Dean Delponte	Mundawari Heritage Consultants	Email	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Stage 2-3 updated project information	"Thanks Dean for sending through the insurance documents- I've added these to the project folder. We have just sent out the survey invitation letter and look forward to you joining us on the day on Tuesday 4 March.

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						and methodology-RAP response	Warm regards,"
18/02/2025	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Email	Amanda deZwart/Hickey	Amanda Hickey Cultural Services	Site survey	"Hi Thank you for your email Yes AHCS will attend the site visit Attached is my insurance If you need anything else please don't hesitate to contact me Have a great day Amanda deZwart/Hickey AHCS"
18/02/2025	Ethan Trewlynn	Long Gully Cultural Services	Email	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Stage 2-3 updated project information and methodology-RAP response	"Thanks for providing this feedback its much appreciated. Just wanting to also give you a heads up that we are currently planning a survey on Tuesday 4 March. I've sent out an email to you just earlier- it would be great it you could confirm your interest in attending. Warm regards,"
18/02/2025	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Email	Ethan Trewlynn	Long Gully Cultural Services	Site survey	"Hi there, I just confirmed in another email I got that I was going to attend the survey. Kind regards, Ethan "
18/02/2025	Carolyn Hickey	A1 Indigenous Services	Email	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Stage 2-3 updated project information and methodology-RAP response	"Hi Carolyn, Thanks for sending through your methodology response- its much appreciated! We are organising the site survey for Tuesday 4 March (more details are included in the separate email I just sent through). It would be great if a representative of A1 could attend. If you are interested, could you please send through the insurance confirmation for the current workers comp insurance as the one attached had recently expired. Thanks very much, "
18/02/2025	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Email	Lee Field	Barraby Cultural Services	Stage 2-3 updated project information and methodology-RAP response	"Thanks Lee for your response- its much appreciated! I'll add Bo to our list of attendees for March 4th survey. Can you please also send a copy of the public liability insurance as I think I have only received the workers comp in your email? Thanks so much,"
18/02/2025	Darleen Johnson	Murra Bidgee Mullangari Aboriginal Corporation	Email	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Stage 2-3 updated project information and methodology-RAP response	"Hi Darleen, Thanks for your response- its much appreciated. I've sent through a survey invite email just earlier today- it would be great if you could confirm the details of your nominated representative (including phone number) for the

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							survey. We will just require copies of your insurance documents (workers comp and public liability) as well to be engaged. Thanks in advance,"
18/02/2025	Arika Jalomaki	Yulay Cultural Services	Email	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Stage 2-3 updated project information and methodology- RAP response	"Awesome thanks so much for sending this all through Arika. I've just sent an email earlier today with the survey details- will you be attending on the day? Warm regards,"
18/02/2025	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Email	Anthony	Muragadi	Site survey	"Hi Carly We will be available; I have attached insurances. Thanks Anthony [redacted]
18/02/2025	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Email	Lee Field	Barraby Cultural Services	Site survey	"Hey Carly Great, thanks so much. I have attached public liability insurance, also wanted to ask if you guys have a fixed hourly rate or are we to quote our usual hourly rate for the four hours? Thanks "
18/02/2025	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Email	Arika Jalomaki	Yulay Cultural Services	Site survey	Yes, I will be there.
18/02/2025	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Email	Darleen Johnson	Murra Bidgee Mullangari Aboriginal Corporation	Site survey	"Hi Darleen will be on site; please see attached insurance. Thanks Darleen [redacted]
18/02/2025	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Email	Paul Boyd	Didge Ngunawal Clan	Site survey	"Hi Carly DNC will have a representative assist you guys on 4 march towards the Rouse Hill Hospital Survey at 9 am Kind regards Paul boyd and Lilly Carroll Directors DNC [redacted]
18/02/2025	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Email	Paul Boyd	Didge Ngunawal Clan	Site survey	DNC insurances for Rouse Hill Hospital Survey

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19/02/2025	Ethan Trewlynn	Long Gully Cultural Services	Email	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Site survey	Awesome thanks for confirming Ethan!
19/02/2025	Ethan Trewlynn	Long Gully Cultural Services	Email	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Site survey	Sorry can you also send us through your mobile number if there are issues on the day?
19/02/2025	Marilyn Carroll-Johnson	Corroboree Aboriginal Corporation	Email	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Site survey	Awesome thanks for confirming Marilyn
19/02/2025	Steven Johnson	Woka Aboriginal Corporation	Email	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Site survey	Awesome thanks for confirming Steven
19/02/2025	Steven Johnson	Woka Aboriginal Corporation	Email	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Site survey	Sorry can I also grab a mobile number for you?
19/02/2025	Amanda deZwart/Hickey	Amanda Hickey Cultural Services	Email	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Site survey	"Thanks for confirming Amanda. Can you please confirm your mobile number and also send through a copy of the current workers compensation insurance? Thanks in advance"
19/02/2025	Anthony	Muragadi	Email	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Site survey	Awesome thanks for confirming Anthony!
19/02/2025	Lee Field	Barraby Cultural Services	Email	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Site survey	"Thanks Lee much appreciated 😊 I'll have to get back to you regarding rates sorry. Could you also send us Bo's mobile number in case there are issues on the day?"
19/02/2025	Darleen Johnson	Murra Bidgee Mullangari Aboriginal Corporation	Email	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Site survey	Thanks for confirming Darleen- Can you please send through a copy of the updated public liability insurance- this once is going to expire a bit before the 4 March survey- thanks in advance,
19/02/2025	Lilly Carrol	Didge Ngunawal Clan	Email	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Site survey	"Thanks for confirming- will it be Paul out for the survey and what is the best contact number if there are issues on the day? Also, can you send an updated public liability insurance as this one will expire before the 4 March survey. Thanks in advance,"
19/02/2025	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Email	Carolyn Hickey	A1 Indigenous Services	Site survey	"Hi Carly, Please find attached the updated insurances. See you on the 4th.

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							Kind regards, Carolyn Hickey"
19/02/2025	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Email	Darleen Johnson	Murra Bidgee Mullangari Aboriginal Corporation	Site survey	"Ill see if they can update it sooner Thanks"
19/02/2025	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Email	Lillie Carroll and Paul Boyd	Didge Ngunawal Clan	Site survey	"Hi Carly My number is [redacted] and Paul will be out there!"
19/02/2025	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Email	Vicky Slater	Wurrumay Pty Ltd	Site survey	"Good Morning Please find attached current insurances as requested. Vicky Slater Wurrumay Culture Heritage Consultants"
19/02/2025	Ben Slack	Niche	Email	Wayne Cornish	Muru Mittigar Aboriginal Cultural & Education Centre	Site survey	"Thank you, Ben, Attached is our insurance. I have also sent this on to some of my board members and I am currently waiting on a response from them."
19/02/2025	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Email	Justine Coplin	Dharug Custodian Aboriginal Corporation	Site survey	"Warami Please include Dharug Custodian Aboriginal Corporation for the site visit Yanu Justine Sent from my iPhone"
20/02/2025	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Email	Kayne Moreton	Deerubbin Local Aboriginal Land Council	Site survey	<Insurance documents>
20/02/2025	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Email	Kayne Moreton	Deerubbin Local Aboriginal Land Council	Site survey	"The survey will take place on Tuesday 4 March 2024 starting at 9 am. Is this date correct or did you mean Tuesday 4 March 2025? Kind regards Kayne"

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20/02/2025	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Email	Justine Coplin	Dharug Custodian Aboriginal Corporation	Site survey	"Warami I will be attending the survey. Didurigur Justine Coplin
21/02/2025	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Email	Pearl Depoma	Pearl Depoma	Site survey	"Hello, Please see attached insurances for Kayelene Slater who will be attending the below site survey at the New Rouse Hill Hospital on the 4th March 2025 on my behalf. Kayelene's Contact details: Email: [redacted] Mobile: [redacted] Thank you."
22/02/2025	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Email	Phil Boney	Wailwan Aboriginal Group	Site survey	"Good afternoon, I apologise for the delay in replying back. I have attached the following insurances to this email. Once again, I apologise. With regards, Phil Boney Wailwan Aboriginal Group"
25/02/2025	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Email	Phil Khan	Kamilaroi Yankuntjatjara Working Group	Site survey	"Hi, We can attend the survey. Insurances attached. RAP - Marbuck Khan - [redacted]
26/02/2025	Vicky Slater	Wurrumay Pty Ltd	Email	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Site survey	"Thanks for sending those through Vicky- will it be you attending on the day or someone else? Please send through the name and phone number of the representative if it will someone else heading out for your company. Thanks so much,"
26/02/2025	Wayne Cornish	Muru Mittigar Aboriginal Cultural & Education Centre	Email	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Site survey	"Thanks Wayne for letting us know. Can you please also send a copy of your current Workers Compensation insurance and the name and phone number for the nominated representative who will be attending on the day? Warm regards,"
26/02/2025	Justine Coplin	Dharug Custodian Aboriginal Corporation	Email	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Site survey	"Thanks for confirming Justine. Can you please send through copies of your public liability and workers comp insurance as we don't have these on record yet. Warm regards,"

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26/02/2025	Kayne Moreton	Deerubbin Local Aboriginal Land Council	Email	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Site survey	"Hi Kayne, Thanks for sending copies of your insurance docs. The survey is on next Tuesday 😊 Can you please confirm the name and phone number of your nominated representative? Thanks so much,"
26/02/2025	Amanda deZwart/Hickey	Amanda Hickey Cultural Services	Email	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Site survey	"Thanks for confirming Amanda. Can you please confirm your mobile number and also send through a copy of the current workers compensation insurance? Thanks in advance,"
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
27/02/2025	Carly Todhunter	Niche	SMS	Julie Jones Webb	Dharug Strategic Management Group (DSMG)	Site survey	Please text me.
27/02/2025	Michelle Locke	Dharug Strategic Management Group (DSMG)	Phone	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Site survey	Spoke to Michelle regarding our wish to be provided the insurance documents. She advised that she will be in contact with Julie but she cannot give out her contact details. She has sent the request to her and Julie will get back to us shortly.

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27/02/2025	Julie Jones Webb	Dharug Strategic Management Group (DSMG)	Phone	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Site survey	Sorry just wanting to contact Julie regarding a survey we are having next Tuesday for the new Rouse Hill Hospital. We just require copies of current workesr compensation and public liability insurance.
28/02/2025	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Email	Phil Khan	Kamilaroi Yankuntjatjara Working Group	Stage 2-3 updated project information and methodology-RAP response	"Hi Carly, Thank you for your methodology for Rouse Hill Hospital. The study area is highly significant and sensitive to our people and would have been utilised for it resources such as hunting kangaroos & wallabies , gathering plant foods and fishing in the Cattai Creek and Hawkesbury River, ceremonies and potential burial sites. We would like to agree and support your methodology to investigate further in the way of site survey. We look forward to working alongside you on this project."
3/03/2025	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Email	Lee Field	Barraby Cultural Services	Site survey	"Hey Carly Just wanted to let you know Bo won't be able to make it out for the survey tomorrow. Sorry for the late notice. Thanks Lee "
4/03/2025	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Email	Steven Johnson	Woka Aboriginal Corporation	Invoicing	"Invoice total $[redacted] Click below to download the PDF invoice. "
4/03/2025	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Email	Pearl Depoma	Pearl Depoma	Invoicing	"Hello Carly, Please see attached invoice for today's survey at the New Rouse Hill Hospital for Kayelene Slater. Thank you."
4/03/2025	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Email	Pearl Depoma	Pearl Depoma	Invoicing	"Hello Carly, Please see attached invoice for today's survey at the New Rouse Hill Hospital for Kayelene Slater. Thank you."
4/03/2025	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Email	Arika Jalomaki	Yulay Cultural Services	Invoicing	"Hi Carly, Please find attached the invoice for today survey attached. I was hoping to see you out there to say congratulations I heard you had a baby welcome to motherhood. Kind regards, Arika Jalomaki"

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4/03/2025	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Email	Arika Jalomaki	Yulay Cultural Services	Invoicing	"Sorry forgot the invoice. Arika Jalomaki"
4/03/2025	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Email	Vicky Slater	Wurrumay Pty Ltd	Invoicing	"Good Morning Carly. Hope you are well. Please find attached Tax Invoice for today's survey at Rouse Hill. Have a lovely week. Thank you. "
4/03/2025	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Email	Lillie Carroll and Paul Boyd	Didge Ngunawal Clan	Invoicing	Thanks for processing this through
4/03/2025	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Email	Darleen Johnson	Murra Bidgee Mullangari Aboriginal Corporation	Invoicing	"INV-00000673 for [redacted] from Murra Bidgee Mullangari Due 11 March "
4/03/2025	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Email	Arika Jalomaki	Yulay Cultural Services	Invoicing	"Good afternoon, Please find attached a copy of our invoice for today's survey."
4/03/2025	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Email	Jesse Johnson	Muragadi	Invoicing	"INV-00000226 for [redacted] from Muragadi Heritage Indigeous Corporaton Due 11 March "
4/03/2025	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Email	Ethan Trewlynn	Long Gully Cultural Services	Invoicing	"Hi Carly, I'm just sending off my invoice for today. It was lovely meeting everyone today. Kind regards, Ethan "
5/03/2025	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Email	Vicky Slater	Wurrumay Pty Ltd	Invoicing	"Good Morning Carly. Hope this email finds you well, Please find attached Tax Invoice for the Survey at Rouse Hill. Have a lovely day."
5/03/2025	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Email	Phil Khan	Kamilaroi Yankuntjatjara Working Group	Invoicing	"Kamilaroi- Yankuntjatjara Working Group Pty Ltd [redacted] Due 4 Apr 2025 Invoice #: INV-1060"

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5/03/2025	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Email	Marilyn Carroll-Johnson	Corroboree Aboriginal Corporation	Invoicing	"Hi Carly Thank you for your business. We now accept payments to save time and provide you with a digital receipt for your records. Please click below to view and pay your invoice."
5/03/2025	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Email	Dean Delponte	Mundawari Heritage Consultants	Invoicing	"Mundawari Heritage Consultants Pty Ltd [redacted] Due 4 Apr 2025 Invoice #: INV-0103"
5/03/2025	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Email	Dean Delponte	Mundawari Heritage Consultants	Invoicing	"Mundawari Heritage Consultants Pty Ltd [redacted] Due 4 Apr 2025 Invoice #: INV-0103"
6/03/2025	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Email	Steven Johnson	Woka Aboriginal Corporation	Invoicing	Hi, our automated system noticed that this invoice had not been read yet, and we're worried it didn't reach you, so its being resent
8/03/2025	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Email	Jesse Johnson	Muragadi	Invoicing	"INV-00000226 for [redacted] from Muragadi Heritage Indigeous Corporaton Due 11 March "
10/03/2025	Steven Johnson	Woka Aboriginal Corporation	Email	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Invoicing	"Morning Steve, Thanks for sending through your invoice for last week's survey. Can you please update the invoice to the [redacted] half day rate please as the one that we received came through as [redacted] Thanks in advance,"
10/03/2025	Steven Johnson	Woka Aboriginal Corporation	Email	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Invoicing	Sorry can you also confirm if I got Belinda's name right- is it Belinda Kitson?
10/03/2025	Corroboree Aboriginal Corporation, Amanda Hickey Cultural	Corroboree Aboriginal Corporation, Amanda Hickey	Email	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Invoicing	"Morning, Thanks for coming out last week for the New Rouse Hill Hospital survey. I wanted to follow up with you regarding your group's invoice for the works- If you could please send through using the details below as soon as you can it would be much appreciated!

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	Services and Wailwan Aboriginal Group	Cultural Services and Wailwan Aboriginal Group					Warm regards,"
10/03/2025	Arika Jalomaki	Yulay Cultural Services	Email	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Invoicing	"Hey Arika, Thanks so much! Yeah we are having a blast with our little girl she is about 20 months old now and we have another boy arriving mid July. Excited to be a boy-mum soon 😊 Hope you're going great! Warm regards,"
10/03/2025	Phil Khan	Kamilaroi Yankuntjatjara Working Group	Email	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Stage 2-3 updated project information and methodology- RAP response	Thanks so much Phil for providing your feedback it's always much appreciated!
10/03/2025	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Email	Steven Johnson	Woka Aboriginal Corporation	Invoicing	"Invoice total [redacted] Click below to download the PDF invoice. "
11/03/2025	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Email	Carolyn Hickey	A1 Indigenous Services	Invoicing	"Good morning Carly, Hope you're doing well. Thank you so much for your email and for the details regarding the invoicing for the New Rouse Hill Hospital survey. We appreciate your prompt follow-up. Attached to this email, you'll find the invoice prepared as requested. Kind regards, Carolyn Hickey"
11/03/2025	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Email	Amanda DeZwart	Amanda Hickey Cultural Services	Invoicing	"Hi Thank you for the site Survey of 8595 New Rouse Hill Hospital Attached is my invoice Thank you Amanda AHCS "
12/03/2025	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Email	Jesse Johnson	Muragadi	Invoicing	"INV-00000226 fo[redacted] from Muragadi Heritage Indigeous Corporaton Due 11 March "
14/03/2025	Colin Gale	Colin Gale	Phone	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Invoicing	Called to remind Colin that we are still waiting to receive his invoice. No answer- left a voicemail that I will call back to speak again with him about it.

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18/03/2025	Colin Gale	Colin Gale	Phone	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Invoicing	Called again to remind Colin that we are still waiting to receive his invoice. No answer- left another voicemail.
18/03/2025	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Phone	Colin Gale	Colin Gale	Invoicing	Colin asked that he not be reimbursed for the survey time due to his pension conditions. I confirmed that we would prefer to reimburse him for his time but can understand fully and will let the client know.
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
04/04/02025	14 RAPs who participated in the March survey	14 RAPs who participated in the March survey	Email	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Invoicing	"Good afternoon, Just wanting to confirm that your invoice for the recent survey for the new Rouse Hill Hospital has been processed yesterday- apologies for the delay and thanks again for your group's participation on the day. Please reach out if there are any issues! Warm regards,"
04/04/02025	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Email	Vicky Slater	Wurrumay Pty Ltd	Invoicing	"Hi Carly. Thank you, Payment was paid yesterday. Thanks again.

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							If you have any available field work coming up, Please keep Arika Jalomaki & Wurrumay Culture Heritage Consultants in mind. Have a lovely weekend Take care 😊 Vicky"
04/04/02025	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Email	Pearl Depoma	Pearl Depoma	Invoicing	"Hi Carly, Yes the invoice was paid yesterday afternoon. Thanks for your follow up email. Enjoy your weekend. Regards Pearl "
04/04/02025	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Email	Phil Boney	Wailwan Aboriginal Group	Invoicing	(thumbs up)
04/04/02025	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Email	Lilly Carroll	Didge Ngunawal Clan	Invoicing	No thank you, Carly for the invite and look forward to working with yourself and Nich'e in the future
04/04/02025	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Email	Arika Jalomaki	Yulay Cultural Services	Invoicing	"Hi Carly, Sorry for the late reply I got paid yesterday afternoon thanks for that. Arika Jalomaki"
15/04/2025	All RAPs	All RAPs	Email	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Stage 4 Draft Report	"Good afternoon, We are writing to you to provide an update on the New Rouse Hill Hospital ACHA project. We have recently updated the ACHA report and are requesting your review. he report updates include the findings from the most recent survey program conducted within the proposed Metro Pathway Area on 4 March 2025. There has also been a change in the preferred approval pathway. The project will now be assessed under Part 5 of the NSW Environment Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (EP&A Act). This approach will involve an application for an Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit (AHIP) supported by the ACHA. The proposed salvage methodology for Commercial Road AFT 2 (AHIMS ID# 45-5-5671) has been provided in Appendix 5 of the report. This section also includes details for the proposed long-term management of artefacts, the Unexpected Finds procedure and other management recommendations which the Proponent hopes to receive RAP feedback on. Please provide any written comments or submissions on the updated report within 28 days, or by COB Tuesday 15 May 2025.

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							Thanks in advance,"
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]

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							[redacted] regards, "
15/04/2025	All RAPs	All RAPs	Email	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Stage 4 Draft Report	"Good afternoon, Apologies for any confusion- the closing date for comments should have read Tuesday 13th May 2025. I have updated the RAP letter and reattached to this email for your records. Looking forward to receiving your comments shortly, Warm regards,"
15/04/2025	Colin Gale	Colin Gale	Post	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Stage 4 Draft Report	Colin was sent a copy of the updated draft report and RAP letter by express post to his home address.
15/04/2025	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Email	Darleen Johnson	Murra Bidgee Mullangari Aboriginal Corporation	Stage 4 Draft Report RESPONSE	"HI Carly I have read the project information and ACHA methodology for the above project, I endorse the recommendations. Kind regards"
16/04/2025	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Email	Kayne Moreton	Deerubbin Local	Stage 4 Draft Report RESPONSE	"Is there any way i could get the report or a link to the report please? Kind regards,

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					Aboriginal Land Council		Kayne Moreton"
18/04/2025	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Email	Phil Boney	Wailwan Aboriginal Group	Stage 4 Draft Report RESPONSE	"Hi Carly, Thankyou for contacting Wailwan Aboriginal Group, Can you attach a copy of the Draft ACHA for us to review and provide commentary upon? Thanks, Phil."
21/04/2025	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Email	Kaarina Slater	Ngambaa Cultural Connections	Stage 4 Draft Report RESPONSE	"On behalf of ngambaa cultural connections I would like to confirm I have received the update report I will assess no further comments at this stage Kind regards "
22/04/2025	Kaarina Slater	Ngambaa Cultural Connections	Email	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Stage 4 Draft Report RESPONSE	"Morning Kaarina, Many thanks for getting in touch with your comments- it's much appreciated! Warm regards,"
22/04/2025	Phil Boney	Wailwan Aboriginal Group	Email	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Stage 4 Draft Report RESPONSE	"Hi Phil, No worries- see attached. Warm regards,"
22/04/2025	Kayne Moreton	Deerubbin Local Aboriginal Land Council	Email	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Stage 4 Draft Report RESPONSE	"Hi Kayne, Not a problem- thanks for reaching out. See attached for the RAP letter and report. Warm regards,"
22/04/2025	Darleen Johnson	Murra Bidgee Mullangari Aboriginal Corporation	Email	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Stage 4 Draft Report RESPONSE	"Hi Darleen, Thanks so much for getting in touch and providing your review. Warm regards"
22/04/2025	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Email	Dean Delponte	Mundawari Heritage Consultants	Stage 4 Draft Report RESPONSE	"Hi Carly, Thank you for providing the detailed salvage excavation methodology, associated procedures and recommendations for the New Rouse Hill Hospital ACHA. We've reviewed the information and are satisfied with the proposed approach, including the methodology for excavation and the procedures for unexpected finds and human remains. We support the continued consultation with RAPs as outlined, including the finalisation of the ACHA and regular project updates. We would also like to confirm our interest in being actively involved in the salvage excavation.

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							Regarding the long-term management of Aboriginal objects, our preference is for Option 2 – the repatriation of artefacts to Country, as we believe this is the most culturally respectful and appropriate outcome. Please let me know if you require anything further. Kind regards,"
23/04/2025	Dean Delponte	Mundawari Heritage Consultants	Email	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Stage 4 Draft Report RESPONSE	"Good morning Dean, Many thanks for your detailed response to the updated report and methodology- its much appreciated! We will note that you support the repatriation option as well and look forward to hearing back from community if this is the preferred method of approach. Warm regards, "
23/04/2025	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Email	Amanda Hickey	Amanda Hickey Cultural Services	Stage 4 Draft Report RESPONSE	"Hi Carly Thank you for your email AHCS Amanda Hickey Cultural Services Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit (AHIP) Thank you Amanda hickey AHCS"
23/04/2025	Amanda Hickey	Amanda Hickey Cultural Services	Email	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Stage 4 Draft Report RESPONSE	"Hi Amanda, Thanks for reaching out- please let us know if you had any further questions or comments on the updated report. Warm regards,"
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15/05/2025	9:20 AM	Marilyn Carroll-Johnson	Corroboree Aboriginal Corporation	Phone	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Called Marilyn to discuss whether she would like me to conceal any of her comments or group details in the final version of the report to be put on public exhibition. Marilyn confirmed that she was happy for us to distribute all her information, it is just for the Stage 1 notifications to the LALC that she would like her group's name to have not been included. I confirmed that this was the case.
09/06/2025	All RAPs except Colin Gale and Deerubbin LALC	All RAPs except Colin Gale and Deerubbin LALC	Email	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Stage 4 Draft Report (SSDA submission)	Good morning, Thanks for your involvement to date in the New Rouse Hill Hospital ACHA project. Following on from our April project updates where we have been seeking an AHIP to cover the initial site establishment works for the hospital, we are now returning to the SSDA submission (state-significant application) for the main hospital development works. As part of the SSDA submission, we have made some minor updates to the report to detail where we are at with project approvals as well as drafting an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Plan for the project (Appendix 5 of the ACHA). We would like to invite you as a registered Aboriginal party for the project to provide any feedback and comments on the management plan and project. In particular, we are interested in getting everyone’s feedback on their preferred approach for the long-term management of artefacts. If you could please provide your comments by COB Tuesday 8 July 2025 it would be much appreciated. Warm regards,
09/06/2025	Deerubbin Local Aboriginal Land Council	Deerubbin Local Aboriginal Land Council	Email	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Stage 4 Draft Report (SSDA submission)	Good morning, Thanks for your involvement to date in the New Rouse Hill Hospital ACHA project. Following on from our April project updates where we have been seeking an AHIP to cover the initial site establishment works for the hospital, we are now returning to the SSDA submission

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							(state-significant application) for the main hospital development works. As part of the SSDA submission, we have made some minor updates to the report to detail where we are at with project approvals as well as drafting an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Plan for the project (Appendix 5 of the ACHA). We would like to invite you as a registered Aboriginal party for the project to provide any feedback and comments on the management plan and project. In particular, we are interested in getting everyone's feedback on their preferred approach for the long-term management of artefacts. If you could please provide your comments by COB Tuesday 8 July 2025 it would be much appreciated. Warm regards,
09/06/2025	Colin Gale	Colin Gale	Email	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Stage 4 Draft Report (SSDA submission)	Sent copy of updated report to Colin in the mail. Tracking number: R441500013443663006120902
09/06/2025	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Email	Phil Boney	Wailwan Aboriginal Group	Stage 4 Draft Report (SSDA submission)	Hey Carly Phil here, I agree with the project so far and awaiting for further updates on this project and as always as short term care of artefacts if found should be returned to the finished project site(offset land)for repatriation burial. Thank you for your email regarding this project Regards Phil Boney Wailwan Aboriginal Group
09/06/2025	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Email	Kaarina Slater	Ngambaa Cultural Connections	Stage 4 Draft Report (SSDA submission)	On behalf of Ngambaa Cultural connections I would like to register my expression of interest for the New Rouse Hill Hospital project Kind regards

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							Kaarina Slater
11/06/2025	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Email	Carolyn Hickey	A1 Indigenous Services	Stage 4 Draft Report (SSDA submission)	Good morning Carly, I hope this email finds you well. I have reviewed the document and I must express my disappointment with Niche's engagement teams. I find it very upsetting that Niche has decided to hire only males onsite, excluding women from participating in fieldwork. Going forward, I would like Niche to commit to improving their relations with Indigenous women in this industry. It is important to commit to equality in the workplace, ensuring that we are hiring equal amounts of males and females on future projects. This is a standard that has been adopted by many archaeology firms, and I hope we can count on Niche joining this movement. Could you please forward this email to your senior management team? Thank you for your assistance in this matter. I appreciate your consideration and look forward to seeing positive changes in your hiring practices. Warm regards, Carolyn Hickey
11/06/2025	Carolyn Hickey	A1 Indigenous Services	Email	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Stage 4 Draft Report (SSDA submission)	Hi Carolyn, I was sorry to receive your email but hoping you might be able to provide some more details so I can understand it a bit further. There has been quite a lot of women joining us out in the field on this project so not sure if your email is to do with Rouse Hill hospital or perhaps another job? I can track down a list of attendees to confirm who joined us during the site visits if it may help or else the list of names should also be in the report in section 3 with other consultation details.

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							Warm regards
12/06/2025	Carolyn Hickey	A1 Indigenous Services	Email	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Stage 4 Draft Report (SSDA submission)	Hi Carolyn, I wanted to send through a copy of Table 16 of our report where we have the participants in the field program for the project- please reach out if there are any issues. [Table of RAP representatives who participated in fieldwork for the project inserted] Warm regards,
12/06/2025	Kaarina Slater	Ngambaa Cultural Connections	Email	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Stage 4 Draft Report (SSDA submission)	Thanks Kaarina, We have you registered for this project- thanks again for reaching out! Warm regards,
12/06/2025	Phil Boney	Wailwan Aboriginal Group	Email	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Stage 4 Draft Report (SSDA submission)	Thanks Phil for your email- we will note your support for a reburial. We are still working along the department to confirm the feasibility and will provide more information once we are able to get some more details. Warm regards,
12/06/2025	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Email	Carolyn Hickey	A1 Indigenous Services	Stage 4 Draft Report (SSDA submission)	Hi Carly, I hope this email finds you well and that my message isn't taken the wrong way. I don't mean to cause any upset. I was discussing this project with a couple of other female RAPs, and we noticed that the 2023 test excavations were exclusively staffed by men. We talked about it and agreed that I should follow up with an email. With 26 years of experience in this field, I have consistently advocated for the inclusion of

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							women in various aspects of archaeological work, not only site inspections, surveys, but also test excavations. Historically, men have predominantly been selected for these roles, and I have had to be a voice for women to emphasize the importance of equality in the workplace, ..and it has been a fight! It is crucial for archaeological firms to recognize that we are working on Indigenous land and one meaningful way to honor this is by ensuring that our Indigenous women are equally included in all test excavations. My intention is not to create negativity but to highlight a situation that warrants attention and improvement in this industry. If Niche has already adopted this procedure since 2023, promoting Indigenous business equality on their work sites, then I apologize for any disruption my email may have caused. Thank you for your understanding.
13/06/2025	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Email	Anthony	Muragadi	Stage 4 Draft Report (SSDA submission)	Hi Carly I have read the project information, ACHA, and ACHMP for the above project, and I agree with the recommendations. I would also like to see the artefacts collected be put on display in schools around the project area and/or in museums. Thanks Anthony
13/06/2025	Jesse Johnson	Muragadi	Email	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Stage 4 Draft Report (SSDA submission)	Hi Jesse, Thanks for sending through your response to the ACHA its much appreciated! So we can look into your suggestion a further did you have any schools or museums in mind that may be a good place for displaying the artefacts? Warm regards,
13/06/2025	Carolyn Hickey	A1 Indigenous Services	Email	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Stage 4 Draft Report (SSDA submission)	Hi Carolyn, Ah that makes sense now I can see what you mean now with the test excavation having

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							only been attended by men. Actually the test excavation work was completed by a different company called Urbis so we haven't had any control over this. Niche is very keen to ensure that we have an inclusive workplace and as you can see with our survey work generally all projects are going to engage both male and female participants as long as interested parties reach out. Your comments are always really welcome so I hope you didn't feel that it was going to be regarded poorly- we agree its always important to raise issues and make sure we hold each other to account to get the best results for everyone involved (as much as possible!) Thanks as always for your input in the project planning,
17/06/2025	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Email	Jesse Johnson	Muragadi	Stage 4 Draft Report (SSDA submission)	Hi Carly North Kellyville public school would be perfect Hezlett Road, they acknowledge our cultural heritage, please contact [details withheld]. Thanks
23/06/2025	Carly Todhunter	Niche	Email	Phil Khan	Kamilaroi Yankuntjatjara Working Group	Stage 4 Draft Report (SSDA submission)	Hi Carly, Hope you have been well. Thank you for your ACHA & ACHMP for New Rouse Hill Hospital, we agree and support your recommendations and recommend reburial. We look forward to working alongside you on this project. Kinds Regards

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16.1 Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Plan (ACHMP)

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Executive summary

Project outline

Niche was commissioned by TSA Management on behalf of Health Infrastructure (HI) (hereafter referred to as 'the Proponent') to prepare an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Plan (ACHMP) for the proposed new Rouse Hill Hospital (RHH) (the Subject Area). The Subject Area is located within The Hills Shire Council Local Government Area (LGA) and within the boundaries of the Deerubbin Local Aboriginal Land Council (LALC) in the traditional lands of the Darug People (also spelled Dharuk, Dharug and Daruk).

An Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment (ACHA) has been prepared by Niche Environment and Heritage (Niche) as part of the project's Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The ACHA assesses the potential impacts of the construction and operation of the new hospital development on Aboriginal cultural heritage and meets the Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) issued on 20 December 2023 (SSD-66111708). Recommendations for management and mitigation measures to reduce the identified adverse impacts are also provided.

This ACHMP has been developed as part of the ACHA recommendations in support of the SSD Application for the project (SSD-66111708).

The ACHMP will provide guidance on the management of Aboriginal cultural heritage not otherwise previously managed under the Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit (AHIP) being sought as part of early site establishment works for the Project.

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The results of the previous systematic survey of the Survey Area (Urbis 2023a and 2023b) concluded that portions of the Subject Area occur within culturally sensitive landforms. Two previously recorded Aboriginal cultural heritage sites occur within the Subject Area. These include two artefact scatters, Commercial Road AFT 1 (AHIMS ID# 45-5-5669) and Commercial Road AFT 2 (AHIMS ID# 45-5-5671). Both sites have previously been subject to a test excavation program with respect to the proposed Rouse Hill Hospital (Urbis 2023). The subsurface excavation program conducted for Commercial Road AFT 1 (AHIMS ID# 45-5-5669) only had a low artefact density with no further investigation of the site considered warranted. Conversely, Commercial Road AFT 2 (AHIMS ID# 45-5-5671) was found to contain a medium-density artefact assemblage with artefacts recovered from expansion pits during stage two of the test excavation program.

Accordingly, Urbis (2023) has recommended a salvage program be undertaken prior to any proposed future development of the site. The proposed salvage methodology, archaeological research design, and artefact management procedures are provided in the ACHMP in order to guide the future management of Aboriginal cultural heritage present.

Within the southern portion of the Subject Area, the proposed Metro Pathway Area was surveyed by Niche in March 2025 with no Aboriginal objects, sites or areas of archaeological potential identified.

Glossary and list of abbreviations

Term or abbreviation	Definition
Aboriginal cultural heritage	The tangible (objects) and intangible (dreaming stories, legends and places) cultural practices and traditions associated with past and present-day Aboriginal communities.
ACHA	Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment
ACHMP	Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Plan
AHIMS	Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System
AHIP	Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit
Aboriginal object(s)	The legal definition for material Aboriginal cultural heritage under the *NSW National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*.
Aboriginal stakeholders	Members of a local Aboriginal land council, registered holders of Native Title, Aboriginal groups or other Aboriginal people who may have an interest in the Project.
Avoidance	A management strategy which protects Aboriginal sites within an impact area by avoiding them totally in development.
BP	Before Present
CHMP	Cultural Heritage Management Plan
Code of Practice	*Code of Practice for Archaeological Investigation of Aboriginal Objects in New South Wales*
Cumulative impacts	Combination of individual effects of the same kind due to multiple actions from various sources over time.
EP&A Act EP&A Regulation	*NSW Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*
Heritage Act	Heritage Act 1977 (NSW)

Term or abbreviation	Definition
Impact	Influence or effect exerted by a project or other activity on the natural, built and community environment.
Impact area	An area that requires archaeological investigation and management assessment.
In situ	Latin term meaning 'on the spot, undisturbed'.
Isolated artefact / find	A single artefact found in an isolated context.
LALC	Local Aboriginal Land Council
LEP	Local Environmental Plan
LGA	Local Government Area
Management plans	Conservation plans which identify short- and long-term management strategies for all known sites recorded within a (usually approved) Subject Area.
Methodology	The procedures used to undertake an archaeological investigation.
NPW Act	*National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*
NPW Regulation	*National Parks and Wildlife Regulation 2019*
Open camp site	An archaeological site situated within an open space (e.g. archaeological material located on a creek bank, in a forest, on a hill, etc.).
PAD	Potential Archaeological Deposit A location considered to have a potential for subsurface archaeological material.
RAP	Registered Aboriginal Party
Site recording	The systematic process of collecting archaeological data for an archaeological investigation.
Site	A place where past human activity is identifiable.
SSI	State Significant Infrastructure

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1 Introduction

1.1 Background and need for the project

Niche was commissioned by TSA Riley on behalf of Health Infrastructure (hereafter referred to as 'the Proponent') to prepare an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Plan (ACHMP) for the proposed new Rouse Hill Hospital (RHH) (the project, Figure 1).

The Subject Area falls within The Hills Shire Council Local Government Area (LGA) and within the boundaries of the Deerubbin Local Aboriginal Land Council (LALC) in the traditional lands of the Darug People (also spelled Dharuk, Dharug and Daruk).

Urbis (2023) previously conducted an initial ACHA for the Project to inform the original Concept and Stage 1 Early Works State Significant Development (SSD) (SSD-45373580), completing a site survey and test excavations under the *Code of Practice for Archaeological Investigation of Aboriginal Objects in NSW* (DECCW 2010). The SSD application has since been withdrawn due to an increase in capital funding from $300M to $700M. A single-stage SSD pathway has been adopted for the project and a new SSD application (SSD-66111708) made to reflect the uplift in project budget and scope.

The SEARs have been issued for this single-stage SSD pathway on 20 December 2023 (SSD-66111708). Table 2 of the SEARs requires the development of an ACHA to assess the potential impacts to Aboriginal cultural heritage resulting from the project. Niche are currently undertaking an ACHA in fulfilment of the SEARs and to continue Aboriginal community consultation for the project.

Under the NSW planning legislation, an AHIP is not required for SSD projects, instead, the Minister for Planning issues consent where appropriate. This consent is informed by an adherence to the SEARs issued by the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) as well as provisions outlined in the project's ACHMP.

1.2 Project description

The proposal is for the construction and operation of a new hospital campus comprising buildings up to 9 storeys and including:

- Site establishment;
- Site preparation including earthworks, tree removal, cut and fill;
- Construction of roads with access from Commercial Road;
- Upgrade of Commercial Road/Main Hospital Access Road Intersection;
- Hospital buildings;
- Ancillary commercial uses to support the hospital, including retail;
- Multi storey car parking;
- Loading dock;
- Landscaping; and
- The Metro Pathway Area comprising a combined pedestrian and cycling path connecting the hospital to the Rouse Hill Metro Station.

The scope of the proposed works includes:

- An Emergency Department and Primacy Access Clinic
- In-patient beds
- Day surgery services
- Short stay medical assessment services
- Pathology, pharmacy, and medical imaging services
- Virtual care and hospital in the home services

- Prehabilitation, rehabilitation, and lifestyle medicine
- Outpatient and ambulatory care services including paediatrics, renal dialysis and antenatal and postnatal services
- Administration, staff support and back of house services
- Car parking facilities
- Pedestrian and cycle pathway

1.3 Subject Area

The proposed Rouse Hill Hospital is situated within Lot 311 DP 1274392 and Lot 312 DP 1274392 with MU1 Mixed Use zoning under The Hills Local Environmental Plan 2019 applied. The Subject Area is characterised primarily as cleared grassland adjacent to existing road corridors and commercial properties and includes the Mungerie Park electrical substation, an existing area of pedestrian/cycle pathway adjacent to a bus interchange and a portion of Commercial Road (Figure 1 and Figure 2).

1.4 Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs)

SEARS have been issued for the project on 20 December 2023 with details summarised in Table 1.

Under the NSW planning legislation, an AHIP is not required for SSD projects, instead, the Minister for Planning issues consent where appropriate. This consent is informed by an adherence to the SEARs issued by the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI).

Table 1: SEARs requirements

SEARs SSD-66111708	SEARs item	Response
19. Aboriginal Cultural Heritage	Provide an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report prepared in accordance with relevant guidelines, identifying, describing and assessing any impacts to Aboriginal cultural heritage values on the land.	This ACHMP is provided as an appendix to the ACHA developed in accordance with the SEARs.
20. Environmental Heritage	Where there is potential for direct or indirect impacts on the heritage significance of environmental heritage, provide a Statement of Heritage Impact and Archaeological Assessment (if potential impacts to archaeological resources are identified), prepared in accordance with the relevant guidelines, which assesses any impacts and outlines measures to ensure they are minimised and mitigated.	Extent Heritage are providing these reports for the project.

1.5 Investigators and contributors

This ACHMP was managed by Carly Todhunter. The Aboriginal community consultation and field assessment was undertaken by Dr. Olivier Rochecouste, Samuel Ward and research and drafting were undertaken by Carly Todhunter. GIS mapping for this investigation was undertaken by Harrison Binks and Andrea Sward.

The ACHMP was reviewed internally by Ben Slack.

A list of Niche personnel who contributed to the preparation of the ACHMP is listed in Table 2.

Table 2: List of contributors to the ACHMP report

Contributor	Affiliation	Contribution	Qualification
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Samuel Ward	Niche	Aboriginal community consultation and site inspection	BA (Hons)
Carly Todhunter	Niche	Project Manager, draft author and Aboriginal community consultation	BA, BSc (Hons)
Harrison Binks	Niche	GIS and Mapping	BEnc, MSIS
Andrea Sward	Niche	GIS and Mapping	BA Hon., GradCert GIS

Figure 1: Location map (Niche and Proponent)

Figure 2: Location of the Subject Area (Niche and Proponent)

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Figure 2

Location of the Subject Area

New Rouse Hill Hospital

Niche PM: Carly Todhunter
Niche Proj. #: 8595
Client: TSA Management on behalf of Health Infrastructure NSW

NSW Office of Environment and Heritage's BioNet Atlas, which holds the data from a number of custodians. Data Obtained 13/12/2023. | Hillshade: Sources: Esri, Airbus DS, USGS, NGA, NASA, CGIAR, N Robinson, NCEAS, NLS, OS, NMA, Geodatastyrelsen, Rijkswaterstaat, GSA, Geoland, FEMA, Intermap, and the GIS user community | public/NSW_Imagery: © Department of Customer Service 2020 | Watercourses, Waterbodies, Road and Rail alignments, Protected areas of NSW © Spatial Services 2021. | Niche uses GDA2020 as standard for all project-related data. In order to ensure that data from numerous sources and coordinate systems is aligned, on-the-fly transformation to GDA2020 MGA Zone 56 is used in the map above. For ease of reference, the grid tick marks and labels shown around the border of the map are presented in GDA2020 MGA Zone 56.

2 Description of the area

2.1 Project location

The Subject Area is situated within the suburb of Rouse Hill located in the administrative boundaries of The Hills Shire LGA and the Deerubbin LALC area. The Rouse Hill Hospital is proposed to be situated adjacent to the intersection of Commercial and Windsor Roads on greenfield land. The associated Lot and Deposited Plan details are provided for reference in Table 3.

Table 3: Lot and Deposited Plan details for the Subject Area

Lot	Deposited plan
311	1274392
312	1274392
2011	1131519
101	1060353
227	1249147
229	1249147
Road reserve (Commercial Road)	

2.2 Description of land where Aboriginal objects are proposed to be harmed

Two previously recorded Aboriginal cultural heritage sites registered on AHIMS are located within the Subject Area.

Commercial Road AFT 1 (AHIMS ID# 45-5-5669) and Commercial Road AFT 2 (AHIMS ID# 45-5-5671) are both artefact scatters that have been subject to test excavation programs between 11 and 19 January 2023. The status of both sites in AHIMS is listed as Valid.

3 Project background

3.1 Survey and test excavation undertaken by Urbis (2023a and 2023b)

During the initial phase of the SSD application for the Rouse Hill Hospital, an ACHA including a survey and test excavation program was undertaken within the current Subject Area by Urbis (2023a). Key findings of the study included:

- The field study concluded that portions of the study area in the north and west had been heavily disturbed due to previous road construction and a substation. Ground disturbance within the remainder of the study was relatively limited comprising some surface disturbance associated with previous land use (agricultural use and as fairways and greens of a golf course).
- A moderate to high potential for surface and sub-surface artefact scatters and isolated finds. As the potential impacts on these artefacts could not be avoided, a test excavation program was proposed to determine the nature and extent of the deposit present.
- A test excavation was conducted within the Subject Area over seven days between 11 and 19 January 2023. During the staged test excavation program (stages 1 and 2), a total of 25 stone artefacts were recovered from 32 test pits.
- A low-density artefact scatter was identified in the centre of the study area consisting of two artefacts recovered from two test pits and was subsequently recorded in AHIMS as site Commercial Road AFT 1 (AHIMS ID# 45-5-5669). A higher density artefact scatter was identified in the south in a disturbed area of lower slopes. The artefact scatter comprised 23 artefacts recovered from 6 test pits and was subsequently registered in AHIMS as Commercial Road AFT 2 (AHIMS ID# 45-5-5671).
- Evidence of previous disturbance within the study area was confirmed during the test excavation consisting of truncated and eroded soil profiles. Urbis (2023a:42) concluded that it was highly likely that the artefacts recovered from the test excavation were not in situ due to historic disturbance. A general trend of increased soil depth and decreased evidence of disturbance was observed downslope towards the south of the study area. Urbis (2023b) concluded that this may indicate the movement of soils by mechanical or erosional processes and may, by inference, reduce the intactness of the deposits identified in the south.
- The results of the ACHA and test excavation concluded that the study area has a low social and cultural value to the Aboriginal community as part of the broader cultural landscape. The scientific significance was also regarded to be low due to the common site type (low-density artefact scatters).
- Nevertheless, the proposed works were determined to have potential for direct harm to known Aboriginal objects and are further likely to cause direct harm to unknown Aboriginal objects.

Urbis (2023a) concluded that an ACHMP should be developed to manage the archaeological resources present and should include a methodology for a salvage excavation of Commercial Road AFT 2 (AHIMS ID# 45-5-5671). A draft ACHMP was subsequently developed, however was not submitted to Registered Aboriginal Parties (RAPs) pending further progress in the approvals process. This drafted ACHMP will be submitted to RAPs revisions to integrate any relevant updates to the project since 2023.

3.2 Additional survey undertaken by Niche

An additional area (the Metro Pathway Area) was added to the project in late 2024. This area was subject to a comprehensive field survey by Niche and 15 representatives of the RAPs on 4 March 2025. Key findings of the survey included:

- The surveyed area was found to have been heavily disturbed by previous earthworks including the construction of the metro overpass, a bus interchange and adjacent area of cycle/pedestrian track, the installation of storm water drainage, the levelling of the ground surface and shaping of a large sloped area

adjacent to the bus interchange, the installation of street light poles and associated underground cabling and the establishment of landscaped garden beds.
- No areas of visible Aboriginal cultural heritage or potential archaeological deposit were identified due to the extent of existing disturbance.
- The entirety of the surveyed area was found to have disturbed sub-surface soils with no potential to contain PAD.

3.3 Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment

A new ACHA with updated Aboriginal stakeholder engagement was commenced by Niche in 2024 following the commencement of a new SSD application (SSD-66111708) in support of the project. Aboriginal consultation was initiated on 20 May 2024. The Subject Area for the ACHA is nearly identical to that of the Urbis (2023a) ACHA, with the exception of some minor reductions in the spatial extent in the north and south and the addition of the Metro Pathway Area. The purpose of this assessment was not to resurvey previously investigated areas of the Subject Area or complete additional test excavation of areas of archaeological potential, as this has already been previously undertaken by Urbis (2023a and 2023b); the purpose was to summarise these previous studies to inform updated consultation with the RAPs and to take additional survey and assessment of the newly added Metro Pathway Area.

The key findings of Niche (2025) include:

- Based on the results of previous archaeological assessments, past Aboriginal groups within Rouse Hill and its surrounding region appear to have occupied and utilised a range of landforms and resource-rich areas. The region, with its woodlands and the complex network of well-drained creeks and pond systems, would have provided communities with diverse food resources, which would have been varied and dependable. From past assessments, the most common Aboriginal cultural heritage sites recorded within the broader region surrounding the current Subject Area include stone artefact scatters and isolated finds though many areas have been noted to contain PADs.
- Two known Aboriginal cultural heritage sites occur within the Subject Area. Both sites have the potential to be directly impacted by the proposed works.
- Commercial Road AFT 1 (AHIMS ID# 45-5-5669) is a low-density artefact scatter situated within the central portion of the Subject Area in an area of mid-slope. The site comprises two artefacts recovered across two test pits both situated on a mid-slope of a wide spur traversing the Subject Area. Urbis concluded that both artefacts are likely to have been moved from their original position due to historical disturbance of the upper soil profile (Urbis 2023b:42). They determined that the extent of the artefact deposit was likely revealed during the test program (being a low-intensity deposit) and that no further testing of the deposit would be warranted. At present, the site is still listed as 'Valid' in AHIMS.
- Commercial Road AFT 2 (AHIMS ID# 45-5-5671) is a medium-density artefact scatter situated within the southern portion of the Subject Area in an area of lower slope. Six test squares were excavated within the site extent with a total of 23 artefacts recovered comprising predominantly silcrete flake fragments and debitage. The highest concentration of artefacts was recovered from spit 2 (13 artefacts) and spit 4 (six artefacts). The extended phase 2 excavation of the site continued to produce Aboriginal objects and indicates that the full extent of the archaeological deposit has not been revealed. Urbis (2023b) therefore concluded that further investigation in the form of an archaeological salvage excavation would be warranted.
- The research value of both sites has been determined to be low given their common site type, limited and largely dispersed features and the presence of recognisable sub-surface disturbance.
- Avoidance and in-situ conservation is not warranted given the low archaeological significance of the two sites occurring within the Subject Area.
- To provide a clear framework for the management of Aboriginal objects present within the Subject Area, an ACHMP is recommended to be developed for the project.

The recommendations for the project, based on community consultation with the RAPs for the Project, and with the completion of this ACHA by Niche, are included in Table 4.

An earlier version of the ACHA was developed to support a Review of Environmental Factors (REF) submission seeking to obtain an AHIP to cover site establishment works associated with the development.

Table 4: ACHA recommendations

Recommendations	
Aboriginal heritage	
1.	The Proponent should continue to consult with the RAPs in regard to the project in accordance with the Aboriginal cultural heritage consultation requirements for Proponents 2010. Consultation may include, but is not limited to: – Finalisation of ACHA – Participation in the proposed salvage excavation – Determination of the long-term management of recovered artefacts under a care agreement – The provisions of the ACHMP – Project updates – Unexpected finds Project updates should be sent to all RAPs every 6 months at a maximum to ensure the consultation associated with this ACHA remains active.
2.	The Proponent should finalise and submit an ACHMP for the project that includes: – The outcomes of the ACHA. – Measures agreed with the Traditional Owners for the protection and management of both tangible and intangible cultural heritage values and mitigation of impacts. – Agreed protocols for the identification, protection and management of any cultural heritage values discovered during the project. – A methodology for the salvage excavation of Commercial Road AFT 2 (AHIMS ID# 45-5-5671). – Delivery of cultural awareness training to project staff and contractors to ensure that ACHMP measures are implemented. RAPs should be included in the development of the ACHMP.
3.	An area of PAD associated with Commercial Road AFT 2 (AHIMS ID# 45-5-5671) will require a salvage excavation in accordance with the salvage methodology outlined in the ACHMP for the project.
4.	The long-term management of any artefacts recovered during the test and salvage excavation of Commercial Road AFT 2 (AHIMS ID# 45-5-5671) and the test excavation of Commercial Road AFT 1 (AHIMS ID# 45-5-5670) should be formalised in a care agreement as determined by the RAPs. Where requested by the RAPs, the feasibility of on-Country reburial of artefacts within a conservation area should be considered by the Proponent.
5.	Aboriginal Site Impact Recording Forms (ASIRFs) should be submitted for sites Commercial Road AFT 1 (AHIMS ID# 45-5-5670) and Commercial Road AFT 2 (AHIMS ID# 45-5-5671) once archaeological investigations have been finalised.

Recommendations	
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6.	All workers and contractors associated with the works within the Subject Area should be inducted, so they are made aware of their obligations prior to, during and after work.
7.	The Proponent should not publicise the location of Aboriginal cultural heritage sites or other cultural information without prior consent from the Aboriginal community. This includes the public distribution of any mapping, AHIMS data and/or cultural information contained within this report.
8.	In the event of unexpected finds, notification is required under s89A of the NPW Act. In this scenario, work must cease in the affected area(s). Additional assessment and approval may be required under the relevant legislation prior to works continuing in the affected area(s) based on the nature of the discovery. In the event that unexpected finds are encountered during construction, all work in the area must cease immediately and: – The location should be secured using barrier fencing and signage to avoid further harm. – Contact suitable qualified archaeologists immediately. No further action is to be undertaken until archaeologists have assessed the finds.

9.	In the unlikely event that suspected human remains are encountered during construction, all work in the area that may cause further impact must cease immediately and:
	– The location should be secured using barrier fencing and signage to avoid further harm.
	– The NSW Police must be contacted immediately.
	– No further action is to be undertaken until the NSW Police provide written notification.
	– If the skeletal remains are identified as Aboriginal, the Proponent or their agent must contact:
	  – The NSW Environment and Heritage's Enviroline on 131 555 and representatives of the RAPs.
	  – No works are to continue until NSW Environment and Heritage provides written notification.

4 Consultation process

In administering its statutory functions under Part 6 of the NPW Act, Heritage NSW requires that proponents 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 Section 60 of *NSW National Parks and Wildlife Regulation 2019* ('the Regulation'). Consultation with RAPs has been conducted in accordance with the requirements of the SEARs and the Consultation Guidelines (DECCW 2010b).

Consultation regarding the project has previously been conducted by Urbis (2023a and 2023b), however, owing to a time lapse since the last contact with RAPs (3 April 2023), it was recommended that consultation be recommenced from Stage 1 to ensure previously registered parties and other potential stakeholders would have an opportunity to be involved in consultation for the project.

4.1 Registered Aboriginal Parties

As a result of the Stage 1 enquiries conducted by Niche between May and July 2024, 27 organisations and/or individuals registered as RAPs for the Project (Niche 2024). Table 5 below provides details of the project's RAPs.

Table 5: Registered Aboriginal Parties

Name of organisation	Contact
A1 Indigenous Services	Carolyn Hickey
Amanda Hickey Cultural Services	Amanda Hickey
B.H. Heritage Consultants	Ralph and Nola Hampton
Barraby Cultural Services	Lee Field
Colin Gale	Colin Gale
Corroboree Aboriginal Corporation	Marilyn Carroll-Johnson
Darug Custodian Aboriginal Corporation	Justine Coplin
Deerubbin Local Aboriginal Land Council	Paula Maling
*Dharug Strategic Management Group (DSMG)	Julie Jones Webb
Didge Ngunawal Clan	Lillie Carroll and Paul Boyd
Gunjeewong Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation	Shayne Dickson

Name of organisation	Contact
Kamilaroi Yankuntjatjara Working Group	Phil Khan
Long Gully Cultural Services	Ethan Trewlynn
Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council	Darran Williams
Mundawari Heritage Consultants	Dean Delponte
Muragadi	Jesse Johnson
Murra Bidgee Mullangari Aboriginal Corporation	Darleen Johnson
*Muru Mittigar Aboriginal Cultural & Education Centre	Wayne Cornish
Ngambaa Cultural Connections	Kaarina Slater
Pearl Depoma	Pearl Depoma
Waawaar Awaa Aboriginal Corporation	Rodney and Barry Gunther
Wailwan Aboriginal Group	Philip Boney
Woka Aboriginal Corporation	Steven Johnson
Wurrumay Pty Ltd	Vicky Slater
Yarrawalk Pty Ltd	Scott Franks
Yulay Cultural Services	Arika Jalomaki
Yurrandaali	Bo Field

Asterisk (*) indicates RAPs identified by Health Infrastructure NSW.

Two groups have requested that their registration not be disclosed to the Local Aboriginal Land Council.

4.2 Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Plan consultation

The draft ACHMP was submitted to the RAPs on 9 June 2025 and the closing date for comments was 8 July 2025 (to meet the minimum 28-day review period). Records of all Aboriginal consultation for this project are included in Appendix 1 and Appendix 2 of the associated Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment for this project.

4.2.1 Sensitive cultural information management protocol

A sensitive cultural information management protocol has been established for the project to provide the opportunity for RAPs to provide cultural information, including a statement of the value of identified sites and other matters.

In the event that a stakeholder had sensitive or restricted public access information, it was proposed that the Proponent and Niche would manage this information (if provided by the Aboriginal community) in accordance with the protocol. If required, it is anticipated that the protocol would 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 to 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 RAP(s) to make decisions concerning the Aboriginal material and the 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 in the material

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5 Archaeological research design

5.1 Background

The purpose of an archaeological research design (ARD) is to provide and direct a reasonable foundation for management decisions of an archaeological or cultural heritage site or place as well as satisfying regulatory requirements through a standardised process. All related future archaeological studies and analyses stand to benefit if guided by clear linkage of study goals, relevant theory, data, and methods. Application of a research design is international best practice and plays a vital role in the planning process.

This ARD follows from the results of the test excavation conducted within the subject area with the aim of further explicating the nature and extent of the archaeological deposit at AHIMS ID# 45-5-5671 Commercial Road AFT2. This information will be used to better to understand the significance of the archaeology at this location and mitigate the harm to the Aboriginal object from the proposal.

5.2 Objectives

The purpose of the ARD is to:

- Further investigate the nature, spatial and stratigraphical extent, condition, and integrity of the Aboriginal archaeological deposits present within AHIMS ID# 45-5-5671 Commercial Road AFT2.
- Apply relevant research questions to interpret the finds and results in context of local and regional archaeological modelling.

5.3 Research questions

In order to fulfil the objectives of the ARD, the following indicative research questions have been formulated:

1. Do the results of the archaeological salvage contribute to or modify the analysis and interpretation of the excavated assemblage within the subject area based upon the research questions formulated for the test excavation program as outlined below?
2. How can the archaeological deposit be interpreted?
    - What is the spatial and vertical extent of the deposit?
    - What is the integrity and condition of the deposit?
    - What are the physical attributes and compositions of the deposit (e.g. stone artefacts, features, remains of original environment, contact period artefacts)?
    - What are the characteristics of the stone artefact assemblage? What types of artefacts are present and what specialisation if any can be detected in the assemblage?
    - Does the archaeological deposit have evidence of intra-site patterning or various occupational periods?
    - Should faunal and/or shell material be located, what species present were utilised by Aboriginal people?
3. Can the archaeological deposit be interpreted in a local context?
    - Are there similarities or differences with nearby archaeological sites?
    - Is there evidence of connection to nearby sites in terms of raw material, composition and nature of the assemblage?

4. Can the archaeological deposit be interpreted in the regional context?
    - Where did the raw materials originate from?
    - Is there any indication of trade in connection of raw material procurement?
    - How does the assemblage compare to other archaeological sites within the region?
5. Do the results of the archaeological excavation change the scientific and cultural significance of the site?
    - What is the scientific and cultural value of the assemblage?
    - How do the Aboriginal stakeholders view the cultural value of the deposit and assemblage?

6 Archaeological salvage methodology

6.1 Rationale for the archaeological salvage

The rationale for the archaeological salvage works proposed for within the Subject Area is based on the results of the test excavation summarised below:

- The test excavation recovered a total of 25 stone artefacts recovered from 32 test pits. The test excavation was conducted across two phases, with the second phase involving the expansion of test pits in the areas of highest artefact occurrence.
- The majority of test pits recovered zero Aboriginal objects. With respect to the landforms present, no artefacts were identified in the northern portion comprising upper slopes. The central portion characterised by mid-slopes produced the low-density artefact scatter (n=2) identified across two test pits. The southern portion comprising lower slopes produced a moderate-density artefact scatter comprising 23 artefacts.
- A low-density artefact scatter was identified at Commercial Road AFT 1 (AHIMS ID# 45-5-5669) on the mid-slopes of wide spur traversing the subject area. This artefact scatter consisted of two artefacts from two test pits. Both were recovered from spit 1 (0-10 cm) indicating a high likelihood that the artefacts had been moved from their original positions due to historical disturbance of the upper soil profile. The artefact scatter has a low density with limited potential for robust statistical analysis or intra-site comparison. With the completion of a test excavation of the site recovering only two artefacts, no further archaeological investigation of the site is considered warranted.
- The highest density of artefacts was located in Commercial Road AFT 2 (AHIMS ID# 45-5-5671) on the lower slopes of the subject area. Test pit C8 and a further four test pits placed at cardinal locations adjacent to C8 recovered 21 artefacts. These phase two test pits produced artefacts at an average rate of five artefacts/ test pit. A further three test pits were excavated at 10 m intervals adjacent to C8 to investigate the spatial extent of the deposit. Two further artefacts were recovered from test pit C10 to the east from a truncated and highly disturbed soil profile. The remaining two test pits to the north and west contained zero artefacts suggesting an outer limit to the concentration at C8.
- Test pits in the extended excavation at C8 displayed various indicators of disturbance and/or redeposition of local soils, especially in the upper soil profile, however artefacts were located in all spits.
- The soil profile associated with Commercial Road AFT 2 (AHIMS ID# 45-5-5671) was found to have the deepest soil profiles with an average soil depth extending 44 cm. The depth and friability of the soil and the presence of imported gravels and rock were characterised by Urbis (2023b) as evidence of redeposition/sheet wash or through mechanical means during historical modification of the site.
- Due partly to the disturbance described, as well as the small sample of recovered artefacts, the Subject Area has been determined to have low research potential.
- Urbis (2023) and Niche (2024) have both concluded that salvage excavation of Commercial Road AFT 2 (AHIMS ID# 45-5-5671) should be conducted to provide further data on the nature and extent of the sub-surface archaeological deposit present and to mitigate harm to Aboriginal objects resulting from the project.

6.2 Objectives

The objectives of the salvage program include the following:

1. To recover Aboriginal objects from Commercial Road AFT 2 (AHIMS ID# 45-5-5671) identified during the test excavation program to mitigate the harm to the identified Aboriginal objects present.
2. To address the research questions outlined in Section 5.3.

3. To provide information for the RAPs on any archaeological resources identified by the excavation.
4. To provide opportunity for the RAPs to participate in the salvage works and provide feedback and cultural heritage information throughout the process.
5. To ensure that the development can proceed with minimised risk of harming Aboriginal objects and to inform the Unexpected Finds Procedure.
6. To determine long term care and control agreement of any Aboriginal objects recovered in consultation with the RAPs.

6.3 Archaeological investigation team

The archaeological salvage excavation will be undertaken under the supervision of Niche Associate Ben Slack, with support from Niche heritage consultants Samuel Riley, Dr. Olivier Rochecouste and participation of RAPs.

6.4 Salvage excavation methodology

Where not otherwise completed under an AHIP covering early site establishment works for the project, the following salvage methodology will be adopted at Commercial Road AFT 2 (AHIMS ID# 45-5-5671).

The open area excavation will extend up to 5 m x 5 m consisting of excavation squares of 1 m x 1 m. This will be achieved utilising the methodology described as follows:

- Previously excavated 50 cm x 50 cm test pits excavated during the test excavation will be expanded to complete 1m x 1m excavation units (EUs).
- Excavation will expand in 1 m x 1 m EUs from the initial excavation location guided by the highest artefact densities.
- EUs are to be excavated in bulk, that is, they will not be excavated in spits or stratigraphic units. This approach is justified by the high level of disturbance at the location which precludes any benefit from digging in more discreet units.
- The EUs will revert to 10 cm spits if high levels of disturbance are not determined throughout the open area or intake archaeological features, or high density of artefacts are uncovered.
- Excavation to proceed to the base of the potential artefact bearing soil profile, and slightly further as necessary to confirm culturally sterile soils below. This will likely be guided by the depth of previously excavated test squares.
- Should Aboriginal archaeological features such as a midden or hearth deposit be identified, each feature would be subject to stratigraphical hand excavation appropriate to the nature of the feature and would be expanded by 1 m x 1 m EUs to fully explore the extent of the deposit encountered.
- Excavation will continue up to a 5 m x 5 m excavation open area. It is anticipated that an excavation of this size will be sufficient to provide further information regarding the nature of the archaeological deposit to address the research questions outlined in Section 5.3 above.
- Excavation will be conducted utilising only hand tools (shovels, mattocks, trowels, dustpans and brushes.
- Each unit will be kept in colour-coded buckets to avoid cross-contamination between excavation units.
- All excavated soils will be sieved through 3 mm or 5 mm sieves on site, as detailed in Section 6.5 below.
- Any archaeological material, including stone artefacts, animal bone, shell, charcoal, or other foreign material found during the excavation or sieving will be bagged and labelled with a unique number based on the relevant square and stratigraphic layer or unit.
- Archaeological excavations must cease immediately if suspected human remains are encountered at any point during the excavations. The area of these suspected remains should be immediately secured, and the human remains procedure in Section 6.9 must be followed.

6.5 Sieving

The archaeological sieving of excavated soil will be done on predominantly 5mm mesh sieves utilising a wet sieving method. Should substantial archaeological deposits be uncovered, or the size of artefacts found in the initial excavation trigger the use of finer mesh, 3 mm mesh will be used.

Wet sieving will be required due to the hard setting soils in the subject area. This will require the management of run-off water and sediment control using staked geotextile edging.

6.6 Archaeological recording

The archaeological salvage will be recorded using standard archaeological methods, including:

- Description of all excavation units, archaeological features, contexts, and soil profiles on pro-forma archaeological recording sheets.
- Manual plotting of all excavation units, in situ artefacts and cultural layers on 2 or 5 mm grid paper.
- Photographic recording of all units, archaeological features and artefacts found in-situ, with accompanying scale and descriptive signage.
- Section and plan drawings of open areas and any encountered archaeological features.
- Aboriginal objects found will be bagged and tagged with a unique identification number corresponding to the excavation unit, depth/position found (when recovered in situ) and additional details of the circumstances of the find should that be critical.

6.7 Artefact management

6.7.1 Artefact recording

Aboriginal objects that are recovered during the salvage will be taken off- site for further analysis. All artefacts recovered from the salvage works will be stored temporarily according to the procedure outlined in Section 6.7.2.

Artefacts will be cleaned, measured and attributes recorded according to the relevant standards in line with the Code of Practice and guided by Holdaway and Stern, A Record in Stone: The Study of Australia's Flaked Stone Artefacts. All artefacts will then individually be bagged, labelled, and packaged according to the Australian Museum Artefact cataloguing standards. Results of the artefact analysis will be provided in the Archaeological Report.

6.7.2 Temporary storage of Aboriginal objects

All recovered archaeological material including stone artefacts, animal bone, shell, charcoal, or other foreign material will be bagged either individually or according to the excavation unit, labelled according to the unit and spit/context number. Artefacts will be made available to ensure that Aboriginal site officers have the opportunity to inspect and share information in relation to the artefacts.

At the end of the archaeological excavation, artefacts will be temporarily retained by Niche and placed into a lockable, secure place in Niche's Bulli office at 2 Rixon Avenue, Bulli, NSW.

Consultation with the RAPs will be carried out in relation to the care and control of the recovered artefacts as detailed in the following section.

6.7.3 Long term management of Aboriginal objects

Further consultation with the RAPs is required to determine long term care and control of any Aboriginal objects excavated. Long term management will consist of repatriation or disposition in keeping place of the artefacts recovered during both the test excavation and salvage program. This will be negotiated with the registered Aboriginal parties and a Care and Control Agreement will be drafted. We believe that the archaeological

excavation program should be carried out first to understand the size, composition, and context of the assemblage to aid the final decision.

The general options outlined below are guided by Requirement 26 "Stone artefact disposition and storage" in the Code of Practice for Archaeological Investigation of Aboriginal Objects in NSW:

- Option 1: Deerubbin LALC or another nominated party enters into a Care and Control agreement and the artefacts are then stored at their designated keeping place (Old Parramatta Gaol).
- Option 2: Repatriation of artefacts to 'Country'. Following construction, the artefacts would be reburied within or in proximity to the Subject Area and the location registered on AHIMS. During consultation for the ACHA (Niche 2024) this has been presented as the preferred option by several representatives where feasible.
- Option 3: Designation of an alternative keeping place including the option for public display where considered appropriate by RAPs.

In consultation with the RAPs and Heritage NSW, the reburial of artefacts will follow the below methodology:

- Artefacts will be wrapped in paperbark/organic material and placed directly in the ground to a minimum depth of 50 cm.
- As part of the reburial process a form of capping will be placed above the items before completing the fill. The capping will be in the form of archaeologically sterile sand and a paver – if any future inadvertent digging occurs in the area, the paver and sand will be encountered before the objects.
- A full record of the final location of the collection will be made, including:
    - A register of the artefacts.
    - Grid coordinates derived as set out in Requirement 8 of the Code of Practice.
    - A site plan or mud map referring to permanent features would be created to record the burial location.
    - The depth of burial would be recorded.
    - A full photographic record of the disposition would be made for inclusion in the AHIMS site card record.
- An update of AHIMS site cards for Commercial Road AFT 1 (AHIMS ID# 45-5-5669) and Commercial Road AFT 2 (AHIMS ID# 45-5-5671) would be undertaken to identify the burial location.
- A new site registration to AHIMS would be undertaken to register the burial location.

6.8 Unexpected Finds Procedure

Should any archaeological deposits be uncovered during any site works, a procedure must be implemented. The following steps must be carried out:

1. All works stop in the vicinity of the find. The find must not be moved 'out of the way' without assessment.
2. Site supervisor, or another nominated site representative must contact either the project archaeologist (if relevant) or Heritage NSW to contact a suitably qualified archaeologist.
3. The nominated archaeologist examines the find, provides a preliminary assessment of significance, records the item and decides on appropriate management, in conjunction with the RAPs for the project. Such management may require further consultation with Heritage NSW.
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 relevant approvals from Heritage NSW.

6.9 Human remains procedure

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

1. All works within the vicinity of the find immediately stop.
2. Site supervisor or other nominated manager must notify the NSW Police and Heritage NSW.
3. The find must be assessed by the NSW Police, and may include the assistance of a qualified forensic anthropologist.
4. Management recommendations are to be formulated by the Police, Heritage NSW and site representatives.
5. Works are not to recommence until the find has been appropriately managed.

6.10 Archaeological report

An AR will be prepared to include the results from the salvage excavation and to address the research questions. The AR will include the following:

- Description of the salvage methodology
- Description of the excavation results, including the nature, spatial and stratigraphical extent of excavated archaeological deposits.
- Artefact analysis and discussion.
- Consultation with the RAPs
- Addressing research questions set out in the Research Design.
- Conclusions providing any additional information that can enhance the understanding of the subject area.
- Aboriginal Site Impact Recording Form will be submitted for Commercial Road AFT 1 (AHIMS ID# 45-5-5669) and Commercial Road AFT 2 (AHIMS ID# 45-5-5671).
- Comment on the effectiveness of any mitigation measures that were implemented.
- The report must be provided to RAPs once complete.

6.11 Safety and logistics

The archaeological excavations will be carried out according to site-specific Occupational Health and Safety (OH&S) requirements and in line with Niche's internal OH&S policies. The excavation team will work under a specifically developed Safe Work Method Statement (SWMS) that will address the following:

- Description and risk assessment of day-to-day activities, including (but not limited to):
    - Working in an outdoor environment.
    - Recording of site attendance for the excavation team and visitors, including name, position, contact details, date of attendance and hours present.
- The following logistics will need to be arranged for the time of the excavation:
    - Amenities for personal hygiene in the form of an on-site toilet.
    - A water source for the wet sieving of excavated soil (e.g. on-site water source or a water truck).

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8 Appendix 1

8.1 AHIMS site cards

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