



Our ref: DOC21/16641-3

Elle Clémentine
Planning Officer
Energy Industry and Compliance, Planning and Assessment
Locked Bag 5022 Parramatta NSW 2124
Email: elle.clementine@planning.nsw.gov.au

Response submitted via the NSW Government Major Projects Portal

Aboriginal cultural heritage review of Modification Cadia Copper Mine, MOD 14 - Increased Processing Rate (MP06_0295).

Dear Ms Clémentine

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Cadia Copper Project Modification 14. Heritage NSW (HNSW) is satisfied with the Aboriginal cultural heritage (ACH) investigation of the proposed modified area which, extends the existing approved footprint by approximately 80 hectares.

No Aboriginal objects at threat from the proposed modification

The ACH assessment report prepared by Landskape Natural and Cultural Heritage Management (Landskape 2020) concludes that there are no Aboriginal objects located within the proposed extension area. A Potential Archaeological Deposit (PAD AHIMS 44-5-0133) is reported to be located outside the proposed extension boundary but within close proximity.

Recommended protection measures should be implemented

HNSW support the proponent recommendation to revise the existing Aboriginal cultural heritage management plan (ACHMP) to ensure that protection measures are put in place for PAD, AHIMS 44-5-0133 (Landskape 2020:32-33). It is also noted that 44-5-0133 is reported to be an area of disturbance with shallow stony soils and that the presence of significant number of Aboriginal objects is low (2020:30)

HNSW has no issues to raise regarding the adequacy of the ACH surveys undertaken which have been inclusive of Aboriginal participation and, the consultation undertaken overall. It is noted that the Registered Aboriginal Parties have not raised concerns regarding the assessment and the proposed modification.

If you have any questions please contact Phil Purcell, Archaeologist at Heritage NSW on 68835341 or phil.purcell@environment.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

Rose O'Sullivan
Acting Senior Team Leader
Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Regulation – North
Heritage NSW
10 February 2021