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## Hume Highway Upgrade Project, Sturt Highway to Holbrook: Changes in impacts on Aboriginal Heritage

Dear

As you are aware the Northern Hume Alliance (NHA) have been appointed by the RTA to manage the Hume Highway Duplication in four sections from south of the junction of the Sturt Highway and the Hume Highway, south to Holbrook. Specifically the following sections;

- Sturt Highway to Tarcutta
- Kyeamba Hill
- Little Billabong and
- Yarra Yarra to Holbrook

Over the last few months the NHA have been working towards a final design for the road alignment. As a result of this development and consideration of road safety requirements, the detailed design has resulted in a few changes in the impacts on Aboriginal heritage.

This letter outlines for your record the changes in impacts that were discussed with you over the telephone on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> August, with Chontelle Perucich from the NHA and Kylie Seretis from the RTA.

The table below, along with the attached aerial photographs, provide you with snapshot of changes in impact that have arisen from the detailed design phase in the following sections:

- N1 - Sturt Highway to Tarcutta
- N2 - Kyeamba Hill and
- N3 - Little Billabong

The recommendations for each site have been developed in consultation with the Project archaeologist - Kelleher Nightingale Consultants Pty Ltd (KNC) and are in line with the Department of Planning's Minister's Conditions of Approval. The comments column provides further information on the change, where required.

Zone	Site	Recommendation	Comments
<b>Sturt Highway to Tarcutta</b>	T-PAD-2	Test excavation	The NHA road design has moved from the east to the west. TA7 (former T-PAD-1) on the eastern side of the alignment will now not be impacted.
<b>Kyeamba Hill</b>	K-PAD-5	Salvage through surface collection	Artefacts were located at K-PAD-5 upon a recent site

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			visit by KNC. This PAD is now a site. The recommendation is to collect the artefacts on the surface, that have been exposed.
Little Billabong	LB3	Test excavation	It was previously hoped that this site could be avoided. The recommendation for this site is derived from that outlined in the recent Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Report.
	LB-PAD-1	Test excavation	Same as above.
	LB-PAD-2	Test excavation	Detailed design has resulted in some impact on a small slice of LB-PAD-2 (North and South), see aerial photograph's attached.

The expected timeframe to carry out the required salvage/ test excavation is approximately six weeks.

If you have any questions please call Chontelle Perucich, Environment and Community Coordinator, Northern Hume Alliance (02 9468 8179 or mobile 0418 463 413).

Regards

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