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Dear Mr Holmes

Re: Variation to Impacts on Aboriginal Heritage at Yarra Yarra to Holbrook (N4).

I refer to your letter of 3 October 2007 regarding the Hume Highway Duplication Project and proposed variations to impacts on Aboriginal Heritage along the Yarra Yarra to Holbrook section.

The Department of Environment & Climate Change (DECC) has reviewed the information provided on the changes in impact, the design development process, the proposed mitigation measures to be implemented and the additional consultation with the Aboriginal community and provides the following comments:

- New impact on YY15 – As this site will now be impacted by construction activities, DECC endorses the proposed mitigation measure of a surface collection of this site. The surface collection should be undertaken in accordance with the methodology described in Appendix C of the document Hume Highway Upgrade Duplication Project Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Report Test Excavation Results, Assessment and Management Measures (RTA July 2007).
- Increased impacts on sites YY14, YY17, YY18 - As proposed construction impacts to these sites will now increase, DECC endorses the proposed mitigation measure of salvage excavation for these 3 sites. The salvage excavations should be undertaken in accordance with the methodology described in Appendix C of the document Hume Highway Upgrade Duplication Project Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Report Test Excavation Results, Assessment and Management Measures (RTA July 2007).

I would also like to take this opportunity to reiterate that DECC understands the pressures and time constraints associated with the planning process. To allow DECC to continue to provide timely and accurate advice could you please ensure that at least 5 days notice is given of the arrival of documents requiring comment in less than the agreed timeframe of 10 working days. In addition could you please ensure that all correspondence regarding the Hume Highway Duplication are addressed to myself or Andrew Moriarty and not directly to other DECC Hume Highway Duplication staff.

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If you have any queries or wish to discuss DECC's response please contact Andrew Moriarty, Hume Highway Project Manager on (02) 60220606 or Jackie Taylor, Archaeologist on (02) 6298 9740.

Yours sincerely



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