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## Glossary

<b>ACHA</b>	Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment
<b>AHIMS</b>	Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System
<b>AR</b>	Archaeological Report
<b>BP</b>	Before Present
<b>Burra Charter</b>	<i>Burra Charter: The Australia ICOMOS Charter for Places of Cultural Significance</i>
<b>CBD</b>	Central Business District
<b>consultation requirements</b>	<i>Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents 2010</i>
<b>DA</b>	Determining Authority
<b>DECCW</b>	Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water (now Heritage NSW)
<b>DP</b>	Deposited Plan
<b>EP&amp;A Act</b>	<i>Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979</i>
<b>Heritage Act</b>	<i>Heritage Act 1977</i>
<b>Heritage NSW</b>	Heritage NSW, Department of Premier and Cabinet
<b>ICOMOS</b>	International Council on Monuments and Sites
<b>LALC</b>	Local Aboriginal Land Council
<b>LEP</b>	Local Environmental Plan
<b>LGA</b>	Local Government Area
<b>NNTT</b>	National Native Title Tribunal
<b>NPW Act</b>	<i>National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974</i>
<b>NPWS</b>	National Parks and Wildlife Service
<b>NSW</b>	New South Wales
<b>NTSCORP</b>	Native Title Services Corporation
<b>PAD</b>	Potential Archaeological Deposit
<b>RAPs</b>	Registered Aboriginal Parties
<b>SEARs</b>	Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements
<b>SEPP</b>	State Environmental Planning Policy
<b>SSD</b>	State Significant Development
<b>the Code</b>	<i>Code of Practice for the Archaeological Investigation of Aboriginal Objects in NSW</i>

## Summary

Biosis Pty Ltd (Biosis) was commissioned by Johnstaff on behalf of St John of God to undertake an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment (ACHA) of a proposed development at St John of God Hospital, 177-235 Grose Vale Road, North Richmond, New South Wales (NSW) (the study area). The study area is located in a peri-urban environment approximately 17 kilometres north of Penrith and approximately 56 kilometres north east of the Sydney, central business district (CBD).

There are 40 Aboriginal cultural heritage sites registered with the Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System (AHIMS) register in the vicinity of the study area. This project is being assessed as a State Significant Development (SSD) (SSD 10394), and as such this assessment has been formulated to respond to the requirement for an ACHA under the Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs).

### Consultation

The Aboriginal community was consulted regarding the heritage management of the project throughout its lifespan. Consultation has been undertaken as per the process outlined in the *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents 2010* (DECCW 2010a) (consultation requirements). The appropriate government bodies were notified and advertisements placed in the *Western Weekender* newspaper (17 January 2020), which resulted in the following Aboriginal organisations registering their interest (Table 1):

**Table 1 List of registered Aboriginal parties and group contact**

Organisation		Contact person
1	A1 Indigenous Services	Carolyn Hickey
2	Amanda Hickey Cultural Services	Amanda Hickey
3	Barking Owl Aboriginal Corporation	Jody Kulakowski
4	Butucarbin Aboriginal Corporation	Jennifer Beale
5	Butucarbin Cultural Heritage Assessments	Lowanna Gibson
6	Deerubbin Local Aboriginal Land Council	Kevin Cavanagh
7	Didge Ngunawal Clan	Lillie Carroll and Paul Boyd
8	Goodradigbee Cultural & Heritage Aboriginal Corporation	Caine Carroll
9	Individual	Paul Gale
10	Kamilaroi Yankuntjatjara Working Group	Phil Khan
11	Merrigarn	Shaun Carroll
12	Muragadi	Anthony Johnson
13	Murra Bidgee Mullangari Aboriginal Corporation	Darleen Johnson



Organisation		Contact person
14	Murramarang	Roxanne Smith
15	Richmond Hill Memorial Representative	Melissa Stubbings
16	Waawaar Awaa	Rodney Gunther
17	Widescope Indigenous Group	Steven Hickey and Donna Hickey

A search conducted by the Office of the Registrar, *Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983* listed no Aboriginal Owners with land within the study area. A search conducted by the National Native Title Tribunal (NNTT) listed no Registered Native Title Claims, Unregistered Claimant Applications or Registered Indigenous Land Use Agreements within the study area.

Upon registration, the Aboriginal parties were invited to provide their knowledge on the study area and the proposal provided in the Methodology. The responses identified the study area as an area of high significance, due to its associations with the Battle of Richmond Hill. Responses from the Registered Aboriginal Parties (RAPs) are included in Appendix 3.

A representative from the Richmond Hill Memorial Gardens was invited to participate in the field survey, however was not able to attend on the day. A secondary meeting was organised for 2 July 2020, with the representative providing comment on the study area with regard to the proposed works and the overall history and significance of the site. Full details of this correspondence can be found in Appendix 5.

The outcome of the consultation process was that the RAPs considered the study area to have a high level of cultural significance, due to the Memorial Gardens and its association with the Battle of Richmond Hill. The results of the consultation process are included in this document.

The recommendations that resulted from the consultation process are provided below.

## Results

The ACHA included background research for the proposed study area. Key considerations arising from the background research include:

- Previous predictive modelling in the local area has a tendency to preference proximity to higher-order creek lines, with terrace landforms holding the highest level for archaeological potential.
- Numerous assessments have been conducted over the last 10 years, which confirm the presence of deep soils and high density artefact deposits along the Hawkesbury River, especially when located on ridges, terrace platforms or upper slopes.
- Biosis undertook a field survey which identified the Richmond Hill Memorial Gardens as an Aboriginal heritage site. Consultation with the RAPs identified that the site was significant due to its cultural and aesthetic values, as the site overlooks the Hawkesbury River and has strong associations with healing and the Battle of Richmond Hill.
- No previously registered AHIMS sites were identified within the study area, however the Aboriginal community has strong ties to the Memorial Garden located in the north-east portion of the study area, due to its commemoration and association with the Battle of Richmond Hill.

## Management recommendations

Prior to any development impacts occurring within the study area, the following is recommended:

### **Recommendation 1: No further assessment required in areas identified as having low archaeological potential**

No further investigations are required for areas assessed as having low archaeological potential. The conditions set forth in the SEARs (SSD 10394) must be adhered to. This recommendation is conditional upon Recommendations 5 and 6.

### **Recommendation 2: Further assessment required in the form of test excavations prior to development within areas of moderate or high archaeological potential**

The assessment has identified areas of moderate and high archaeological potential within the study area. At the time of this report, Johnstaff has confined the proposed development to areas that have been assessed as having low potential. If impacts to areas of moderate and high archaeological potential cannot be avoided, subsurface investigations (test excavations) will be required prior to the commencement of works.

If the schematic designs (inclusive of these items) change, any impact areas identified as having high or moderate archaeological potential should be avoided wherever possible (Figure 5).

Impacts which would require further assessment in the form of test excavations within areas of moderate or high archaeological potential includes, but is not limited to, any stockpiling areas, set down areas, installation of services, bulk earthworks, vehicle tracks/vehicle movement, landscaping or areas of revegetation, or any other activities that will result in disturbances to the ground surface.

### **Recommendation 3: Richmond Hill Memorial Gardens listed as a heritage item**

The Richmond Hill Memorial Gardens should be listed on the *Hawkesbury Local Environmental Plan 2009* (LEP) as a local heritage item.

### **Recommendation 4: Continued consultation with the registered Aboriginal stakeholders**

As per the consultation requirements, the proponent should continue to inform Aboriginal stakeholders about the management of Aboriginal cultural heritage sites within the study area throughout the life of the project. This recommendation is in keeping with the consultation requirements.

### **Recommendation 5: Discovery of Unanticipated Aboriginal Objects**

All Aboriginal objects and Places are protected under the *NSW National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974* (NPW Act). It is an offence to disturb an Aboriginal site without a consent permit issued by Heritage NSW, Department of Premier and Cabinet (Heritage NSW). Should any Aboriginal objects be encountered during works associated with this proposal, works must cease in the vicinity and the find should not be moved until assessed by a qualified archaeologist. If the find is determined to be an Aboriginal object, the archaeologist will provide further recommendations. These may include notifying Heritage NSW and Aboriginal stakeholders.



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### **Recommendation 6: Discovery of human remains**

If any suspected human remains are discovered during any activity works, all activity in the vicinity must cease immediately. The remains must be left in place and protected from harm or damage. The following contingency plan describes the immediate actions that must be taken in instances where human remains or suspected human remains are discovered. Any such discovery at the study area must follow these steps:

1. Discovery: If suspected human remains are discovered all activity in the vicinity must stop to ensure minimal damage is caused to the remains; and the remains must be left in place, and protected from harm or damage.
2. Notification: Once suspected human skeletal remains have been found, the Coroner's Office and the NSW Police must be notified immediately. Following this, and if the human remains are likely to be Aboriginal in origin, the find will be reported to the Aboriginal parties and Heritage NSW. If the find is likely to be non-Aboriginal in origin and more than 100 years in age, the Heritage Council of NSW will be notified of the find under Section 146 of the *Heritage Act 1977* (Heritage Act).

# 1 Introduction

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## 1.1 Project background

Biosis has been commissioned by Johnstaff on behalf of St John of God to undertake an ACHA for the proposed development of four residential and four amenity buildings, and associated services and landscaping at the St John of God Hospital, located at 177-235 Grose Vale Road, North Richmond NSW (the study area) (Figure 1 and Figure 2).

This report details the investigation, consultation and assessment of Aboriginal cultural heritage undertaken for the study area.

There are 40 Aboriginal cultural heritage sites registered with the AHIMS register, within the vicinity of the study area, however none are located within the study area.

The project is to be assessed as a SSD under Section 4.36 (previously Section 89(c)) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (EP&A Act) and Schedule 1 of the *State Environmental Planning Policy 2011* (SEPP). The ACHA is being conducted as part of the SSD application to address the requirements of the SEARs (SSD 10394). As the project is an SSD an Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit (AHIP) will not be required, with the purpose of the assessment to assist the Secretary of the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment in the consideration and determination of the application.

## 1.2 Study area

The study area comprises of Lot 11 DP 1134453, approximately 600 metres west of the suburb of North Richmond and approximately 17 kilometres north of the Penrith CBD (Figure 1). It encompasses 47 hectares of private land and is currently zoned RU1 Primary Production.

The study area is within the:

- Hawkesbury Local Government Area (LGA).
- Parish of Kurrajong.
- County of Cook (Figure 2).

The study area is bounded by Grose vale Road to the north, the Hawkesbury River to the south, Lot 2 DP 880641 to the east and Lots 6 and 14 DP 703300 to the west.

## 1.3 Proposed development

The proposed development includes the construction of a building complex comprising of four residential and two amenity buildings (Figure 3). This will involve:

- Demolition of eight existing buildings in the southern portion of the study area.
- Construction of four residential buildings [1] on top of the existing footings of the demolished buildings.
- Construction of a clinical support building [2] and a wellness centre [3], skewed to the existing footings of the demolished buildings and tennis court.

- Installation of services throughout areas of new build, including, but not limited to, gas, electrical and water services.
- Installation of lights and electrical services throughout carpark area.
- Creation of stockpiling and set down areas throughout the designated areas of low potential.

Please note that although there is an existing stock pile area between Aboriginal memorial site and maintenance shed (in the north-east of the study area), this will not be used as part of this development, as it is located outside of the development area. As the study area is located within the confines of a mental health hospital, no works outside of the development area boundaries (areas of low potential) will be able to occur, as per the hospitals health and safety requirements.

## 1.4 Planning approvals

The proposed development will be assessed against Part 5 of the EP&A Act. Other relevant legislation and planning instruments that will inform this assessment include:

- Commonwealth *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act).
- NSW NPW Act.
- NSW *National Parks and Wildlife Amendment Act 2010*.
- SEPP 2011.
- Hawkesbury LEP 2009.
- *Hawkesbury Development Control Plan 2009* (DCP).

## 1.5 Restricted and confidential information

Appendix 1 in the Archaeological Report (AR) (Appendix 5) contains AHIMS information which is confidential and not to be made public. This is clearly marked on the title page for the attachment.

Section 3.1.4 in the AR contains information regarding the Battle of Richmond Hill which is not to be made public.

## 1.6 Aboriginal cultural heritage

### 1.6.1 General description

According to Allen and O'Connell (2003), Aboriginal people have inhabited the Australian continent for the last 50,000 years.

In NSW, according to Bowler et al. (2003), Aboriginal people have occupied the land for over 42,000 years. However, preliminary evidence presented by Biosis (2016a) from a subsurface testing program in south-western NSW suggests Aboriginal people may have occupied the semi-arid zone of the region for 50,000 years.

Without being part of the Aboriginal culture and the productions of this culture, it is not possible for non-Aboriginal people to fully understand the meaning of sites, objects and places to Aboriginal people – only to move closer towards understanding this meaning with the help of the Aboriginal community. Similarly, definitions of Aboriginal culture and cultural heritage without this involvement constitute outsider interpretations.

With this preface, Aboriginal cultural heritage broadly refers to things that relate to Aboriginal culture and hold cultural meaning and significance to Aboriginal people (DECCW 2010a, p.3). There is an understanding in Aboriginal culture that everything is interconnected. In essence, Aboriginal cultural heritage can be viewed as potentially encompassing any part of the physical and/or mental landscape, that is, 'Country' (DECCW 2010a, p.iii).

Aboriginal people's interpretation of cultural value is based on their 'traditions, observance, lore, customs, beliefs and history' (DECCW 2010a, p.3). The things associated with Aboriginal cultural heritage are continually and actively being defined by Aboriginal people (DECCW 2010a, p.3). These things can be associated with traditional, historical or contemporary Aboriginal culture (DECCW 2010a, p.3).

### **1.6.2 Tangible Aboriginal cultural heritage**

Three categories of tangible Aboriginal cultural heritage may be defined:

- Things that have been observably modified by Aboriginal people.
- Things that may have been modified by Aboriginal people but no discernible traces of that activity remain.
- Things never physically modified by Aboriginal people (but associated with Dreamtime Ancestors who shaped those things).

### **1.6.3 Intangible Aboriginal cultural heritage**

Examples of intangible Aboriginal cultural heritage would include memories of stories and 'ways of doing', which would include language and ceremonies (DECCW 2010a, p.3).

### **1.6.4 Statutory**

Currently Aboriginal cultural heritage, as statutorily defined by the NPW Act, consists of objects and places which are protected under Part 6 of the Act.

Aboriginal objects are defined as:

*Any deposit, object or material evidence...relating to the Aboriginal habitation of the area that comprises NSW, being habitation before or concurrent with (or both) the occupation of that area by persons of non-Aboriginal extraction, and includes Aboriginal remains.*

Aboriginal places are defined as a place that is, or was of special Aboriginal cultural significance. Places are declared under Section 84 of the NPW Act.

### **1.6.5 Values**

Aboriginal cultural heritage is valued by Aboriginal people as it is used to define their identity as both individuals and as part of a group (DECCW 2010a, p.iii). More specifically it is used:

- To provide a:
  - 'Connection and sense of belonging to Country' (DECCW 2010a, p.iii).
  - Link between the present and the past (DECCW 2010a, p.iii).
- As a learning tool to teach Aboriginal culture to younger Aboriginal generations and the general public (DECCW 2010a, p.3).
- As further evidence of Aboriginal occupation prior to European settlement for people who do not understand the magnitude to which Aboriginal people occupied the continent (DECCW 2010a, p.3).

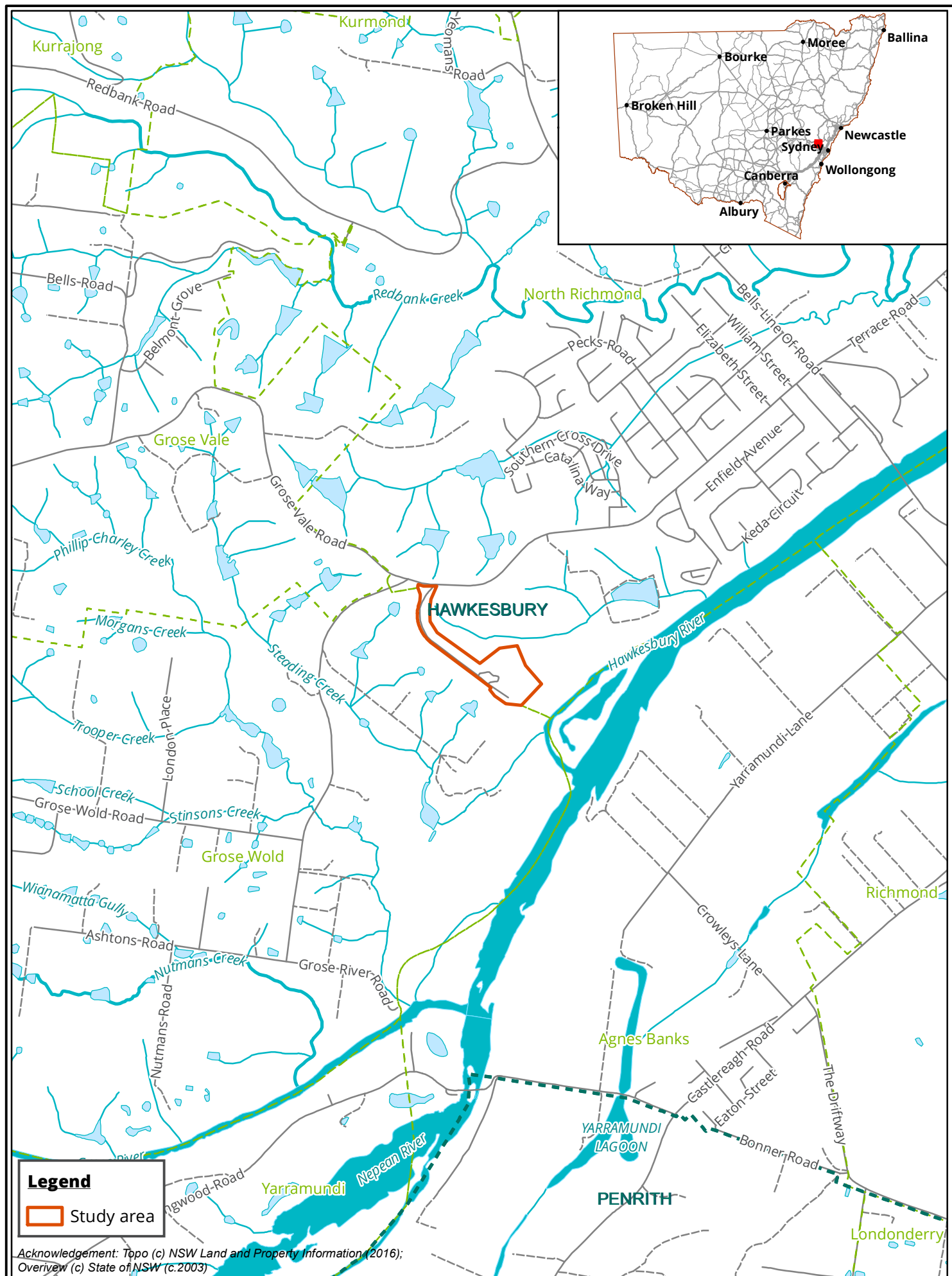
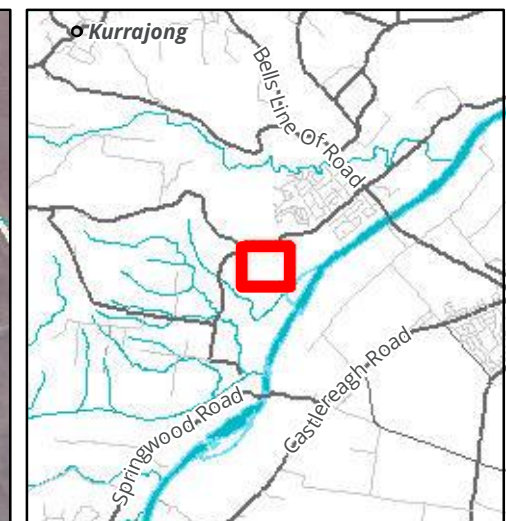




Figure 1 Location of the study area

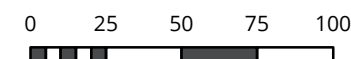




**Legend**

-  Study Area
-  Lot

**Figure 2 Study area detail**



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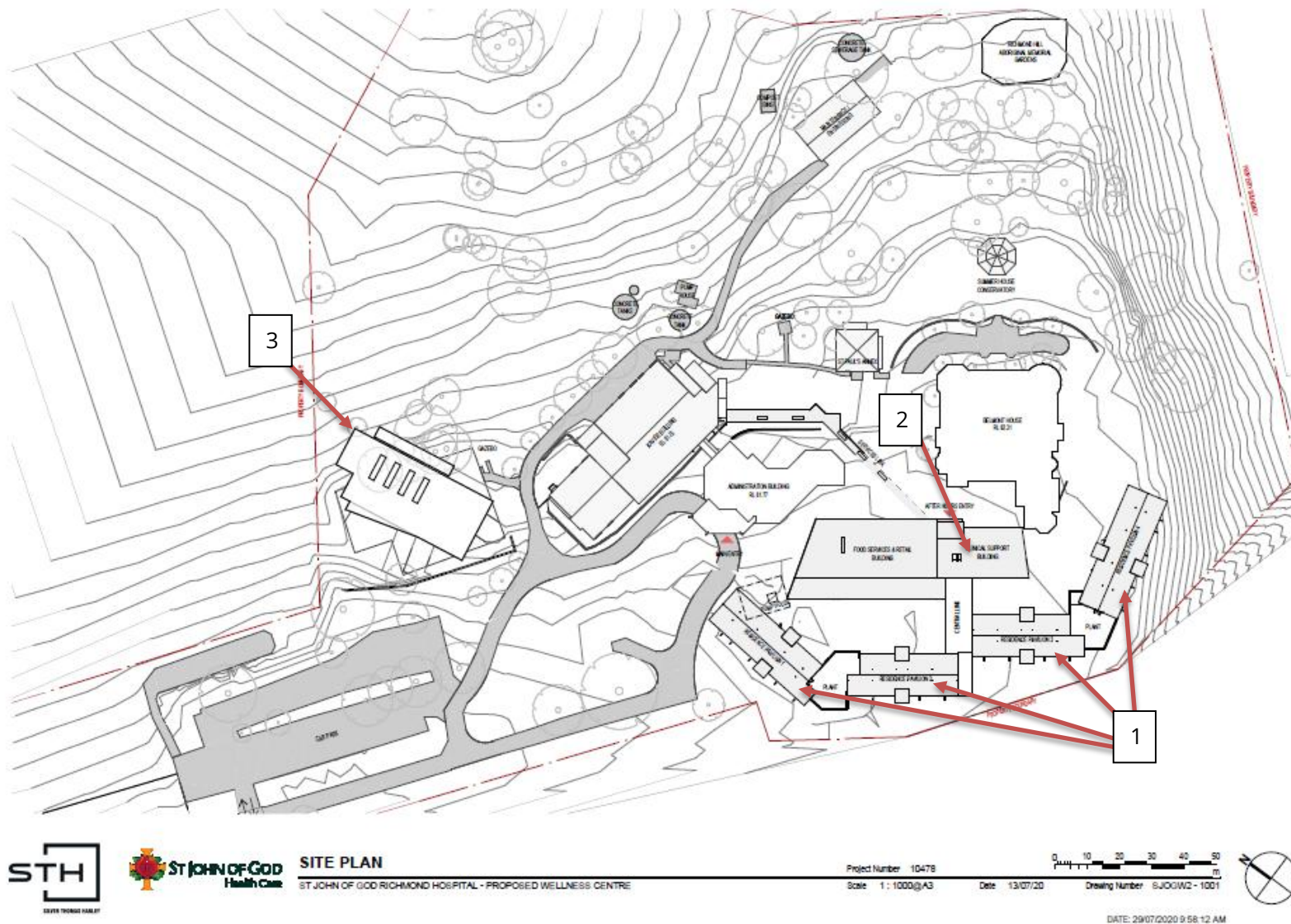


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**Figure 3 Proposed development**



## 2 Study area context

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This section discusses the study area in regards to its landscape, environmental and Aboriginal cultural heritage context. This section should be read in conjunction with the AR attached in Appendix 5. The background research has been undertaken in accordance with the *Code of Practice for the Archaeological Investigation of Aboriginal Objects in NSW* (DECCW 2010b) (the Code).

The study area lies within the Cumberland Lowlands, which is part of the Cumberland Plain (Figure 1). This landform is characterised by low lying, gently undulating plains and low hills on Wianamatta Group shales (Bannerman & Hazelton 1990, p.2) and a broad and shallow basin that stretches westwards from Parramatta to the Hawkesbury-Nepean River and southwards from Windsor to Thirlmere (OEH 2014).

### 2.1 Geology, topography and hydrology

The predominant geological formation contained within the study area is the Middle Triassic Wianamatta Group, specifically the Ashfield Shale formation. The Ashfield Shale is a residual landscape, which contains dark-grey to black claystone-siltstone and fine sandstone -siltstone laminate. Aboriginal artefact scatter sites are common across this formation, as are potential archaeological deposits (PADs), grinding grooves, rock shelters and water holes, making it the most archaeologically rich formation in the area (Biosis Pty Ltd 2016b).

Topographically, the study area is present on top of the edge of a terrace platform, with a steep slope heading down to the Hawkesbury River on the south-east boundary. A review of topographic maps of the study area indicates that it is dominated by gentle slopes and terrace flats. Landform units present in the vicinity of the study area include crests, ridgelines and hillslopes.

Stream order is recognised as a factor which assists in the development of predictive modelling in Sydney Basin Aboriginal archaeology, and has seen extensive use in the Sydney region, most notably by Jo McDonald Cultural Heritage Management (Jo McDonald Cultural Heritage Management 2000, Jo McDonald Cultural Heritage Management 2005, Jo McDonald Cultural Heritage Management Pty Ltd 2005, Jo McDonald Cultural Heritage Management 2006, Jo McDonald Cultural Heritage Management 2008). Predictive models, which have been developed for the region, have a tendency to favour higher order streams as having a high potential for campsites as these types of streams would have been more likely to provide a stable source of water and by extension, other resources which would have been used by Aboriginal groups.

The southern border of the study area is located approximately 200 metres north-west of the Hawkesbury River, which is a perennial water source. A number of non-perennial canal-drains surround the study area approximately 100 metres north-east and east of the study area, 100 metres west of the study area and 100 metres north of the study area. The proximity to a perennial source of water, in addition to the location of the study area on a terrace platform, is a positive indicator for Aboriginal artefacts to exist within the study area. No water courses are located within the study area. Further information on the geology, hydrology and topography of the study area can be found in Appendix 5.

## 2.2 Soil landscapes

Soil landscapes have distinct morphological and topological characteristics that result in specific archaeological potential. They are defined by a combination of soils, topography, vegetation and weathering conditions. Soil landscapes are essentially terrain units that provide a useful way to summarise archaeological potential and exposure.

The Luddenham soil landscape is the predominant soil type within the study area. The Luddenham soil landscape distribution patterns vary dependant on the landform type it is contained within, therefore altering the depths at which subsurface archaeological artefact deposits are found. The majority of the study area is contained upon a terrace landform, with a total soil depth of approximately 400 millimetres, overlying shale bedrock. The southern portion of the study area is contained on a sloped landform, where soils can reach depths of 1000 millimetres. These depths help to infer whether any archaeological subsurface deposits still exist throughout areas of disturbance. Further information regarding the soil landscapes within the study area can be found in the AR (Appendix 5).

## 2.3 Climate and rainfall

The closest weather station is located in Richmond (Richmond RAAF Station, site number 067105), approximately 5.6 kilometres from the study area. The mean maximum temperature is 24.3°C and mean minimum temperature 11.1°C (BOM 2020). The mean annual rainfall is 719.1 millimetres (BOM 2020).

## 2.4 Landscape resources

The type of vegetation found within the Luddenham soil landscape includes extensively cleared open dry sclerophyll forest (Bannerman & Hazelton 1990, p.64). The dominant tree species include Spotted Gum *Eucalyptus maculata* and Grey Box *E. moluccana*. Broad-leaved Iron Bark *E. fibrosa*, Narrow Leaved Ironbark *E. crebra*, Forest Red Gum *E. lereticornis* and Woollybutt *E. longifolia* are also present. The understory shrub species include Blackthorn *Bursaria spinose*, Coffee Bush *Breynia oblongifolia*, Forest Oak *Alocasuarina torulosa*, Hickory *Acacia implexa* and *Clerodendrum tomenlosum*. While common grasses include Speargrass *Aristida vagans*, Bordered Panic Grass *Entolasia marginate* and Paddock Lovegrass *Theineda australis* (Bannerman & Hazelton 1990, p.64).

A variety of plant species were useful for manufacturing tools. Wood from trees was used to manufacture canoe poles, weapons, woomeras, boomerangs and for use in fires. Resins from trees and grasses were used as a fixative in tool making. Bark and fibres were used for carrying vessels, canoes and decorations. Fibres were used to make ropes and nets for trapping fish and birds. In addition, many plants were sources of food and medicine. Food, tools, shelter and ceremonial items were derived from floral resources, with the locations of many campsites predicated on the seasonal availability of resources.

The native fauna that could have been present in the area include, but is not limited to: Common Ringtail Possum *Pseudocheirus peregrinus*, Common Brushtail possum *Trichosurus vulpecula*, Grey Headed Flying Fox *Pteropus Alecto*, Sugar Glider *Petaurus breviceps*, Eastern Grey Kangaroo *Macropus giganteus*, and Swamp Wallaby *Wallabia bicolor* (Atlas of Living Australia 2019). As well as being important food sources, animal products were also used for tool making and fashioning a myriad of utilitarian and ceremonial items. For example, tail sinews are known to have been used to make fastening cord, while 'bone points', which would have functioned as awls or piercers, are often present in the archaeological record. Animals such as Brush-tailed Possums were highly prized for their fur, with possum skin cloaks worn fastened over one shoulder and under the other (Attenbrow 2002).

## 2.5 European land use history

The first land grant within the study area was provided to Archibald Bell between 1810 and 1849 for the property known as 'Belmont'. Bell was the first to build on the land, constructing a house. Currently only the foundations of that house remain (DPIE 2019). Ownership of the land was then transferred to Philip Charley who built Belmont House in 1892 (Kurrajong-Comleroy Historical Society 2019). Belmont House still stands within the study area. Freehold for properties were available for purchase in 1898 within the North Richmond area to the north-east of the study area.

Further development within the study area occurred in 1907 with the addition of the Gate House or The Lodge (Kurrajong-Comleroy Historical Society 2019). This sandstone structure was built at the end of the half-mile long avenue of Canary Island palms leading to the elaborate gardens surround Belmont House (Photo 1). Belmont House fell into disrepair before the purchase of the property in 1951 by the Brothers of St John of God who sought to restore it themselves ('Crowd Sees Cardinal Open St John of God Hospital' 1952, p.1). The following year, Belmont House was converted into a mental health hospital, with a 50 bed capacity (St John of God Richmond Hospital n.d, DPIE 2019, Kurrajong-Comleroy Historical Society 2019, 'Crowd Sees Cardinal Open St John of God Hospital' 1952).

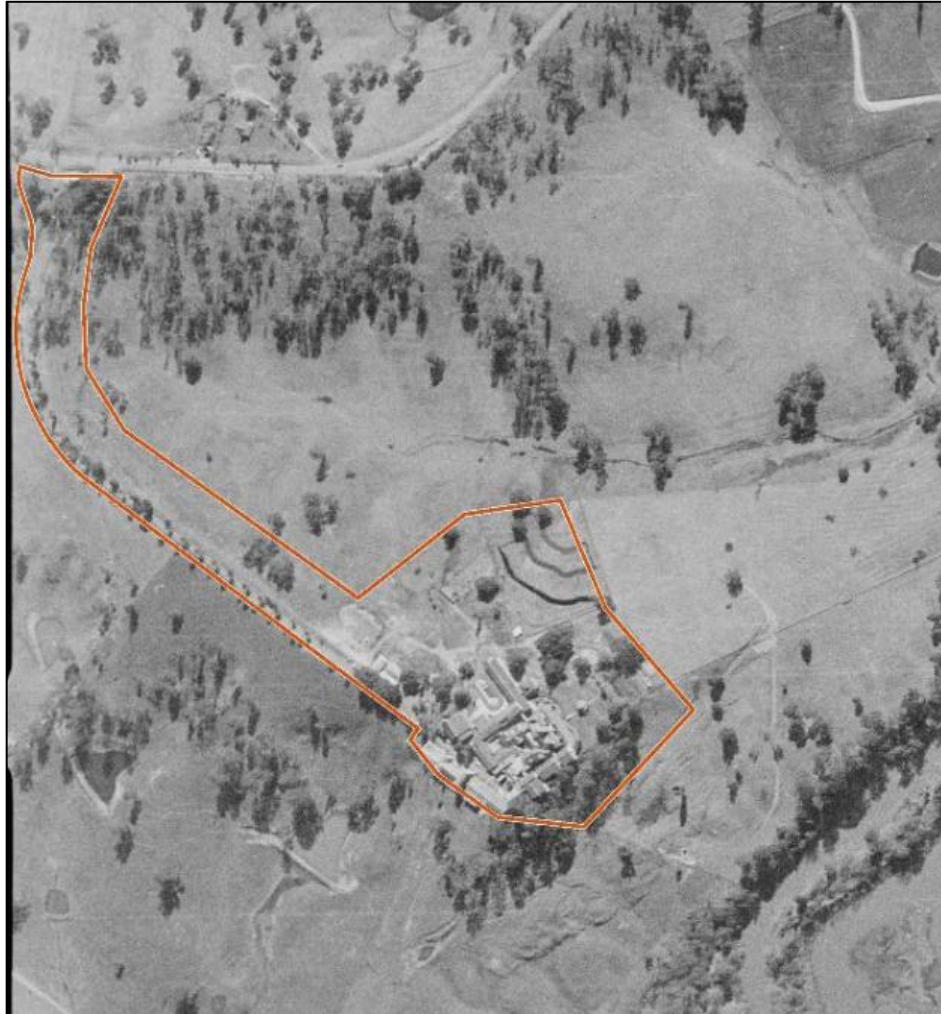


**Photo 1** 1947 aerial photograph containin the study area outlined in red (Source: NSW Spatial Services)

In 1957, a new treatment block worth £50,000 was opened at the hospital, providing a further 30 beds for patients with private rooms and views of the river ('New 50,000 Pound Block In Hospital Opened' 1957, p.1, St



John of God Richmond Hospital n.d). November 1975 saw the construction of two new wings, with the hospital expanding its services in psychiatric care and the treatment of alcohol and drug addictions (St John of God Richmond Hospital n.d). Aerial imagery dating to the same year show the circular drive that was once located at the front of the house replaced by the new buildings (Photo 2). The new structures can be seen within the south-west portion of the study area (Photo 2). Landscaping of a stepped terrace to the north-east of these structures also appeared to have occurred, however current aerals do not show this, suggesting that the area was further landscaped at a later date. Additional buildings to the north-east of the 1975 wings, towards the centre of the study area were constructed and opened in 1991 (St John of God Richmond Hospital n.d).



**Photo 2 1975 aerial containing the study area outlined in red (Source: NSW Land Services)**

Between 1991 and 2010, various additions to the hospital included a gazebo, swimming pool and tennis court. In 2010, a memorial garden was erected towards the north-east side of the study area to commemorate the Battle of Richmond Hill. No further significant development has occurred since then. Overall, alterations have been concentrated to the southern portion of the study area.

## 3 Aboriginal cultural heritage context

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### 3.1 Ethnohistory

It is generally accepted that people have inhabited the Australian landmass for the last 50,000 years (Clarkson et al. 2015). Dates of the earliest occupation of the continent by Aboriginal people are subject to continued revision as more research is undertaken. The timing for the human occupation of the Sydney Basin is still uncertain. While there is possible evidence for occupation of the region around 40,000 years ago, the earliest known radiocarbon date for the Aboriginal occupation of the Sydney Basin is associated with a cultural / archaeological deposit at Parramatta, which was dated to  $30,735 \pm 407$  before present (BP) (JMCHM 2005).

Archaeological evidence of Aboriginal occupation of the Cumberland Plain indicates that the area was intensively occupied from approximately 4000 years BP (Dallas 1982). Such 'young' dates are probably more a reflection of the conditions associated with the preservation of this evidence and the areas that have been subject to surface and sub-surface archaeological investigations, rather than actual evidence of the Aboriginal prior to this time.

Early interactions between local Aboriginal groups in the Sydney region and European settlers varied in nature between peaceful and hostile. It was not long before the effects of colonisation proved detrimental to local groups, with farming practices employed by the settlers removing land that had until that point been used for subsistence (Attenbrow 2002).

Early observers made no note of the language of the local groups, and it was not until the latter part of the 19th century that the name Darug was used. Mathews (1901, p.155) stated that *The Dharuk 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*. Subsistence activities varied based on the local landscapes, with Darug groups closer to the coast employing different food sources and means of hunting in order to survive, compared to those further inland (Kelleher Nightingale Consulting 2010, p.10).

From 1792 to 1809, much of the colonisation west of Sydney was focused on Parramatta, as it provided fertile soils for crop production and pastoral practices. By 1794, early settlers looked to expand upon their territory, with exploration efforts moving settlers to more fertile soils surrounding the Hawkesbury River. The land throughout this area was already occupied by the Darug people, who used the banks of the river primarily as a hunting ground ('Incidents between Aboriginal people in NSW and the British colonisers 1792–1809' n.d). Despite this, European settlers established settlements along the river, leading to a proliferation and disruption of resources for Aboriginal people. This included land clearing efforts for agricultural practices, with large quantities of maize planted to feed the livestock and residents of the settlements. Martin (1988, p.42) states that 'the natives of the Hawkesbury lived on the wild yams on the banks. Cultivation has rooted out these, and poverty compelled them to steal Indian corn to support nature. The unfeeling settlers resented this by unparalleled severities'.

This theft of resources started a string of violent attacks, raids and warfare from both parties. Between the months of May and June of 1795, these isolated offences culminated in the Battle of Richmond Hill, which took place between the Darug people and the NSW Corps due to conflicts over the farming of the land by European settlers (*Battle of Richmond Hill* 2020). This battle was considered to be one of the first recorded battles between Aboriginal people and European settlers. In 2010, a memorial garden was erected within the grounds of St John of God Hospital to commemorate this event.



Section 3.1.4 of the AR (Appendix 5) details a meeting that was attended on 2 July 2020 with a representative for the Richmond Hill Memorial Garden. This section provides further information on the history of Richmond Hill and the importance of the Memorial Gardens.

### **3.2 Aboriginal heritage located in the study area**

The archaeological assessment of the study area identified no previously recorded AHIMS sites within the study area, however areas of archaeological potential were identified, including the Memorial Gardens in the north-east portion of the study area.

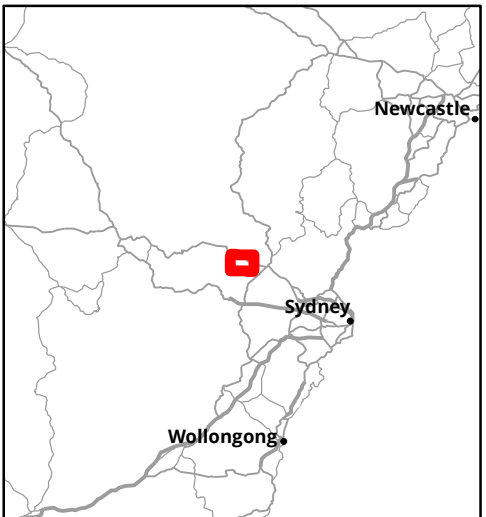
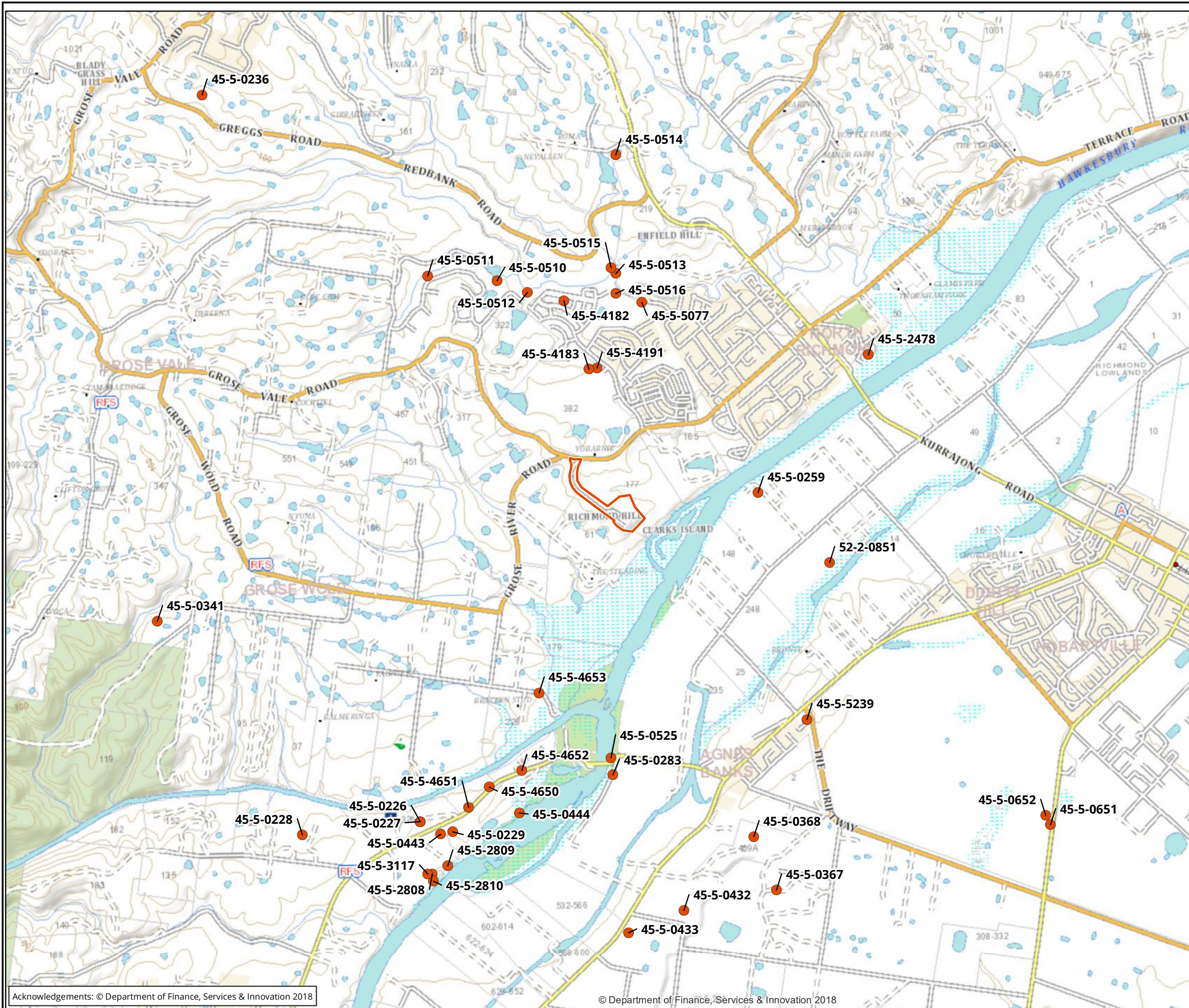
The AR attached in Appendix 5 provides details for Aboriginal sites identified during the archaeological assessment.

### **3.3 Interpretation of past Aboriginal land use**

Previous archaeological surveys indicate that proximity to a permanent water supply is a primary factor in the determination of the location for past Aboriginal occupation (ENSR Australia Pty Ltd 2008, p.16). There appears to be a high correlation between the permanence of a water source and the complexity of sites. Lithic assemblages identified near permanent water sources suggest a greater range of activity (for example tool use, manufacture and maintenance, food processing and quarrying) while sites located near more ephemeral water sources indicate only transitory occupation (isolated knapping and discarded tools) (Kelleher Nightingale Consulting Pty Ltd 2008, p.7).

The location of the study area, ethnographic accounts and information gathered from consultation with the Aboriginal representative for the Richmond Hill Memorial Gardens, suggest that this area was utilised by Aboriginal people over a long period of time due. Utilisation of this area included, but is not limited to, tool use, food processing, food cultivation and occupation due to its proximity to the Hawkesbury River. Previous assessments along the Hawkesbury River suggest that proximity to the river and landform type plays a large role in determining whether the land was for permanent or transitory purposes. The upper slopes, terrace platforms and ridges located approximately 100 to 400 metres from perennial water sources would have provided long-term occupation, protecting inhabitants from flooding events while also staying within an acceptable distance for hunting and cultivation purposes (AHMS 2006, Williams 2012, AAJV (Austral and Extent Joint Venture) 2017). These assessments also recovered high density artefact deposits within the aforementioned landform types, further solidifying the premise that the study area has a moderate to high potential for the retention of intact artefact deposits.





**Legend**

- Study area
- AHIMS record

**Figure 4 Aboriginal sites located in the study area or vicinity**

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## 4 Aboriginal community consultation

Consultation with the Aboriginal community has been undertaken in compliance with the consultation requirements as detailed below. A consultation log of all communications with RAPs is provided in Appendix 1.

### 4.1 Stage 1: Notification of project proposal and registration of interest

#### 4.1.1 Identification of relevant Aboriginal stakeholders

In accordance with the consultation guidelines, Biosis notified the following bodies regarding the proposal:

- Hawksbury LGA.
- Heritage NSW.
- NSW Native Title Services Corporation Limited (NTSCORP Limited).
- Office of the Registrar, Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983 of Aboriginal Owners.
- NNTT.
- Greater Sydney Local Land Services.
- Deerubbin Local Aboriginal Land Council (LALC).

A list of known Aboriginal stakeholders in the Hawkesbury region was provided by Heritage NSW (a copy of this responses is provided in Appendix 2) and include:

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| • A1 Indigenous Services                                | • Jerringong                                     |
| • Amanda Hickey Cultural Services                       | • Kamilaroi Yankuntjatjara Working Group         |
| • Anthony Williams                                      | • Metropolitan Local Land Services               |
| • Aragung Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Site Assessments | • Minnamunnung                                   |
| • B.H. Heritage Consultants                             | • Munyunga                                       |
| • Badu  | • Mura Indigenous Corporation,                   |
| • Barking Owl Aboriginal Corporation                    | • Murra Bidgee Mullangari Aboriginal Corporation |
| • Biamanga  | • Murramarang                                    |
| • Bidjawong Aboriginal Corporation                      | • Murrumbul                                      |
| • Bilinga   | • Ngambaa Cultural Connections                   |
| • Butucarbin Aboriginal Corporation                     | • Nundagurri                                     |
| • Callendulla   | • Pemulwuy CHTS                                  |
| • Darug Aboriginal Cultural Heritage                    | • Rane Consulting                                |
| • Darug Aboriginal Land Care                            | • Thauaira                                       |

- Darug Boorooberongal Elders Aboriginal Corporation
- Darug Custodian Aboriginal Corporation
- Darug Land Observations
- Darug Tribal Aboriginal Corporation
- Deerubbin Local Aboriginal Land Council
- Dharug
- Dhinawan-Dhigaraa Culture & Heritage Pty Ltd
- Didge Ngunawal Clan
- DJMD Consultancy
- Ginninderra Aboriginal Corporation
- Goobah Developments
- Goodradigbee Cultural & Heritage Aboriginal Corporation
- Gulaga
- Gunjeewong Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation
- Gunyuu
- HSB Consultants
- Thoorga Nura
- Tocomwal
- Waawaar Awaa
- Wailwan Aboriginal Group
- Walbunja
- Walgalu
- Warragil Cultural Services
- Widescope Indigenous Group
- Wingikara
- Wullung
- Wurrumay Pty Ltd
- Yerramurra
- Sharon Hodgetts
- Nola Hampton
- Paul Gale
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A search conducted by the Office of the Registrar, *Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983* (NSW) listed no Aboriginal Owners with land within the study area. A search conducted by the NNTT listed no Registered Native Title Claims, Unregistered Claimant Applications or Registered Indigenous Land Use Agreements within the study area.

#### 4.1.2 Public notice

In accordance with the consultation guidelines, a public notification was placed in the *Western Weekender* on 17 January 2020. The advertisement invited Aboriginal people who hold cultural knowledge to register their interest in a process of community consultation to provide assistance in determining the significance of Aboriginal object(s) and/or places in the vicinity of the study area. A copy of the public notice is provided in Appendix 2.

#### 4.1.3 Registration of Aboriginal parties

Aboriginal groups identified in Section 4.1.1 were sent a letter inviting them to register their interest in a process of community consultation to provide assistance in determining the significance of Aboriginal object(s) and/or places in the vicinity of the study area. In response to the letters and public notice, a total of 17 groups registered their interest in the project. Responses to registration from Aboriginal parties are provided in Appendix 3. A full list of Aboriginal parties who registered for consultation is provided below in Table 2.

**Table 2 List of RAPs**

Organisation	
1	A1 Indigenous Services
2	Amanda Hickey Cultural Services
3	Barking Owl Aboriginal Corporation
4	Butucarbin Aboriginal Corporation
5	Butucarbin Cultural Heritage Assessments
6	Deerubbin Local Aboriginal Land Council
7	Didge Ngunawal Clan
8	Goodradigbee Cultural & Heritage Aboriginal Corporation
9	Individual
10	Kamilaroi Yankuntjatjara Working Group
11	Merrigarn
12	Muragadi
13	Murra Bidgee Mullangari Aboriginal Corporation
14	Murramarang
15	Richmond Hill Memorial Representative
16	Waawaar Awaa
17	Widescope Indigenous Group

## 4.2 Stage 2: Presentation of information about the proposed project

On 3 February 2020, Biosis provided RAPs with details about the proposed development works (project information pack). A copy of the project information pack is provided in Appendix 3.

## 4.3 Stage 3: Gathering information about cultural significance

### 4.3.1 Archaeological assessment methodology information pack

On 3 February 2020, Biosis provided each RAP with a copy of the project methodology pack outlining the proposed ACHA process and methodology for this project. RAPs were given 28 days to review and prepare feedback on the proposed methodology. A copy of the project methodology pack is provided in Appendix 3.

A1 Indigenous Services, Deerubbin LALC, Muragadi and Murra Bidgee Mullangari Aboriginal Corporation responded stating they had read and supported the methodology. Kamilaroi Yankuntjatjara Working Group

(KYWG) stated that they supported the recommendations provided by Biosis, while also stating that the area is highly significant to all Aboriginal people in the past and present, with a likelihood of a potential Aboriginal burial ground in this area. Further communication with KYWG on 20 July 2020 sought to clarify whether any known burial ground was present within the study area, as it had not been registered on AHIMS. While KYWG stated that they did not know of any previously identified burials within the study area, the location of the study area in proximity to the Hawkesbury River has the potential to contain burials. It was also stated that due to the extensive development and vegetation clearance seen throughout the region, many of the burial markers that would typically be found to indicate burial grounds would not remain, reducing the ability to confirm the presence of burials from a site survey.

Consultation with the Aboriginal representative for the Richmond Hill memorial gardens established that the site was not built on top of any known burial site or burial ground, confirming KYWG's comments.

#### **4.3.2 Information gathered during fieldwork**

No information was gathered during the field survey, however a meeting on 2 July 2020 with the Aboriginal representative for the Richmond Hill Memorial Gardens, located within the study area, provided additional, pertinent information on the significance of the memorial and the Battle of Richmond Hill. Section 3.1.4 of the AR (Appendix 5) and Appendix 1 details the meeting contents.

#### **4.3.3 Test excavations**

Notification to conduct test excavations were sent to Heritage NSW (formerly known as the Office of Environment and Heritage) on 17 February 2020 (Appendix 3). This was sent prior to the revision of the schematic designs for the project, with the client opting to avoid test excavations. No test excavation invitations were sent to RAPs as a result of this decision.

### **4.4 Stage 4: Review of draft ACHA report**

On 3 August 2020, Biosis provided each RAP with a draft copy of the ACHA and AR reports for review. RAPs were given 28 days to review and prepare feedback on the draft report. A copy of the consultation and responses is provided in Appendix 4.

Three responses were received from RAPs providing feedback.

Didge Ngunawal Clan responded 3 August 2020 stating their support for the ACHA. No further response was received.

Waawaar Awaa responded on 4 August 2020 questioning if areas of moderate and high archaeological potential should be considered as areas of PAD. They also expressed their appreciation that the proposed design avoided impacts to these potential archaeological areas. Biosis responded to Waawaar Awaa on 3 September 2020 explaining that the areas of moderate and high potential identified were only areas of sensitivity and would require test excavations to confirm if they are PAD. As the client is confining development to areas designated low potential, testing is not required. Therefore, it was not possible to register the areas of sensitivity on AHIMS. No further response was received from Waawaar Awaa.

Kamilaroi-Yankuntjatjara Working Group responded on 6 August 2020 stating their support for the ACHA and its recommendations. They also restated the importance of the area to the local community, past and present, and that there were possibilities of burial sites around because of the Battles of Richmond Hill. No further response was received.



## 5 Aboriginal cultural significance assessment

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The two main values addressed when assessing the significance of Aboriginal sites are cultural values to the Aboriginal community and archaeological (scientific) values. This report will assess the cultural values of Aboriginal sites in the study area. Details of the scientific significance assessment of Aboriginal sites in the study area are provided in Appendix 5.

### 5.1 Introduction to the assessment process

Heritage assessment criteria in NSW fall broadly within the significance values outlined in the Australia International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) *Burra Charter: The Australia ICOMOS Charter for Places of Cultural Significance* (Australia ICOMOS 2013) (the Burra Charter). This approach to heritage has been adopted by cultural heritage managers and government agencies as the set of guidelines for best practice heritage management in Australia. These values are provided as background and include:

- **Historical significance** (evolution and association) refers to historic values and 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 settings are 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.
- **Aesthetic significance** (Scenic/architectural qualities, creative accomplishment) refers to the sensory, scenic, architectural and creative aspects of the place. It is often closely linked with social values and may include consideration of form, scale, colour, texture, and material of the fabric or landscape, and the smell and sounds associated with the place and its use.
- **Social significance** (contemporary community esteem) refers to the spiritual, traditional, historical or contemporary associations and attachment that the place or area has for the present-day community. Places of social significance have associations with contemporary community identity. These places can have associations with tragic or warmly remembered experiences, periods or events. Communities can experience a sense of loss should a place of social significance be damaged or destroyed. These aspects of heritage significance can only be determined through consultative processes with local communities.
- **Scientific significance** (Archaeological, industrial, educational, research potential and scientific significance values) refers to the importance of a landscape, area, place or object because of its archaeological and/or other technical aspects. Assessment of scientific value is often based on the likely research potential of the area, place or object and will consider the importance of the data involved, its rarity, quality or representativeness, and the degree to which it may contribute further substantial information.

The cultural and archaeological significance of Aboriginal and historic sites and places is assessed on the basis of the significance values outlined above. As well as the Burra Charter significance values guidelines, various government agencies have developed formal criteria and guidelines that have application when assessing the significance of heritage places within NSW. Of primary interest are guidelines prepared by the Australian

Government, Heritage NSW and the Heritage Branch, and DPIE. The relevant sections of these guidelines are presented below.

These guidelines state that an area may contain evidence and associations which demonstrate one or any combination of the Burra Charter significance values outlined above in reference to Aboriginal heritage. Reference to each of the values should be made when evaluating archaeological and cultural significance for Aboriginal sites and places.

In addition to the previously outlined heritage values, Heritage NSW *Guidelines to Investigating, Assessing and Reporting on Aboriginal Cultural Heritage in NSW* (OEH 2011b) also specify the importance of considering cultural landscapes when determining and assessing Aboriginal heritage values. The principle behind a cultural landscape is that 'the significance of individual features is derived from their inter-relatedness within the cultural landscape'. This means that sites or places cannot be 'assessed in isolation' but must be considered as parts of the wider cultural landscape. Hence the site or place will possibly have values derived from its association with other sites and places. By investigating the associations between sites, places, and (for example) natural resources in the cultural landscape the stories behind the features can be told. The context of the cultural landscape can unlock 'better understanding of the cultural meaning and importance' of sites and places.

Although other values may be considered – such as educational or tourism values – the two principal values that are likely to be addressed in consideration of Aboriginal sites and places are the cultural/social significance to Aboriginal people and their archaeological or scientific significance to archaeologists and the Aboriginal community. The determinations of archaeological and cultural significance for sites and places should then be expressed as statements of significance that preface a concise discussion of the contributing factors to Aboriginal cultural heritage significance.

## 5.2 Cultural (social significance) values

Cultural or social significance refers to the spiritual, traditional, historical and/or contemporary associations and values attached to a place or objects by Aboriginal people. Aboriginal cultural heritage is broadly valued by Aboriginal people as it is used to define their identity as both individuals and as part of a group (DECCW 2010a, p.iii). More specifically it provides:

- A 'connection and sense of belonging to Country' (DECCW 2010a, p.iii).
- A link between the present and the past (DECCW 2010a, p.3).
- A learning tool to teach Aboriginal culture to younger Aboriginal generations and the general public (DECCW 2010a, p.3).
- Further evidence of Aboriginal occupation prior to European settlement for people who do not understand the magnitude to which Aboriginal people occupied the continent (DECCW 2010a, p.3).

It is acknowledged that Aboriginal people are the primary determiners of the cultural significance of Aboriginal cultural heritage. Comment on the cultural significance of Aboriginal cultural heritage relevant to the project was sought from the RAPs with the provision of the proposed methodology for the cultural heritage assessment. A meeting with the Aboriginal representative for the Richmond Hill Memorial Gardens provided additional cultural information on the study area, as the representative was unable to attend the initial survey. Full information on the cultural values gathered from this meeting can be found in Appendix 5.

### 5.3 Historic values

Historic significance refers to associations a place or object may have with a historically important person, event, phase or activity to the Aboriginal and other communities. The study area has known historic associations which include the former Belmont Park and its associated buildings, gardens, gatehouse and curtilages (I412), and the Richmond Hill Memorial Garden, for its associations with the Battle of Richmond Hill.

### 5.4 Archaeological (scientific significance) values

An archaeological scientific assessment was undertaken for the study area and is presented in detail as part of the attached AR (Appendix 5).

### 5.5 Aesthetic values

Large portions of the study area have undergone significant landscape modifications since the 1890s, including residential and commercial development, landscaping, the implementation of services (gas, electrical, sewerage, water) and other surface and subsurface earthworks. This has disrupted and removed much of the natural land formations present throughout the central and eastern portion of the study area. The landscape of the study area is closely linked with Aboriginal cultural values and provides a context for Aboriginal sites that gives a strong sense of place. The Aboriginal community has provided comment on the aesthetic value of the study area, stating that the location of the Memorial Gardens was chosen due to its visual vantage point over the Hawkesbury River and its strong associations with healing.

### 5.6 Statement of significance

The proposed impact area is contained within an area of low archaeological potential. No registered Aboriginal sites or sites containing historic or aesthetic values were identified during the field investigation. A 10 metre exclusion zone has been erected surrounding the Richmond Hill Memorial Gardens to ensure that no impacts are made, with the memorial located outside of the proposed impact area (Figure 3). The Memorial Garden displays historic, aesthetic and cultural values due to its strong association with the Battle of Richmond Hill and its ties to early colonisation efforts along the Hawkesbury River.

The survey identified four areas of PAD throughout the wider study area, both containing moderate and high potential for Aboriginal artefacts to be located. These areas are located throughout the upper slopes and terrace landform landscapes, where historic development has remained largely minimal. If the finalised designs are altered to include any impacts to the moderate and high potential areas, further assessment will be required prior to any development occurs.

The significance of sites was assessed in accordance with the following criteria:

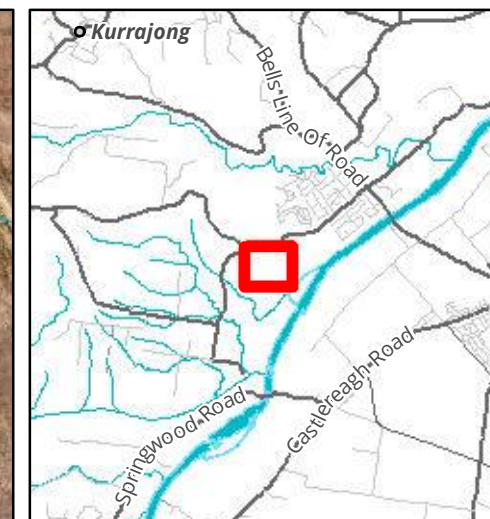
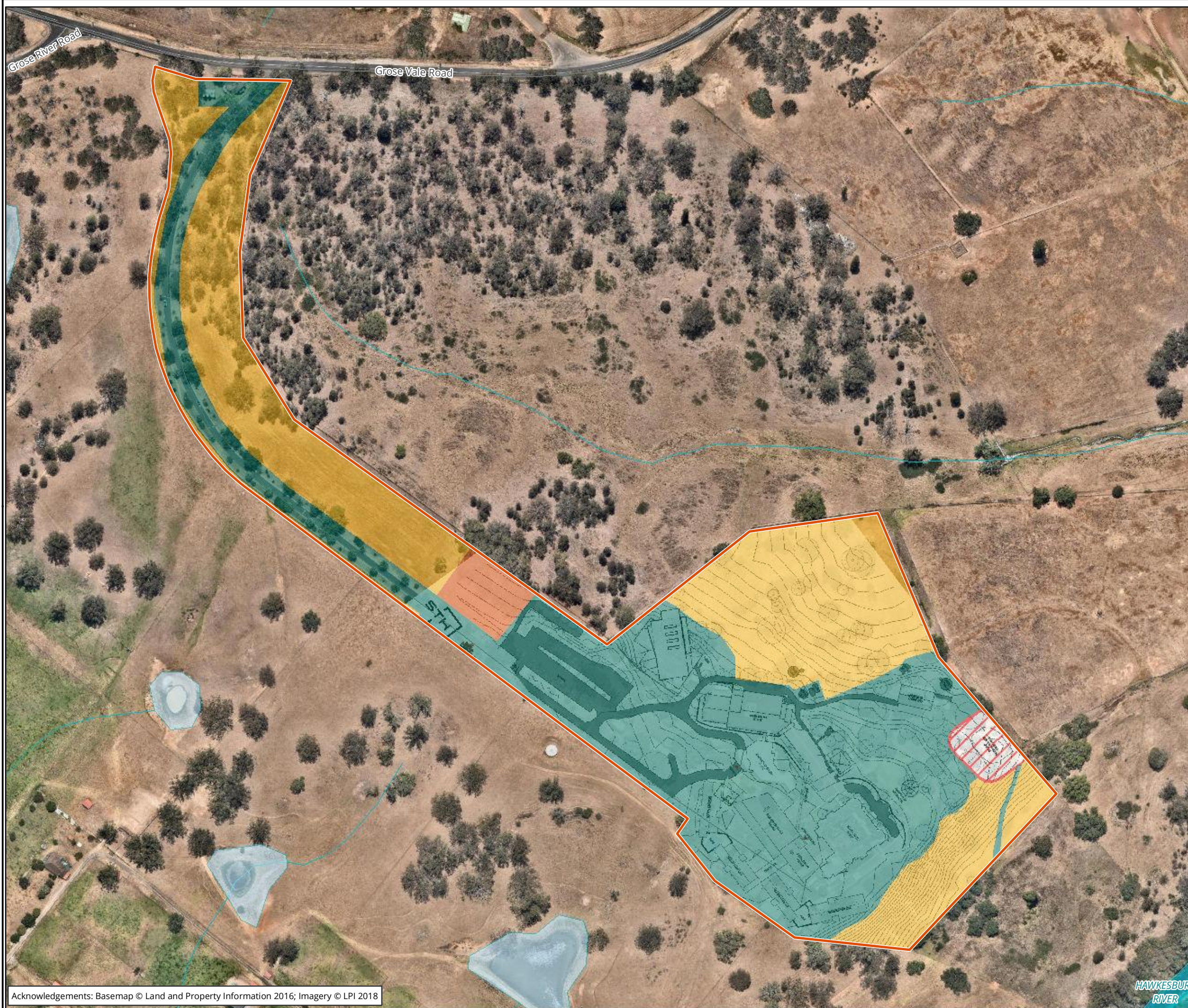
- Requirements of the Code.
- The Burra Charter.
- *Guide to Investigating and Reporting on Aboriginal Heritage.*

The combined use of these guidelines is widely considered to represent the best practice for assessments of Aboriginal cultural heritage. The identification and assessment of cultural heritage values includes the four values of the Burra Charter: social, historical, scientific and aesthetic values. The resultant statement of significance has been constructed for the study area based on the significance ranking criteria assessed in Table 3.

**Table 3 Significance assessment criteria**

Site name	Criteria	Ranking
<b>St John of God Hospital (Lot 11 DP 1134453)</b>	Cultural – discussions with the local Aboriginal communities reflect that the study area is high in value due to the connection to the Richmond Hill memorial gardens and its location in proximity to the Hawkesbury River.	High
	Historical – the study area is connected to the Battle of Richmond Hill.	High
	Scientific – the study area possesses some archaeological values, with areas of both moderate and high potential throughout.	Moderate/High
	Aesthetic – the study area is located on a terrace platform, overlooking the Hawkesbury River, with both Aboriginal and European people selecting to utilise this area due to its outlook and strong associations with healing. The Richmond Hill memorial gardens and areas of moderate and high PAD, have remained largely unaffected by development (excluding the landscaping visible throughout), providing unencumbered views to and from the Hawkesbury River.	High





#### Legend

  Study area

#### Archaeological potential

  High

  Moderate

  Low

  No-go zone

**Figure 5 Survey effort and results**

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## 6 Development limitations and mitigation measures

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There are no recorded Aboriginal sites that may be subject to harm within the study area. It is expected that the potential of harm to Aboriginal archaeological sites from development in the study area ranges from negligible to low. Strategies to avoid or minimise harm to Aboriginal heritage in the study area are discussed below.

### 6.1 Potential risks to Aboriginal cultural heritage

As previously outlined, the project proposes to construct a number of residential and amenity buildings for the revitalisation efforts of the St John of God Hospital. The proposed hospital upgrades will involve the following elements:

- Demolition of eight existing buildings in the southern portion of the study area.
- Construction of four residential buildings on top of the existing footings of the demolished buildings [1].
- Construction of a clinical support building [2] and a wellness centre [3], skewed to the existing footings of the demolished buildings and tennis court.
- Installation of services throughout areas of new build, including, but not limited to, gas, electrical and water services.
- Installation of lights and electrical services throughout carpark area.
- Use of existing stock pile area between Aboriginal memorial site and maintenance shed, north-east of the study area (Figure 3).

The proposed works are located within an area of low potential and therefore are unlikely to include activities which could impact Aboriginal heritage sites or objects. If any impacts are made outside of this low potential area, the activities mentioned above have the potential to completely remove or disturb archaeological deposits and Aboriginal objects. Therefore, if the schematic designs changes to include impacts to either areas of moderate or high potential, additional assessment may be required to determine whether test excavations are mandatory.

### 6.2 Avoiding harm to Aboriginal heritage

Harm can be avoided to all Aboriginal sites within the study area as a part of the proposed works. Original schematic designs provided by Johnstaff identified two areas of moderate and high potential which were to be impacted for the implementation of a carpark extension and a new wellness centre. As these areas of potential remain largely untouched by previous development, they contain the potential to retain Aboriginal objects or artefacts. Johnstaff has since revised their schematic designs to ensure all impacts are contained within the areas of low potential. Communications with Johnstaff have also ensured that all impacts will be contained within areas of existing development (Figure 3), therefore minimising the overall harm of Aboriginal sites throughout the study area.



### 6.3 Management and mitigation measures

Ideally, heritage management involves conservation of sites through the preservation and conservation of fabric and context within a framework of 'doing as much as necessary, as little as possible' (Australia ICOMOS 2013). In cases where conservation is not practical, several options for management are available. For sites, management often involves the salvage of features or artefacts, retrieval of information through excavation or collection (especially where impact cannot be avoided) and interpretation.

As part of the management and mitigation measures for the proposed works, an ACHA including background research, a field investigation and consultation with the Aboriginal community was undertaken. This was done to determine the presence and nature of any potential Aboriginal sites so that appropriate management could be undertaken. The field investigation identified areas of low, moderate, and high archaeological potential, however, no Aboriginal objects were identified. A 10 metre exclusion zone has been erected surrounding the Richmond Hill Memorial Gardens to ensure that no impacts are made, with the memorial located outside of the proposed impact area. Avoidance of impacts to archaeological and cultural heritage sites through the design of the development is the primary mitigation and management strategy, and should be implemented where practicable. The finalised schematic designs illustrate that all impacts are contained within the areas of low potential. It should be noted that if unexpected Aboriginal objects are identified during works, or if the scope of works should change to include impacts within an area that has not been previously surveyed, further assessment would be required.

## 7 Recommendations

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The recommendations below respond specifically to the wishes of the RAPs. Recommendations regarding the archaeological value of the site, and the subsequent management of Aboriginal cultural heritage is provided in the archaeological report (Appendix 5).

### **Recommendation 1: No further assessment required in areas identified as having low archaeological potential**

No further investigations are required for areas assessed as having low archaeological potential. The conditions set forth in the SEARs (SSD 10394) must be adhered to. This recommendation is conditional upon Recommendations 5 and 6.

### **Recommendation 2: Further assessment required in the form of test excavations prior to development within areas of moderate or high archaeological potential**

The assessment has identified areas of moderate and high archaeological potential within the study area. At the time of this report, Johnstaff has confined the proposed development to areas that have been assessed as having low potential. If impacts to areas of moderate and high archaeological potential cannot be avoided, subsurface investigations (test excavations) will be required prior to the commencement of works.

If the schematic designs (inclusive of these items) change, any impact areas identified as having high or moderate archaeological potential should be avoided wherever possible (Figure 5).

Impacts which would require further assessment in the form of test excavations within areas of moderate or high archaeological potential includes, but is not limited to, any stockpiling areas, set down areas, installation of services, bulk earthworks, vehicle tracks/vehicle movement, landscaping or areas of revegetation, or any other activities that will result in disturbances to the ground surface.

### **Recommendation 3: Richmond Hill Memorial Gardens listed as a heritage item**

The Richmond Hill Memorial Gardens should be listed on the *Hawkesbury Local Environmental Plan 2009* (LEP) as a local heritage item.

### **Recommendation 4: Continued consultation with the registered Aboriginal stakeholders**

As per the consultation requirements, the proponent should continue to inform Aboriginal stakeholders about the management of Aboriginal cultural heritage sites within the study area throughout the life of the project. This recommendation is in keeping with the consultation requirements.

### **Recommendation 5: Discovery of Unanticipated Aboriginal Objects**

All Aboriginal objects and Places are protected under the NPW Act. It is an offence to disturb an Aboriginal site without a consent permit issued by Heritage NSW. Should any Aboriginal objects be encountered during works associated with this proposal, works must cease in the vicinity and the find should not be moved until assessed by a qualified archaeologist. If the find is determined to be an Aboriginal object the archaeologist will provide further recommendations. These may include notifying Heritage NSW and Aboriginal stakeholders

### **Recommendation 6: Discovery of human remains**

If any suspected human remains are discovered during any activity works, all activity in the vicinity must cease immediately. The remains must be left in place and protected from harm or damage. The following contingency plan describes the immediate actions that must be taken in instances where human remains or suspected human remains are discovered. Any such discovery at the study area must follow these steps:

1. Discovery: If suspected human remains are discovered all activity in the vicinity must stop to ensure minimal damage is caused to the remains; and the remains must be left in place, and protected from harm or damage.
2. Notification: Once suspected human skeletal remains have been found, the Coroner's Office and the NSW Police must be notified immediately. Following this, and if the human remains are likely to be Aboriginal in origin, the find will be reported to the Aboriginal parties and Heritage NSW. If the find is likely to be non-Aboriginal in origin and more than 100 years in age, the Heritage Council of NSW will be notified of the find under Section 146 of the Heritage Act.

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## Appendices

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## Appendix 1 Consultation log

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

#### Step 1- Identification of Aboriginal people/parties with an interest in the proposed study area.

Organisation contacted	Date and type of contact	Date and type of response	Response details
Environment, Energy and Science (now Heritage NSW)	20 December 2019, email	20 December 2019, email	Provided RAP list
Native Title Services CORP Limited	20 December 2019, email	-	-
Office of the Registrar, Department of Aboriginal Affairs	20 December 2019, email	8 January 2020, email	Suggest contacting the LALC
Greater Sydney Local Land Services	20 December 2019, email	6 January 2020, email	Suggested contacting OEH
National Native Title Tribunal	20 December 2019, email	20 December 2019, email 6 January 2020, email	Automatic reply No native title claims for the area
Deerubbin Local Aboriginal Land Council	20 December 2019, email	13 January 2019, email	Registered for project
Hawkesbury City Council	20 December 2019, email	20 December 2019, email	Automatic reply

#### Step 2- Public advertisement

The public notice was published in the *Western Weekender* on the 17 January 2020. A copy of the advertisement is provided in Appendix 2.

#### Step 3- Registration of interest

The registration period ran from the 15 January 2020 to 30 January 2020. Leeway was given to Aboriginal parties/groups who provided responses shortly after the close of this period and they have been registered as Aboriginal parties for consultation.

Organisation contacted	Date and type of contact	Date and type of response	Response details
Nola Hampton	15 January 2020, email	-	-
Sharon Hodgetts	15 January 2020, email	-	-
A1 Indigenous Services	15 January 2020,	10 January 2020, email	Registered for project

Organisation contacted	Date and type of contact	Date and type of response	Response details
	email		
<b>Amanda Hickey Cultural Services</b>	15 January 2020, email	3 February 2020, email	Registered for project
<b>Anthony Williams</b>	15 January 2020, mail	-	-
<b>Aragung Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Site Assessmnets</b>	15 January 2020, email	-	-
<b>B.H. Heritage Consultants</b>	15 January 2020, email	-	-
<b>Badu</b>	15 January 2020, email	-	-
<b>Barking Owl Aboriginal Corporation</b>	15 January 2020, email	28 January 2020, email	Registered for project
<b>Biamanga</b>	15 January 2020, email	-	-
<b>Bidjawong Aboriginal Corporation</b>	15 January 2020, mail	-	-
<b>Bilinga</b>	15 January 2020, email	-	-
<b>Butucarbin Aboriginal Corporation</b>	15 January 2020, email	30 January 2020, email	Registered for project
<b>Butucarbin Cultural Heritahe Assessments</b>	15 January 2020, email	30 January 2020, email	Registered for project
<b>Callendulla</b>	15 January 2020, email	-	-
<b>Darug Aboriginal Cultural Heritage</b>	15 January 2020, mail	-	-
<b>Darug Aboriginal Land Care</b>	15 January 2020, email	-	-
<b>Darug Boorooberongal Elders Aboriginal Corpporation</b>	15 January 2020, email	-	-
<b>Darug Custodian Aboriginal Corporation</b>	15 January 2020, email	-	-
<b>Darug Land Observations</b>	15 January 2020, email	-	-
<b>Darug Tribal Aboriginal</b>	15 January 2020,	-	-

Organisation contacted	Date and type of contact	Date and type of response	Response details
<b>Corporation</b>	email		
<b>Deerubbin Local Aboriginal Land Council</b>	15 January 2020, email	15 January 2020, email	Registered for project
<b>Dharug</b>	15 January 2020, email	-	-
<b>Dhinawan-Dhigaraa Culture &amp; Heritage Pty Ltd</b>	15 January 2020, email	-	-
<b>Dhinawan-Dhigaraa Culture &amp; Heritage Pty Ltd</b>	15 January 2020, email	-	-
<b>Didge Ngunawal Clan</b>	15 January 2020, email	20 January 2020, email	Registered for project
<b>DJMD Consultancy</b>	15 January 2020, email	-	-
<b>Ginninderra Aboriginal Corporation</b>	15 January 2020, email	-	-
<b>Goobah Developments</b>	15 January 2020, email	-	-
<b>Goodradigbee Cultural &amp; Heritage Aboriginal Corporation</b>	15 January 2020, email	15 January 2020, email	Registered for project
<b>Gulaga</b>	15 January 2020, email	-	-
<b>Gunjeewong Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation</b>	15 January 2020, email	-	-
<b>Gunjeewong Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation</b>	15 January 2020, email	-	-
<b>Gunyuu</b>	15 January 2020, email	-	-
<b>HSB Consultants</b>	15 January 2020, mail	-	-
<b>Jerringong</b>	15 January 2020, email	-	-
<b>Kamilaroi Yankuntjatjara Working Group</b>	15 January 2020, email	17 January 2020, email	Registered for project
<b>Merrigarn</b>	15 January 2020, email	16 January 2020, email	Registered for project



Organisation contacted	Date and type of contact	Date and type of response	Response details
<b>Metropolitan Local Land Services</b>	15 January 2020, email	-	-
<b>Minnamunnung</b>	15 January 2020, email	-	-
<b>Munyunga</b>	15 January 2020, email	-	-
<b>Mura Indigenous Corporation,</b>	15 January 2020, mail	-	-
<b>Muragadi</b>	15 January 2020, email	17 January 2020, email	Registered for project
<b>Murra Bidgee Mullangari Aboriginal Corporation</b>	15 January 2020, email	17 January 2020, email	Registered for project
<b>Murramarang</b>	15 January 2020, email	22 January 2020, email	Registered for project
<b>Murrumbul</b>	15 January 2020, email	-	-
<b>Ngambaa Cultural Connections</b>	15 January 2020, email	-	-
<b>Nundagurri</b>	15 January 2020, email	-	-
<b>Paul Gale</b>	15 January 2020, email	15 January 2020, email	Registered for project
<b>Pemulwuy CHTS</b>	15 January 2020, email	-	-
<b>Rane Consulting</b>	15 January 2020, email	-	-
<b>Thauaira</b>	15 January 2020, email	-	-
<b>Thoorga Nura</b>	15 January 2020, email	-	-
<b>Tocomwal</b>	15 January 2020, email	-	-
<b>Waawaar Awaa</b>	15 January 2020, mail	2 February 2020, email	Registered for project
<b>Wailwan Aboriginal Group</b>	15 January 2020, email	-	-
<b>Walbunja</b>	15 January 2020, email	-	-

Organisation contacted	Date and type of contact	Date and type of response	Response details
<b>Walgalu</b>	15 January 2020, email	-	-
<b>Warragil Cultural Services</b>	15 January 2020, email	-	-
<b>Widescope Indigenous Group</b>	15 January 2020, email	19 January 2020, email	Registered for project
<b>Wingikara</b>	15 January 2020, email	-	-
<b>Wullung</b>	15 January 2020, email	-	-
<b>Wurrumay Pty Ltd</b>	15 January 2020, email	-	-
<b>Yerramurra</b>	15 January 2020, email	-	-

## Stage 2 – Presentation of information about the proposed project

### Step 1- Provision of project information pack

A copy of the information pack is provided in Appendix 3 and a copy of the covering email is provided following.

Organisation contacted	Date and type of contact	Date and type of response	Response details
<b>A1 Indigenous Services</b>	3 February 2020, email	9 February 2020, email	Stage 2/3 documents Support methodology
<b>Amanda Hickey Cultural Services</b>	3 February 2020, email	-	-
<b>Barking Owl Aboriginal Corporation</b>	3 February 2020, email	-	-
<b>Butucarbin Aboriginal Corporation</b>	3 February 2020, email	-	-
<b>Butucarbin Cultural Heritage Assessments</b>	3 February 2020, email	-	-
<b>Deerubbin Local Aboriginal Land Council</b>	3 February 2020, email	7 February 2020, phone	Stage 2/3 documents Support methodology
<b>Didge Ngunawal Clan</b>	3 February 2020, email	-	-
<b>Goodradigbee Cultural &amp; Heritage Aboriginal Corporation</b>	3 February 2020, email	-	-

Organisation contacted	Date and type of contact	Date and type of response	Response details
<b>Kamilaroi Yankuntjatjara Working Group</b>	3 February 2020, email	9 February 2020, email	Confirm and support recommendations
<b>Merrigarn</b>	3 February 2020, email	-	-
<b>Muragadi</b>	3 February 2020, email	6 February 2020, email	Read and agree with recommendations
<b>Murra Bidgee Mullangari Aboriginal Corporation</b>	3 February 2020, email	4 February 2020 email.	Read and agree with recommendations
<b>Murramarang</b>	3 February 2020, email	-	-
<b>Paul Gale</b>	3 February 2020, email	-	-
<b>Waawaar Awaa</b>	3 February 2020, email	-	-
<b>Widescope Indigenous Group</b>	3 February 2020, email	-	-
<b>Widescope Indigenous Group</b>	3 February 2020, email	-	-

## Stage 3 – Gathering information about cultural significance

### Step 1- Provision of project methodology pack and consultation meeting

A copy of the methodology pack is provided in Appendix 3 and a copy of the covering email is provided following.

Organisation contacted	Date and type of contact	Date and type of response	Response details
<b>A1 Indigenous Services</b>	3 February 2020, email	9 February 2020, email	Support methodology
<b>Amanda Hickey Cultural Services</b>	3 February 2020, email	-	-
<b>Barking Owl Aboriginal Corporation</b>	3 February 2020, email	-	-
<b>Butucarbin Aboriginal Corporation</b>	3 February 2020, email	-	-
<b>Butucarbin Cultural Heritage Assessments</b>	3 February 2020, email	-	-
<b>Deerubbin Local Aboriginal Land Council</b>	3 February 2020, email	7 February 2020, phone	Support methodology



Organisation contacted	Date and type of contact	Date and type of response	Response details
<b>Didge Ngunawal Clan</b>	3 February 2020, email	-	-
<b>Goodradigbee Cultural &amp; Heritage Aboriginal Corporation</b>	3 February 2020, email	-	-
<b>Kamilaroi Yankuntjatjara Working Group</b>	3 February 2020, email	9 February 2020, email	Confirm and support recommendations
<b>Merrigarn</b>	3 February 2020, email	-	-
<b>Muragadi</b>	3 February 2020, email	6 February 2020, email	Read and agree with recommendations
<b>Murra Bidgee Mullangari Aboriginal Corporation</b>	3 February 2020, email	4 February 2020 email.	Read and agree with recommendations
<b>Murramarang</b>	3 February 2020, email	-	-
<b>Paul Gale</b>	3 February 2020, email	-	-
<b>Waawaar Awaa</b>	3 February 2020, email	-	-
<b>Widescope Indigenous Group</b>	3 February 2020, email	-	-
<b>Widescope Indigenous Group</b>	3 February 2020, email	-	-
<b>Richmond Hill Memorial representative</b>	3 February 2020, email	2 July 2020, in person	Biosis archaeologist met with the Aboriginal representative for the memorial site and had a meeting to gather more information on the importance of the site. The complete transcript from the meeting (M Stubbings, 2020 Pers. Comms.) is located in Section 3.1.4 of the AR (Appendix 5).
<b>Kamilaroi Yankuntjatjara Working Group</b>	20 July 2020, phone	20 July 2020, phone	Biosis contacted the representative for KYWG to discuss the comments received during Stage 2/3 consultation. It was determined that while KYWG stated that they did not know of any previously identified burials within the study area, the location of the study area in proximity to the Hawkesbury River has the potential to contain burials. It was

Organisation contacted	Date and type of contact	Date and type of response	Response details
			also stated that due to the extensive development and vegetation clearance seen throughout the region, many of the burial markers that would typically be found to indicate burial grounds would not remain, reducing the ability to confirm the presence of burials from a site survey. This has been incorporated into the final report.

## Step 2- Field survey

Organisation contacted	Date and type of contact	Date and type of response	Response details
<b>Richmond Hill Memorial representative</b>	8 January 2020, email and phone	8 January 2020, email and phone	Could initially attend on 16 January 2020, however had to cancel due to illness; rescheduled with meeting 2 July 2020
<b>Deerubbin LALC</b>	8 January 2020, email and phone	8 January 2020, email and phone	Asked to attend prior to discussion with Richmond Hill Memorial representative; was told they preferred a representative from the memorial not the LALC to attend the survey. The LALC was happy to oblige.

## Stage 4 – Review of draft report

### Step 1- Provision of draft report for review

Organisation contacted	Date and type of contact	Date and type of response	Response details
<b>A1 Indigenous Services</b>	3 August 2020, email	-	-
<b>Amanda Hickey Cultural Services</b>	3 August 2020, email	-	-
<b>Barking Owl Aboriginal Corporation</b>	3 August 2020, email	-	-
<b>Butucarbin Aboriginal Corporation</b>	3 August 2020, email	-	-
<b>Butucarbin Cultural Heritage Assessments</b>	3 August 2020, email	-	-
<b>Deerubbin Local Aboriginal Land Council</b>	3 August 2020, email	-	-

Organisation contacted	Date and type of contact	Date and type of response	Response details
<b>Didge Ngunawal Clan</b>	3 August 2020, email	3 August 2020, email	Supported ACHA
<b>Goodradigbee Cultural &amp; Heritage Aboriginal Corporation</b>	3 August 2020, email	-	-
<b>Kamilaroi Yankuntjatjara Working Group</b>	3 August 2020, email	6 August 2020, email	Read the report and confirmed that the study area is highly significant to spiritual Aboriginal People. Also suggested the potential for burials on Richmond Hill because of the battles. The recommendation for further investigations through test excavations, if required, was supported.
<b>Merrigarn</b>	3 August 2020, email	-	-
<b>Muragadi</b>	3 August 2020, email	-	-
<b>Murra Bidgee Mullangari Aboriginal Corporation</b>	3 August 2020, email	-	-
<b>Murramarang</b>	3 August 2020, email	-	-
<b>Paul Gale</b>	3 August 2020, email	-	-
<b>Waawaar Awaa</b>	3 August 2020, email	4 August 2020	Queried if the areas of moderate and high archaeological potential could be considered as areas of PAD. Also appreciated that the design avoided impacts to potential archaeological areas. Biosis responded 3 September stating that as these areas are only areas of sensitivity, further investigations (test excavations) would be required to determine PAD, therefore they would not be registered. No further response received.
<b>Widescope Indigenous Group</b>	3 August 2020, email	-	-
<b>Widescope Indigenous Group</b>	3 August 2020, email	-	-
<b>Richmond Hill Memorial representative</b>	3 August 2020, email	-	-



## Appendix 2 Stage 1: Notification of project proposal and registration of interest

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## Madeleine Lucas

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**From:** Madeleine Lucas  
**Sent:** Friday, 20 December 2019 11:48 AM  
**To:** 'GeospatialSearch@NNTT.gov.au'  
**Subject:** 31057 - St John of God - Stage 1 Notification  
**Attachments:** 31057.NNTT Search Request Form.docx; PDFMailer.NNTT661.pdf

Good morning,

Biosis Pty Ltd (Biosis) is currently undertaking an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment (ACHA) for Johnstaff to inform their EIS submission to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment for the development of residential buildings at 177-235 Grose Vale Road, North Richmond, New South Wales (NSW) (the project). Please see the attached PDF for further information.

If you could please provide contact details for any such Aboriginal people or organisations by **4pm 13 January 2019** it would be greatly appreciated.

Kind regards,

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**To:** 'staff@deerubbin.org.au'  
**Subject:** 31057 - St John of God Richmond - Satge 1 Notification  
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**Sent:** Monday, 13 January 2020 9:48 AM  
**To:** Madeleine Lucas  
**Subject:** 31057 - St John of God Richmond - Stage Notification

Hello Madeleine,

Deerubbin LALC knows of only two RAP contractors, They are Phil Khan & Phil Boney

regards

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**Attachments:** 20191220134708315.pdf

Hi Ashley,

Please find attached the DPIE RAP list for the St John of God Richmond Mental Health Facility project – 177-235 Grose Valley Road North Richmond NSW.

If you wish to discuss this email please contact me on the details below

regards

**Barry Gunther**  
**Aboriginal Heritage Planning Officer**  
**Greater Sydney**

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*The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment acknowledges that it stands on Aboriginal land. We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land and we show our respect for elders past, present and emerging through thoughtful and collaborative approaches to our work, seeking to demonstrate our ongoing commitment to providing places in which Aboriginal people are included socially, culturally and economically.*

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**Sent:** Friday, 20 December 2019 11:45 AM  
**To:** Madeleine Lucas  
**Subject:** 31057 - St John of God Richmond - Stage 1 Notification  
**Attachments:** 31057 - St John of God Richmond - Stage 1 Notification

Thank you for contacting Hawkesbury City Council.

If required, Council will respond to your email within 10 Working days. Some complex enquiries may take longer than this.

If your request can not be replied to within this timeframe, a Council Officer will contact you to advise when your request is likely to be completed.

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**From:** Margaret Bottrell <margaret.bottrell@lls.nsw.gov.au>  
**Sent:** Monday, 6 January 2020 2:35 PM  
**To:** Madeleine Lucas  
**Subject:** St John of God Richmond Mental Health Facility: Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment, Notification to Agencies

To Madeleine Lucas,

**RE: St John of God Richmond Mental Health Facility: Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment, Notification to Agencies**

Thank you for your email dated 20 December 2019, requesting assistance with identifying Aboriginal stakeholder groups or persons who may have an interest in your project area.

Greater Sydney Local Land Services (GS LLS) acknowledges that Local Land Services have been listed in *Section 4.1.2 (g) of the Aboriginal cultural heritage consultation requirements for proponents 2010*, under *Part 6, 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 is a partner with many Aboriginal communities in the region on many natural resource management (NRM) projects. However, GS LLS is not the primary source for contacting or managing contact lists for Aboriginal communities or persons that may inform or provide comment on planning issues. GS LLS considers cultural heritage issues that relate to land-use planning in general and only considers culture and heritage issues in the context of NRM.

We strongly recommend that you make contact with the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH), Cultural Heritage Division, for all-inclusive contact lists of persons and organisations that may assist with your investigation.

**Note:** Hawkesbury Nepean Catchment Management Authority (HNCMA) no longer exists. All work previously carried out by HNCMA is now delivered by Greater Sydney Local Land Services (GS LLS).

Regards,

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**Margaret Bottrell** Senior Strategic Land Services Officer  
(Aboriginal Communities)

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**Sent:** Tuesday, 24 December 2019 3:37 PM  
**To:** Madeleine Lucas  
**Subject:** RE: SR19/382 - 31057 - St John of God - Stage 1 Notification - SR19/382

### UNCLASSIFIED

**Native title search – NSW Parcel – Lot 11 on DP1134453**  
**Your ref: N/A - Our ref: SR19/382**

Dear Madeleine Lucas,

Thank you for your search request received on 20 December 2019 in relation to the above area.

**Please note:** Records held by the National Native Title Tribunal as at 23 December 2019 indicate that the identified parcel appears to be freehold, and freehold tenure extinguishes native title.

The National Native Title Tribunal does not hold data sets for freehold tenure; consequently, we **cannot** conduct searches over freehold. For confirmation of freehold data, please contact the NSW Land and Property Information office or seek independent legal advice.

For further information, please visit our [website](#).

#### **Cultural Heritage Searches in NSW**

The National Native Title Tribunal (the Tribunal) has undertaken steps to remove itself from the formal list of sources for information about indigenous groups in development areas. The existence or otherwise of native title is quite separate to any matters relating to Aboriginal cultural heritage. Information on native title claims, native title determinations and Indigenous Land Use Agreements is available on the Tribunal's website.

Interested parties are invited to use Native Title Vision (NTV) the Tribunal's online mapping system to discover native title matters in their area of interest. Access to NTV is available at

<http://www.nntt.gov.au/assistance/Geospatial/Pages/NTV.aspx>

Training and self-help documents are available on the NTV web page under "Training and help documents". For additional assistance or general advice on NTV please contact [GeospatialSearch@NNTT.gov.au](mailto:GeospatialSearch@NNTT.gov.au)

Additional information can be extracted from the Registers available at

<http://www.nntt.gov.au/searchRegApps/Pages/default.aspx>

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us on the free call number 1800 640 501.

Regards

#### **Geospatial Searches**

**National Native Title Tribunal | Perth**

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The Tribunal's offices in all States will be closed for Christmas/New Year from

**4.30pm Tuesday, 24 December 2019 to 8.30am Tuesday, 7 January 2020.**

Assistance for urgent matters during this time can be found on the [Tribunal's website](#).

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Your email has been received and is being actioned. For information regarding timeframes and what you will receive in response please refer to our website at this address:

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### Geospatial Searches

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**To:** Madeleine Lucas  
**Cc:** Elizabeth LOANE  
**Subject:** RE: 31057 - St John of God Richmond - Stage 1 Notification  
**Attachments:** Biosis - North Richmond - Deerubbin.pdf

Hi Madeleine,

Please find attached our response to your recent request for information.

Cheers

Megan Mebberson  
Senior Manager  
ORALRA

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Deerubbin Local Aboriginal Land Council  
Level 1 Suite 3 291-295 High Street Penrith NSW 2750

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**RE: St John of God Hospital, Richmond- Invitation to Register for Aboriginal Community Consultation**

**Our Ref: Matter 31057**

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Biosis is assisting Johnstaff with consultation with the Aboriginal community to inform the ACHA. Consultation with the Aboriginal community for this assessment will be undertaken in accordance with the *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents 2010* (DECCW 2010) (consultation requirements). The purpose of the Aboriginal community consultation is to provide sufficient information for the assessment of Aboriginal cultural heritage values.

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In accordance with section 4.1.3 (a) of the consultation requirements, the proponent details for this project are as follows:

Johnstaff  
Damian Gibson  
Senior Project Manager  
Tel: 02 8256 0500  
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Please note that as per 4.1.5 of the consultation requirements, the contact details of all registered Aboriginal parties for this project will be forwarded through to Environment, Energy and Science (EES) and Deerubbin Local Aboriginal Land Council (LALC). If you do not want your details forwarded on to the EES and LALC please notify Biosis at the time of your registration.

If you have any queries regarding the project please don't hesitate to contact Ashley Bridge on the details above, or alternatively the main office number on 02 9101 8700.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "ML", is positioned above the typed name of the sender.

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Kamilaroi Yankuntjatjara Working Group  
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Wurrumay Pty Ltd  
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Goobah Developments  
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Aragung Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Site Assessments  
33 Bulolo Drive  
Whalan NSW 2770

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**Sent:** Wednesday, 15 January 2020 3:20 PM  
**To:** Madeleine Lucas  
**Subject:** Re: 31057 - Stage 1 Consultation - St John Of God Hospital

Hi Madeleine,

Goodradigbee would like to express an interest in this project as we hold local knowledge of the impact area for the project.

I will be the best contact person for this project and can be reached on the info below.

Kind Regards,

**Caine Carroll**

0410 974 236

Director

Goodradigbee Cultural & Heritage Aboriginal Corporation (GCAHAC)

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**From:** lilly carroll <didgengunawalclan@yahoo.com.au>  
**Sent:** Monday, 20 January 2020 9:39 AM  
**To:** Madeleine Lucas  
**Subject:** Re: 31057 - Stage 1 Consultation - St John Of God Hospital

Hi Madeleine  
DNC would like to register an interest into: Re Saint God of John's hospital

Kind regards DNC  
Paul Boyd  
0426823944

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

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**From:** Shaun Carroll <Merrigarn@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 16 January 2020 2:49 PM  
**To:** Madeleine Lucas  
**Subject:** Consultation - St John Of God Hospital

Dear Madeleine

Please register my company for the above project, we have lived in the area all our lives.

Thanks

Shaun carroll

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

## Madeleine Lucas

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**From:** Barking Owl Aboriginal Corporation <barkingowlcorp@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 28 January 2020 12:07 PM  
**To:** Madeleine Lucas; Ashley Bridge  
**Subject:** Re: 31057 - Stage 1 Consultation - St John Of God Hospital  
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**From:** Caza X <cazadirect@live.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, 19 January 2020 11:19 AM  
**To:** Ashley Bridge  
**Subject:** Re: 31057 - Stage 1 Consultation - St John Of God Hospital

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### Indigenous Services

Contact: Carolyn  
M: 0411650057  
E: Cazadirect@live.com  
A: 10 Marie Pitt Place, Glenmore Park, NSW 2745  
ABN: 20 616 970 327

Hi Ashley,  
A1 would like to register for consultation and an field work for this project.  
I hold cultural knowledge and connection to this area  
Thank you  
Carolyn Hickey

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**From:** Steve Randall <SRandall@deerubbin.org.au>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 15 January 2020 3:36 PM  
**To:** Madeleine Lucas  
**Subject:** Stage 1, St John of God Hospital, Grose Vale

Madeleine,

Deerubbin LALC would like to be registered to participate in the abovementioned Project

My contact details are below

regards

Steven Randall  
Senior Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Officer  
Deerubbin Local Aboriginal Land Council  
Level 1, Suite 3, 291-295 High Street, Penrith NSW 2750  
P: (02) 4724 5600 M: 0417 219 174 E: SRandall@deerubbin.org.au

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**From:** Butucarbin Heritage <butuheritage@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 30 January 2020 12:31 AM  
**To:** Madeleine Lucas  
**Subject:** Grose Vale Road EOI  
**Attachments:** Grose Vale Road - Biosis.docx

Hi Madeline,  
Please see attached EOI.

Kind regards,

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Hi Madeleine

Please register Muragadi for the above project, we are very familiar with the project area and have been doing projects in the area for over 25 years.

Kind regards

Anthony Johnson

0418970389

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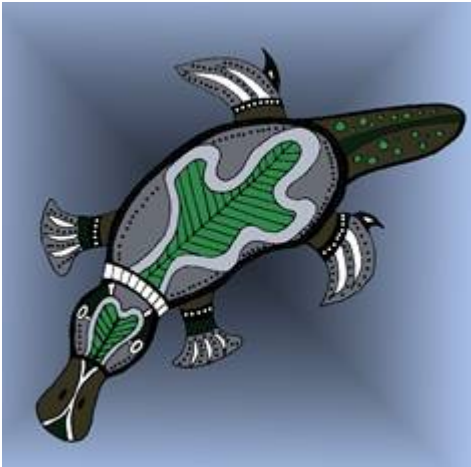
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**Sent:** Thursday, 16 January 2020 2:46 PM  
**To:** Madeleine Lucas  
**Subject:** RE: 31057 - Stage 1 Consultation - St John Of God Hospital

Dear Madeleine,

I would like to register an interest in the above project, our family holds the cultural knowledge relevant to identifying aboriginal objects and or places in the project area and would like to be involved in this project i.e. surveying, fieldwork and reporting.

Kind regards

Ryan Johnson | **Murra Bidgee Mullangari**  
**0475565517**



Aboriginal Corporation Cultural Heritage

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**Sent:** Wednesday, 22 January 2020 2:41 PM  
**To:** Madeleine Lucas  
**Subject:** Re: 31057 - Stage 1 Consultation - St John Of God Hospital

Please keep me informed on any further developments

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**To:** Ashley Bridge  
**Subject:** St. John of God

Dear Ashley,

I wish to register my interest in regards to the development at St. John of God, North Richmond. It would assist in determining any potential impact if there was included a map of the area where the proposed development is intending on going ahead.

I would also like to point out that Richmond hill is the site of an Aboriginal massacre and any proposal has to extensively investigate any impact on this area as it has cultural significance to Boorooberongal people.

Regards,

Paul

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Kind Regards  
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Hi Madeline,

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This email was meant for you.

Have a great weekend!

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Stef

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**From:** Rodney Gunther <waawaar.awaa@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, 2 February 2020 5:10 PM  
**To:** Ashley Bridge  
**Subject:** St John of God Hospital - Richmond ref#31057

Dear Ashley,

Thank you for the opportunity to register in this project. Can you please register WaaWaar.Awaa as a RAP.

Regards, Rod. 0410580962



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# High rise rejection only a minor hiccup

## Developer pushes ahead with 46-storey skyscraper

ALENA HIGGINS

**P**lans for a 46-storey skyscraper on High Street, Penrith will go ahead despite the development application (DA) being rejected last month.

Urban Property Group, the company behind the massive project, told the *Weekender* on Tuesday the DA had been rejected due to an issue with lodgement.

"The lodgement was missing a document and will be resubmitted hopefully next week," the spokesman said.

Expected to cost \$110.5 million to build, the soaring part seven, part 46-storey tower is proposed for vacant land at 614-632 High Street, opposite the Joan Sutherland Performing Arts Centre.

If approved, the development will feature 318 residential units, 1500sqm of commercial and retail space and 348 parking spaces over five levels.

Penrith City Council explained the reason behind the 'rejected application' status, which was given to the DA mere weeks after it was first submitted on November 29.

"The received application did not comprise the required documentation, therefore it was rejected," a spokesman said.

"A rejection differs from a determination as it is not a decision on the application and has the effect of the application having not been made.

"The proponent can lodge a new DA for the same or a modified proposal."

The site, which has frontages to High Street and Union Lane, has been subject to previous development consents over many years but have all lapsed, Council told the *Weekender* last month.

The DA will not be determined by Council, however, with the Sydney Western Planning Panel having the final say given its capital investment value exceeds \$30 million.

Many residents have questioned the need for a development of this size, while others have expressed concerns about the further drain on local infrastructure and water supplies, both of which are currently lacking.

But documents attached to the application describe Penrith as Sydney's 'Growth City' and allude to a vastly different CBD skyline in the future.

"[The proposal aims to] deliver a high-quality development that will make a positive contribution to the emerging city skyline within the Penrith City Centre," it states.

The western end of High Street is already set to be transformed, with two towers offering up to 187 apartments approved late last year as part of the 'Penway Place' project, which neighbours this development.

Upgrades to Castlereagh Road and Mulgoa Road are also continuing, to help alleviate traffic problems across Penrith, particularly in the CBD.



An artist's impression of the massive new building.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### NOTIFICATION AND REGISTRATION OF ABORIGINAL INTERESTS

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Biosis invites Aboriginal people who hold cultural knowledge in determining the significance of Aboriginal object(s) and/or places in the vicinity of the above area to register their interest in a process of community consultation.

Biosis is assisting Johnstaff with consultation with the Aboriginal community to inform the ACHA. Consultation with the Aboriginal community for this assessment will be undertaken in accordance with the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents 2010 (DECCW 2010) (consultation requirements). The purpose of the Aboriginal community consultation is to provide sufficient information for the assessment of Aboriginal cultural heritage values.

To register an interest in this project please contact **Ashley Bridge** (Email: [abridge@biosis.com.au](mailto:abridge@biosis.com.au), Address: 14/17-27 Power Avenue Alexandria, Tel: (02) 91018700).

Please note that the name of each group that registers for consultation on this project will be provided to Environment, Energy and Science and the Local Aboriginal Land Council unless the group specifies that they do not want their details released.

**REGISTRATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED  
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## Appendix 3 Stage 2/3: Presentation of information about the proposed project and gathering information about cultural significance

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The aim of this letter is to provide you with information about the project, and the proposed ACHA process and to seek your feedback to inform the ACHA. Please see the methodology attached to this email.

It would be appreciated if you would provide feedback on the project information and methodology presented in this letter to Biosis by 5pm 2 March 2020 either by email, phone or return mail. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require additional information or have any queries about the methodology or information provided.

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**RE: Stage 2 and 3 Aboriginal Community Consultation – St John of God Hospital, North Richmond**

**Our Ref: Matter: 31057**

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The purpose of the ACHA is to determine the impacts the proposed development will have on any Aboriginal heritage values present within the study area. The ACHA will also assist Johnstaff in modifying their plans in order to minimise the impacts the works will have on Aboriginal heritage values.

The following project information and assessment methodology has been provided in accordance with section 4.2 and section 4.3 of the *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents 2010* (DECCW 2010a) (consultation requirements). The aim of this letter is to provide you with information about the project, and the proposed ACHA process and to seek your feedback to inform the ACHA.

It would be appreciated if you would provide feedback on the project information and methodology presented in this letter to Biosis by **5pm 2 March 2020** either by email, phone or return mail.

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Yours sincerely

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## Stage 2 – Project information

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The aim of the stage 2 document is to provide registered Aboriginal parties (RAPs) with information about the scope of the project, and the proposed cultural heritage assessment process, and to seek their feedback on the project.

### The project

Johnstaff are in the process of preparing planning reports that include:

- Demolition of eight existing buildings in the southern portion of the study area.
- Construction of four residential buildings on top of the existing footings of the demolished buildings.
- Construction of a clinical support building, retail building, and administration buildings, on top of the existing footings of the demolished buildings.
- Installation of services throughout areas of new build, including, but not limited to, gas, electrical and water services.
- Extension of existing carpark, with additional 100 spaces constructed.
- Installation of lights and electrical services throughout carpark area.
- Construction of a Health and Wellness centre, with sublevel floor built into undisturbed soils.
- Use of existing stock pile area between Aboriginal memorial site and maintenance shed, north-east of the study area.

Biosis has been engaged by Johnstaff to undertake the ACHA to support their Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) submission to the Department of Planning Industry and Environment (DPIE) and to inform the proposed works design for the study area. The ACHA will be prepared in accordance with *the Guide to Investigating, Assessing and Reporting on Aboriginal Cultural Heritage in NSW* (OEH 2011). It includes an Archaeological Report (AR) prepared in accordance with the *Code of Practice for Archaeological Investigation of Aboriginal Objects in New South Wales* (DECCW 2010b) (the Code) and consultation with Aboriginal community in accordance with the consultation requirements. The ACHA will inform Johnstaff of any potential for the project to impact on or expose Aboriginal objects or sites. Biosis will provide recommendations based on the outcomes of the ACHA.

### Study area

The study area encompasses 177-235 Grose Vale Road, North Richmond NSW. It is within the Hawkesbury local government area (LGA), and is approximately 17 kilometers of the Penrith central business district (Figure 1). The study area encompasses approximately 47 hectares of private land (Figure 2).

## Background

Biosis conducted an Aboriginal Due Diligence Assessment for Lot 11 DP 1134453 on 20 January 2020. A search of the Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System (AHIMS) database (Client Service ID: 473733) identified 40 Aboriginal archaeological sites within a five by five kilometre search area, centred on the study area. No sites were recorded within the study area.

The background research for the study area identified that there are a number of waterways that surround the study area. The southern border of the study area is located approximately 200 metres north-west of the Hawkesbury River, which is a perennial water source. A number of non-perennial canal-drains surround the study area approximately 100 metres north-east and east of the study area, 100 metres west of the study area and 100 metres north of the study area. The proximity to a perennial source of water, in addition to the location of the study area on a terrace platform, is a positive indicator for Aboriginal artefacts to exist within the study area. No water courses are located within the study area.

Landforms present within the study area include coastal landforms and a coastal lagoon, and the steep terrain of the headland. Previous predictive modelling conducted in the Hawkesbury region identified that Aboriginal objects and sites are frequently identified along ridge lines and crests within the region, particularly when in close proximity to permanent water sources such as the Hawkesbury River. The low rises and undulating hill landforms with moderately broad ridges and crests present within the study area landscape indicate that Aboriginal sites may be present (Murphy 1993). The high levels of erosion present within this soil landscape may also impact on Aboriginal site preservation.

A field investigation consisting of a pedestrian survey of the study area was conducted on 16 January 2020 in order to identify any previously unrecorded Aboriginal objects, sites, or areas of potential. During the field investigation no Aboriginal artefacts were identified. This was most likely due to limited visibility, exposure and extensive levels of disturbance during the survey, rather than an absence of Aboriginal occupation of the area (Figure 3).

## Project schedule

The proposed schedule and time allocations for the consultation stages are summarised below.

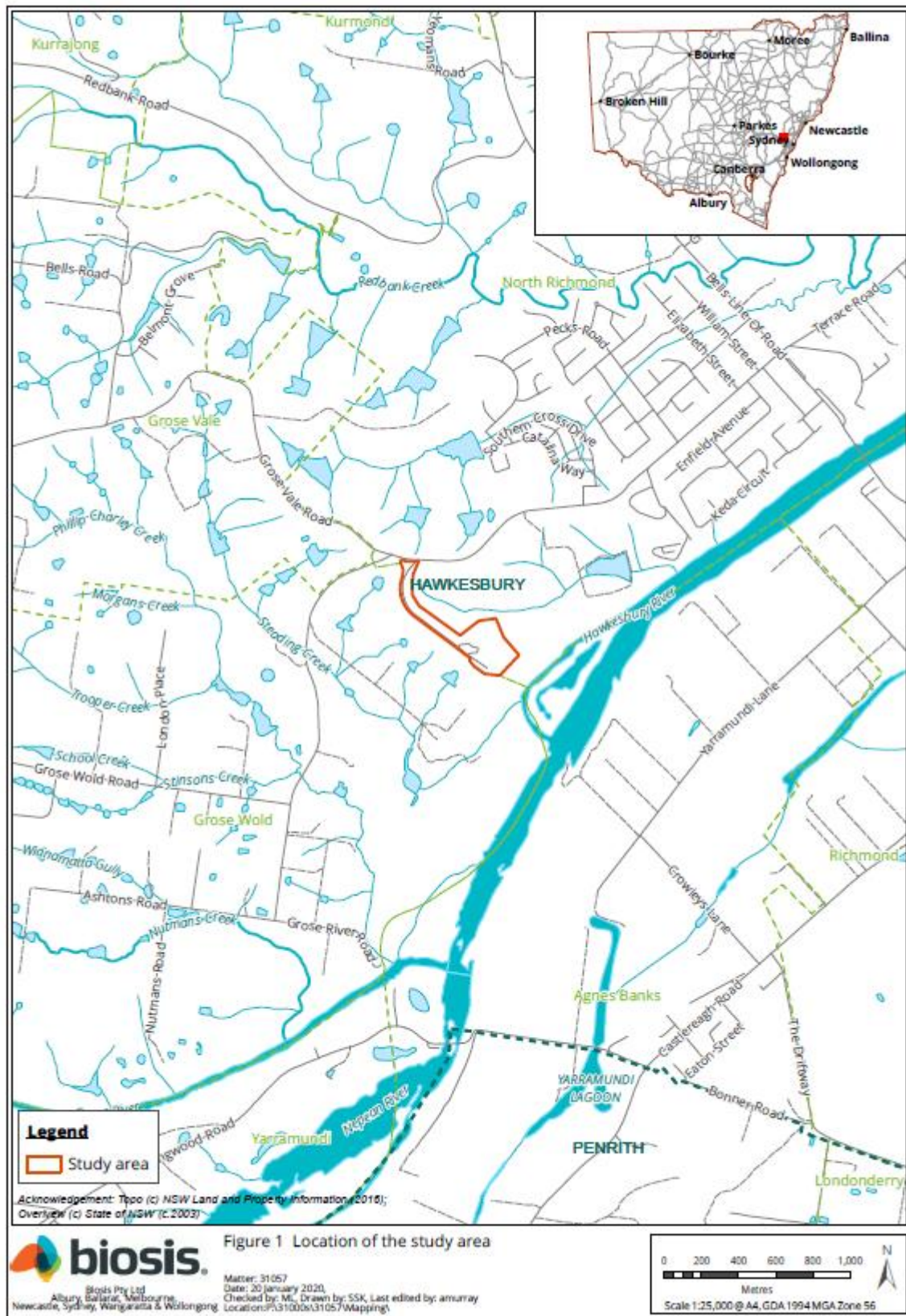
Action	Timeframe	Potential constraints and limitations
<b>Commencement of Aboriginal community consultation – advertising of project and notification to stakeholders</b>	Completed	Project advertised in the Western Weekender on 17 January 2020. Notices sent to identified Aboriginal parties 15 January 2020.
<b>Notices sent to identified Aboriginal parties</b>	15 January 2020 to 31 January 2020	14 day registration period for stakeholders allowed under the consultation guidelines.
<b>Field investigation</b>	16 January 2020	Field investigation was conducted on 16 January 2020. Limitations included reduced visibility, exposure and extensive levels of disturbance throughout large portions of the study area.
<b>Aboriginal stakeholder project methodology and information period</b>	Current	Registration period to end on 2 March 2020 based on 28 days review time allowed under the consultation guidelines.
<b>Archaeological test excavations</b>	TBC	TBC
<b>Information gathering</b>	Continuous	N/A
<b>Review of draft report</b>	TBC	28 days review time allowed under the consultation guidelines.
<b>Final report</b>	TBC	TBC

## Responsibilities and roles

As part of the consultation process, RAPs are expected to respond to requests for cultural information and comment on draft reporting, as appropriate, in accordance with their role specified in section 5 of the consultation requirements. Biosis and the proponent, in accordance with their role under section 5 of the consultation requirements, will consult with the Aboriginal community by supplying suitable project information and providing the opportunity for Aboriginal stakeholders to provide input into the heritage management process.

Each section of the ACHA methodology will be undertaken in consultation with the RAPs for the project. Biosis invites RAPs to provide culturally appropriate information via mail, email or phone with regards to this project.

**Figure 1** Location of the study area

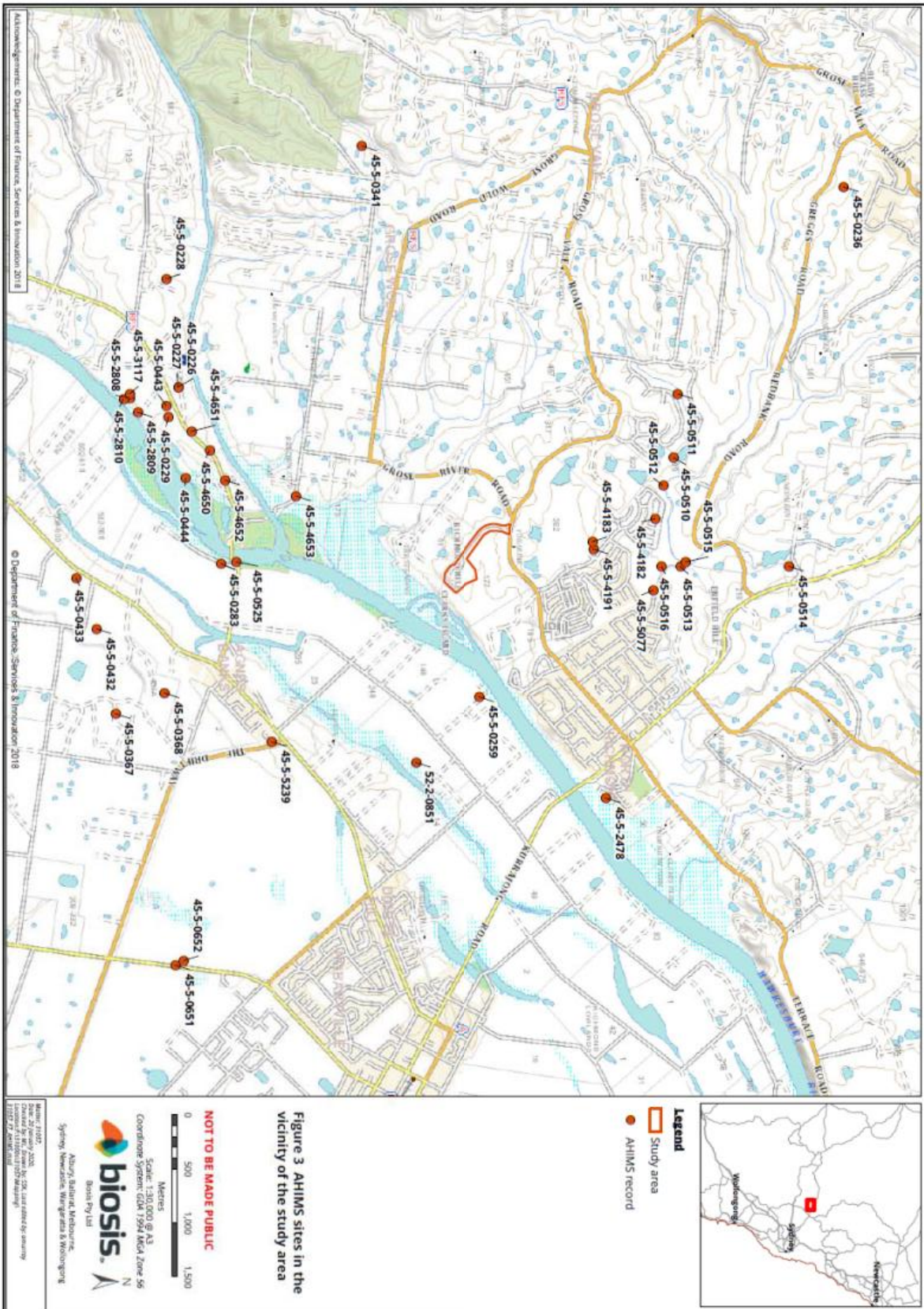






**Figure 3 AHIMS sites within the study area and areas of archaeological potential identified**





## Stage 3 – Gathering information about cultural significance

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The aims of stage 3 of the consultation process is to facilitate a process where RAPs for the project can:

- Contribute to culturally appropriate information gathering and the research methodology.
- Provide information that will enable the cultural significance of Aboriginal objects and/or places in the proposed study area to be determined.
- Have input into the development of any cultural heritage management options (DECCW 2010a, p.12).

The purpose of the stage 3 document below is to provide RAPs with information about the proposed ACHA methodology for the project, including the survey strategy and test excavation (if required) methodology and to seek feedback on the Aboriginal cultural values present within the study area.

The assessment methodology includes the following tasks:

### Background research

This task will identify known Aboriginal sites, areas of potential archaeological sensitivity and previous disturbance, and inform the predictive modelling for the assessment/study area. The following steps will be undertaken:

- A search of the AHIMS database will be completed to identify registered sites in the vicinity of the assessment/study area. The results of the AHIMS search will be used to obtain relevant site cards and relevant previously completed Aboriginal cultural heritage assessments.
- A review of relevant reports identified through the AHIMS search will be undertaken.
- A review of aerial photographs and other resources to gauge the existing landscape and previous history of land disturbance will be undertaken.
- A review of the historical heritage databases will be undertaken.
- A brief summary of the historical uses of the study area will be developed.

### Consultation with the Aboriginal community

This task will provide the Aboriginal community with the opportunity to participate in decisions regarding the management of their cultural heritage by providing proponents information regarding cultural significance and opportunities to input into management options.

Aboriginal community consultation will be undertaken in accordance with the consultation requirements, which includes:

- COMPLETED. Biosis ascertained the names of Aboriginal people or groups who may hold cultural knowledge relevant to determining the significance of Aboriginal objects and/ or places within the study area.



- COMPLETED. Aboriginal stakeholders were provided with notification by letter of the project on 15 January 2020 via Biosis on behalf of Johnstaff, and given the opportunity to be involved in consultation.
- This document outlines the details of the project and proposed archaeological testing methodology. If required. The RAPs must be given an opportunity to review and provide feedback to the proponent within a minimum of 28 days of Biosis providing the methodology document.
- The DRAFT ACHA report and AR will be provided to all RAPs for comment – the proponent must allow 28 days for comment. All comments and correspondence sent and received regarding the project will be included in the final report in an appendix.

## **Culturally sensitive material**

Biosis invites RAPs to provide culturally appropriate information via mail, email or phone with regards to this project.

Cultural information provided will be recorded in the Aboriginal consultation log and discussed in the report. If the information is regarded as too sensitive to be made public then RAPs should advise Biosis and identify the nature of the sensitivity. Biosis will then arrange for the recording of the information in accordance with its sensitivity. Documents which hold sensitive information will clearly list, on the front cover, who can have access to the document. These documents will be stored securely.

## **Field investigation**

An archaeological survey of the study area was conducted on 16 January 2020. The survey concentrated on all areas and buildings within the proposed development impact area, which would be directly affected by the proposed works. The survey was conducted on foot with one team member. As the majority of the impacts are occurring throughout areas of previous disturbance, the survey first attempted to target areas that would be impacted and contained minimal disturbance, and then sought to survey the remaining areas within the impact area. Overall the field investigation was hindered by grass and vegetation coverage, as well as extensive development, which limited its potential to identify any surface artefacts present within the study area.

Recording during the field investigation followed requirements 5 to 10 of the code and industry best practice. Information recorded included:

- Aboriginal objects or sites present in the study area during the investigation.
- Survey coverage.
- Any resources that may have potentially have been exploited by Aboriginal people.
- Landforms.
- Photographs of the site indicating landform.
- Evidence of disturbance.
- Aboriginal artefacts, culturally modified trees or any other Aboriginal sites.

Where possible, Identification of natural soil deposits within the study area was undertaken. Representative photographs of survey units, landform, vegetation coverage, ground surface visibility was undertaken.

Detailed results of the field investigation will be provided in the draft ACHA report and AR.

### **Archaeological test excavations**

Any areas of Potential Archaeological Deposit (PAD) identified during the field investigation which cannot be avoided by the construction works will be subject to archaeological test excavations in line with the code as outlined below.

#### **Aims**

The principle objectives of the test excavations are to identify and understand the nature, extent and significance of any areas of PAD within the study area. This will further our knowledge of Aboriginal archaeological site patterning within the study area and enable the predictive model to be further tested and refined.

The aims of the testing program are to:

- Determine the nature and extent of the sub-surface archaeological deposits in the study area.
- Identify if the archaeological material occurs in an intact, undisturbed context, by examining the soil profile and stratigraphy.
- Analyse and interpret any archaeological finds (such as stone artefacts, hearths, etc.) recovered during the testing program.
- Inform current knowledge of Aboriginal occupation and land use models of the region.
- Provide management and mitigation measures for Aboriginal archaeological objects located during the subsurface testing program.
- Test the predictive model and answer the research questions developed as part of this assessment.

#### **Test excavation methodology**

If test excavations are required within the study area they will conform to the following methodology in line with Requirement 16 of the Code:

- Test excavations will be conducted in 50 by 50 centimetre units.
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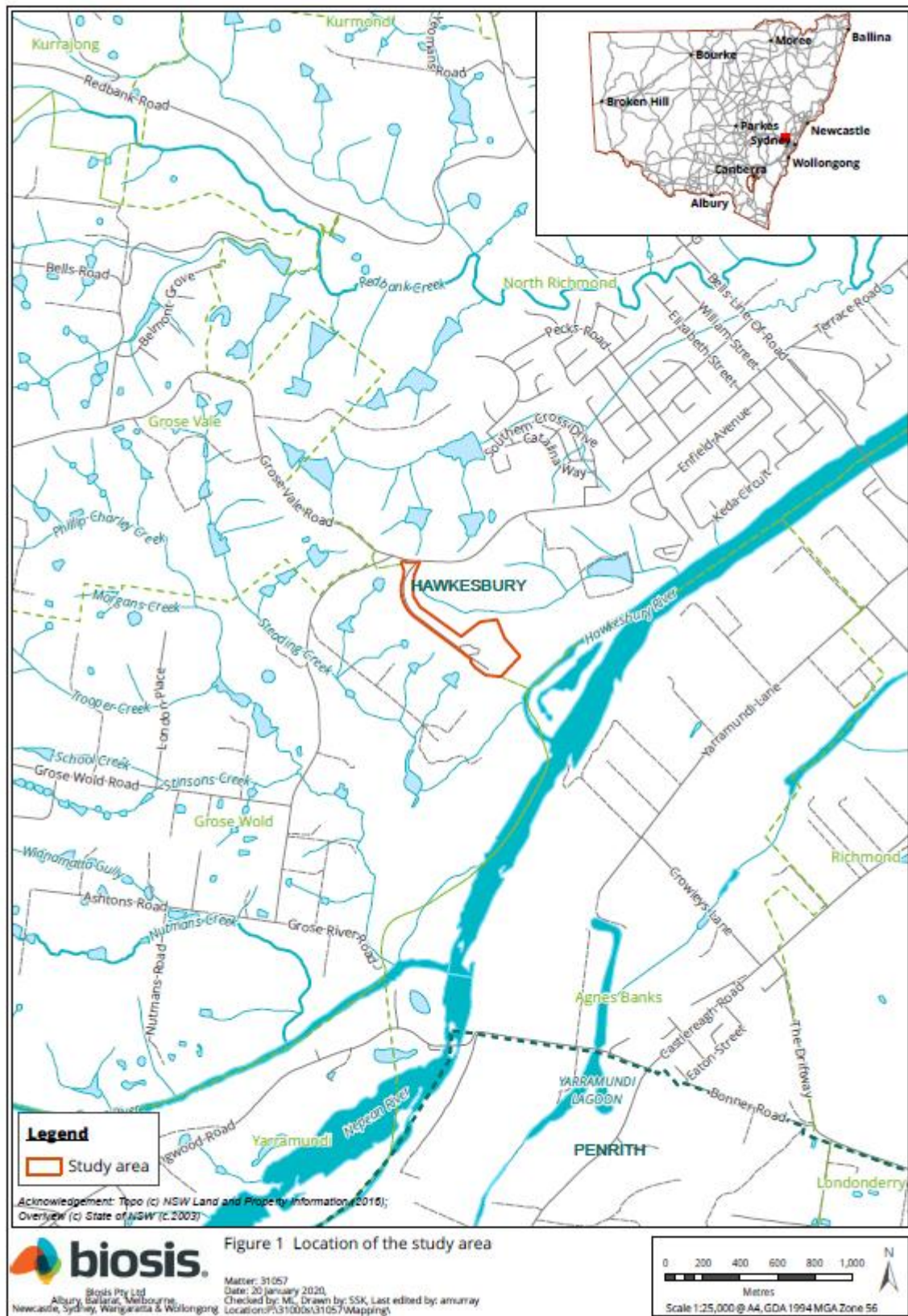
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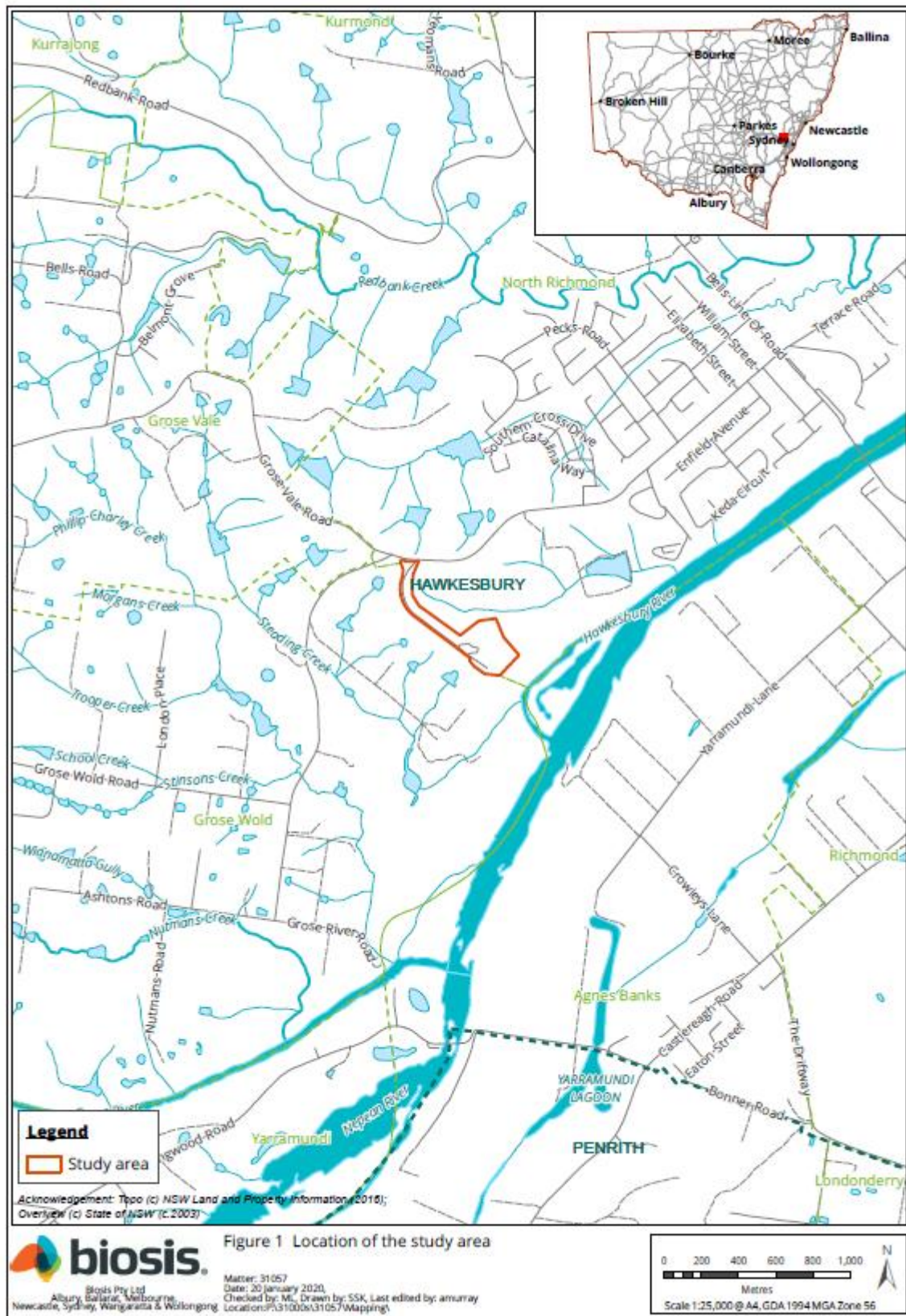
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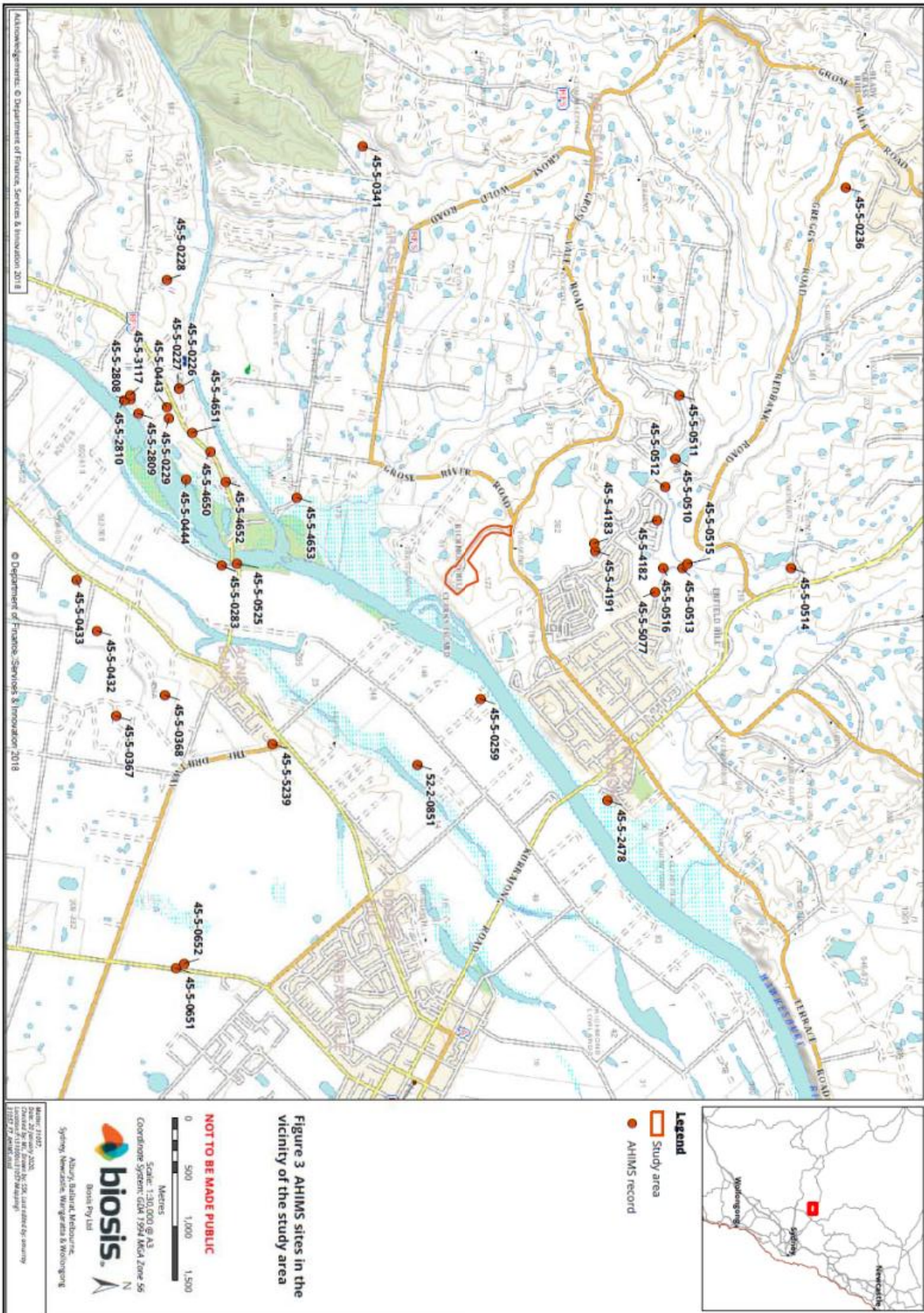


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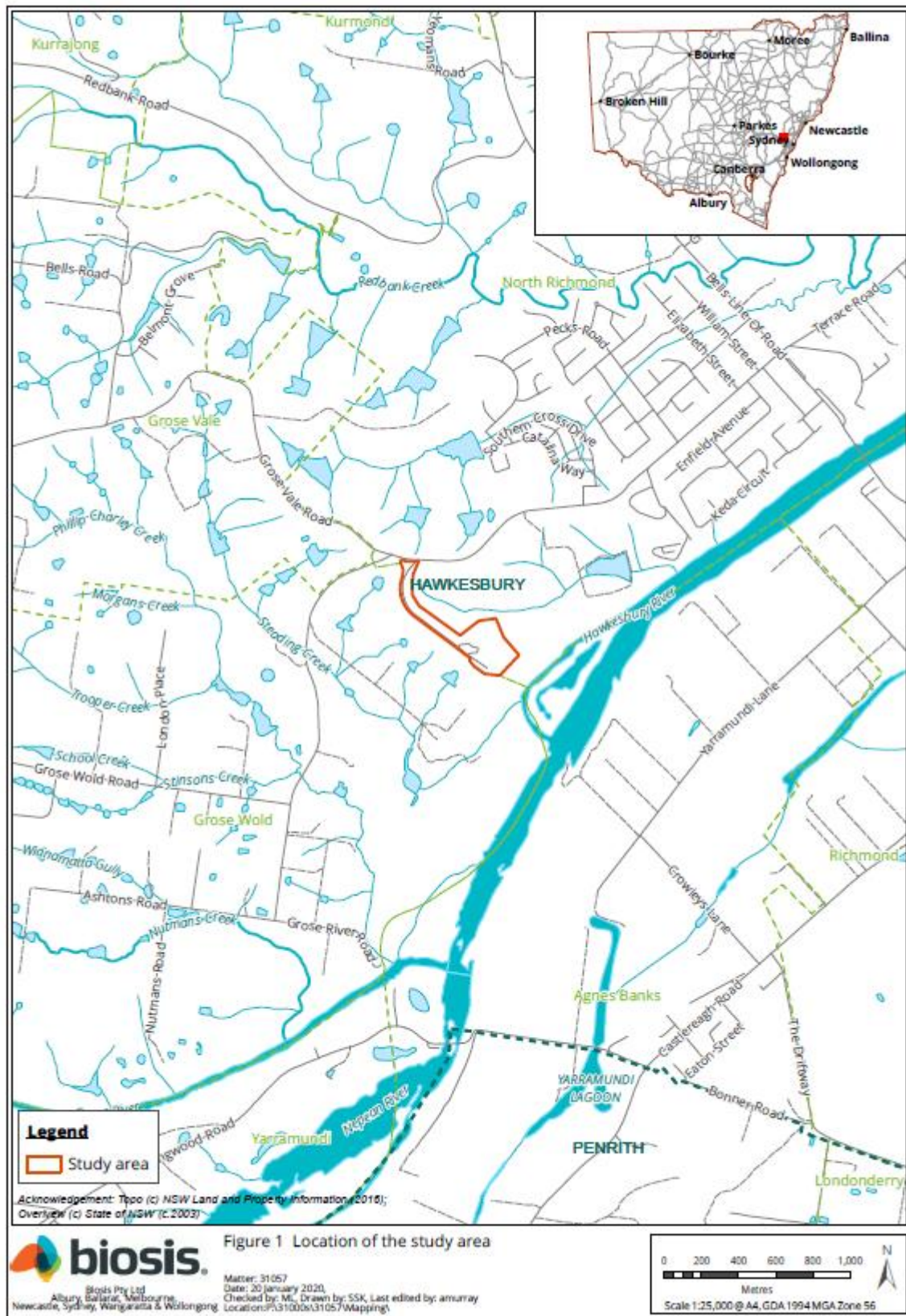
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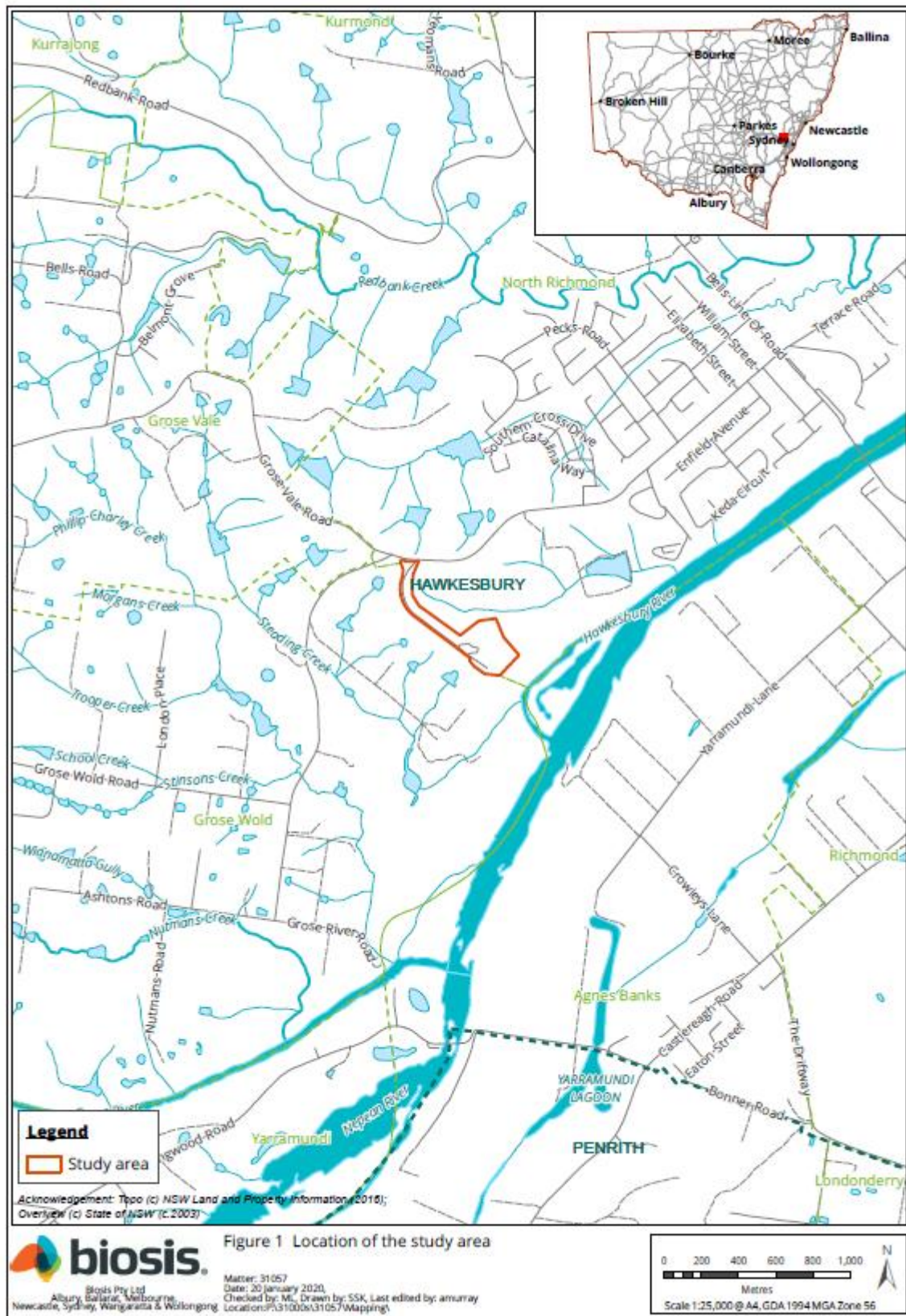
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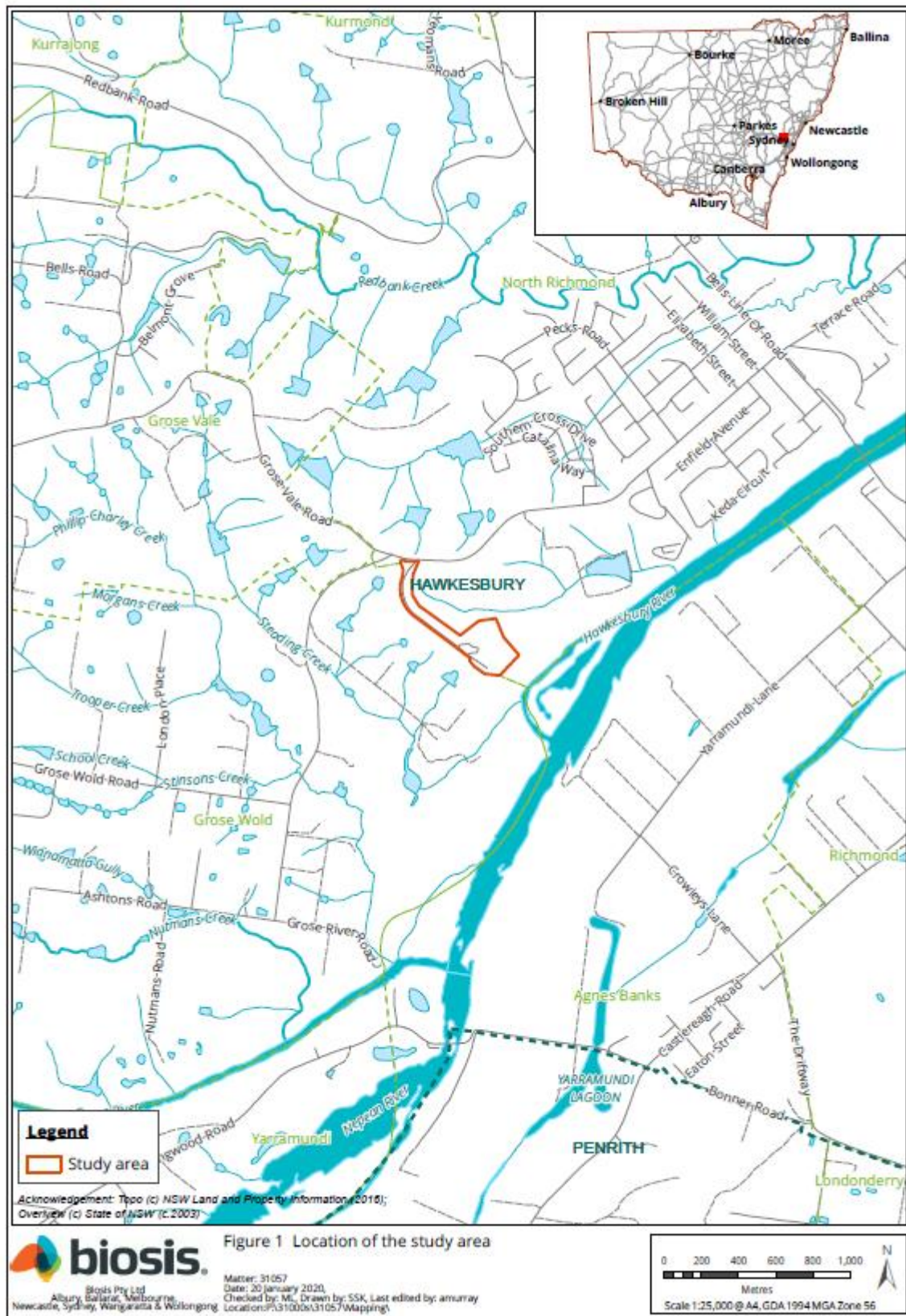
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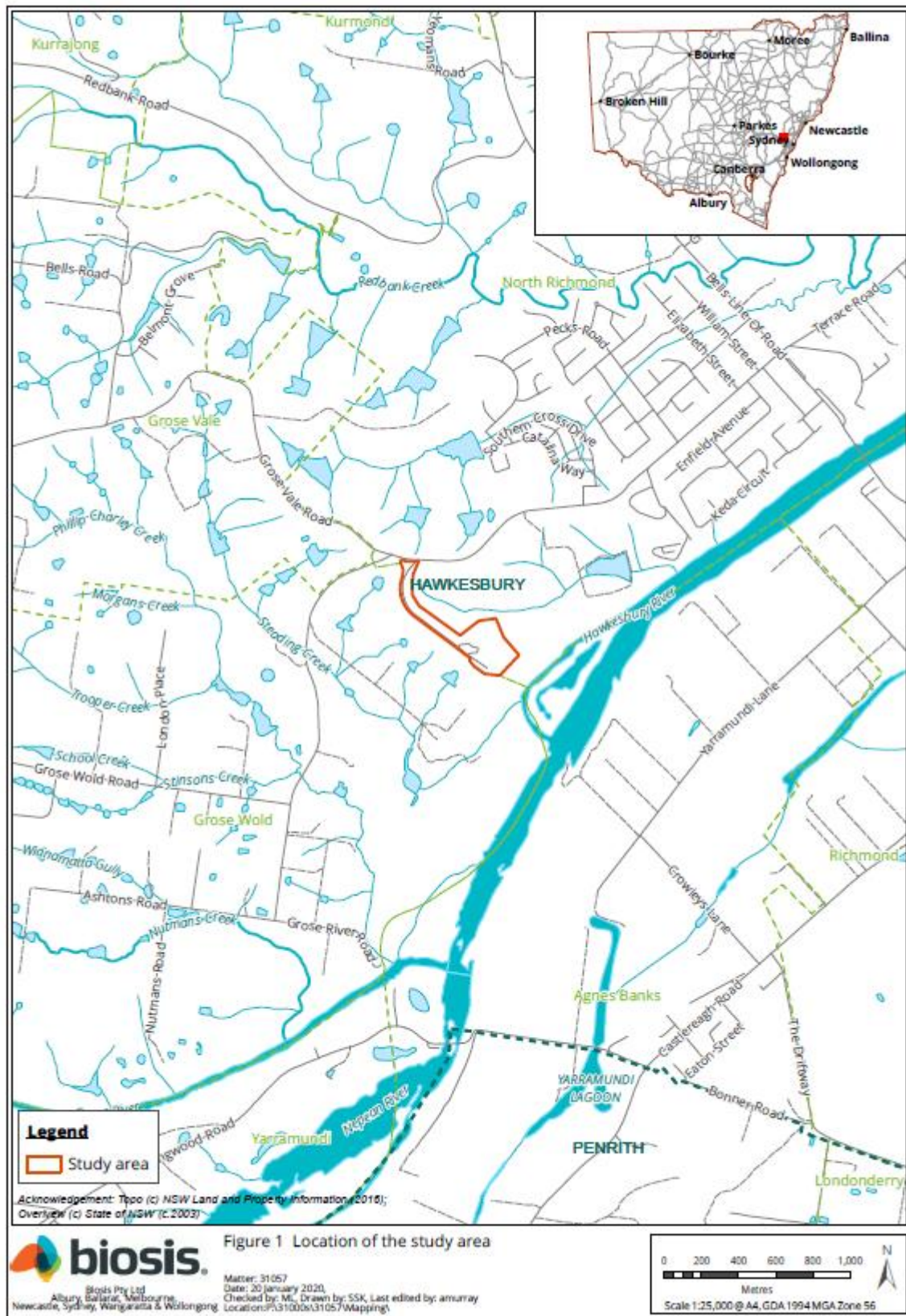
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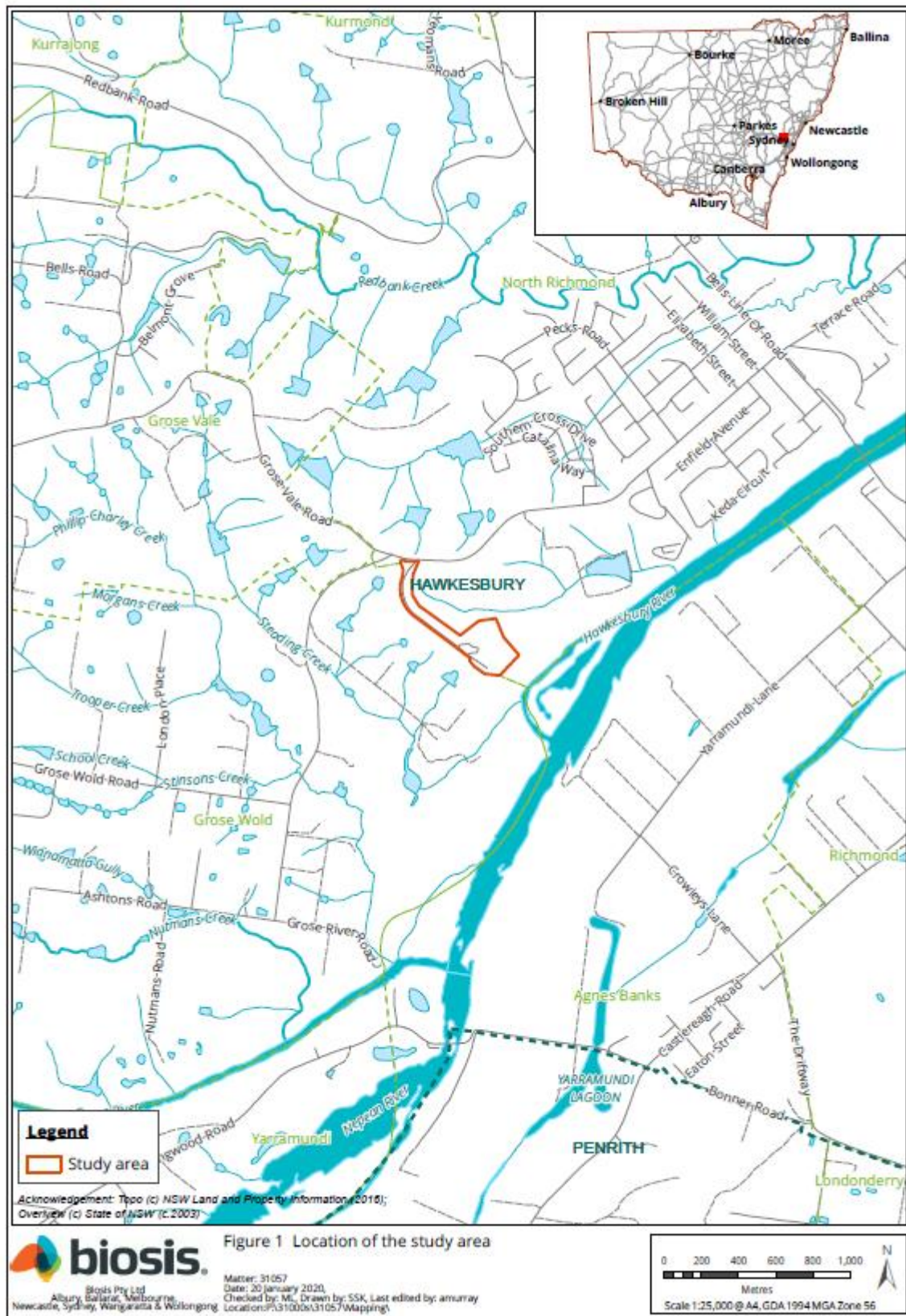
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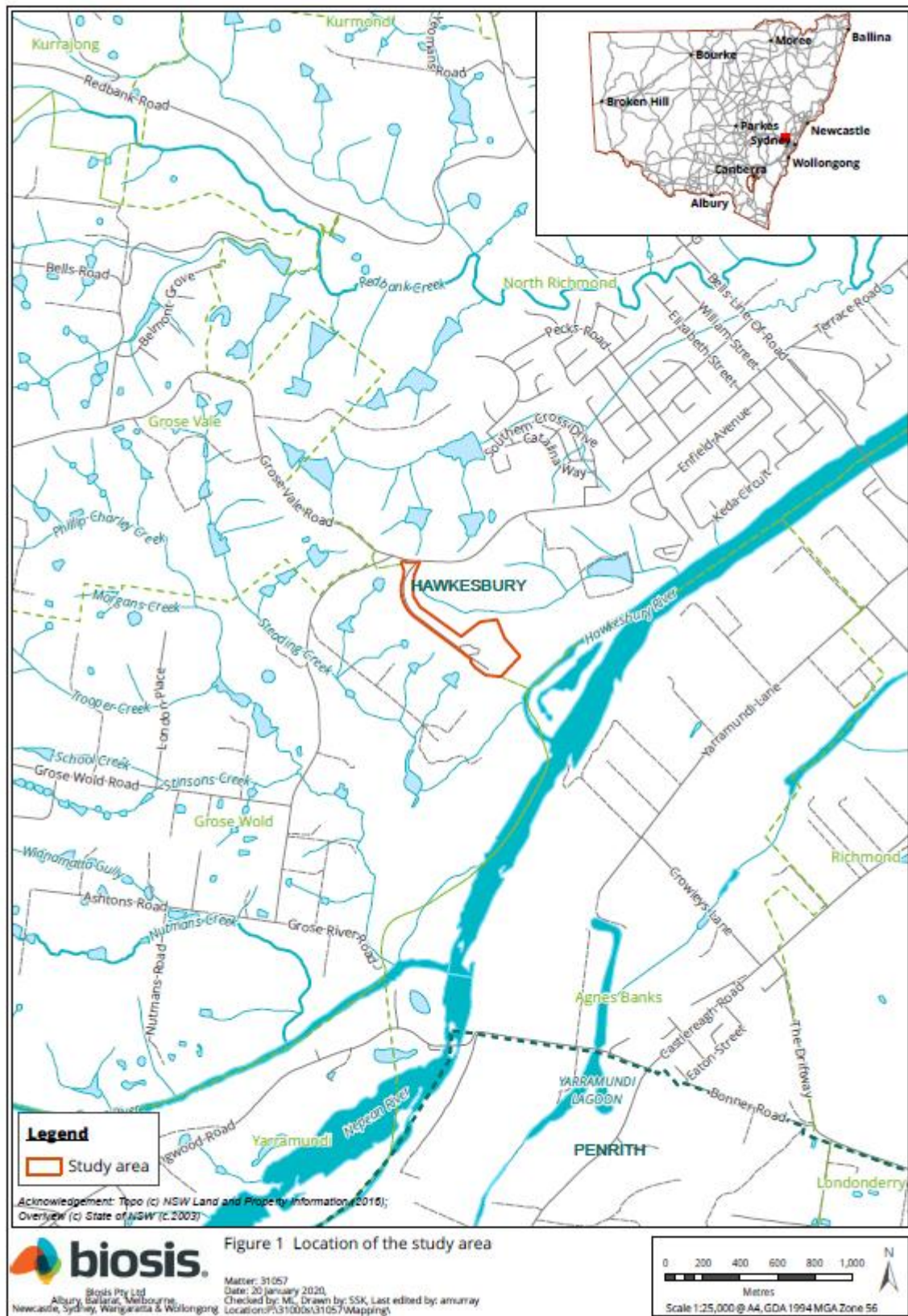
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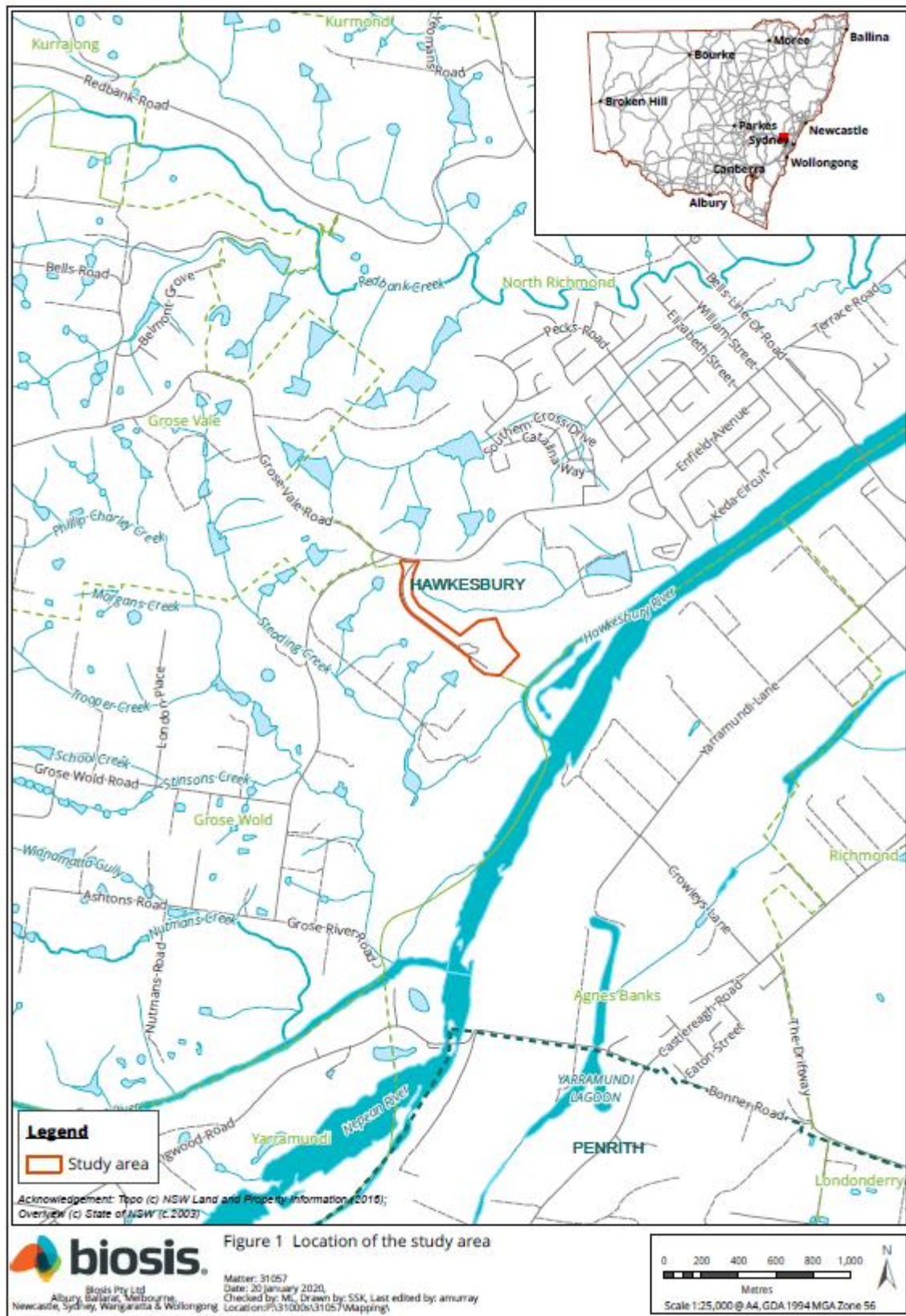
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3 February 2020

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**Our Ref: Matter: 31057**

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Please address feedback to:

**Ashely Bridge**  
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Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require additional information or have any queries about the methodology or information provided.

Yours sincerely

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Madeleine Lucas  
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## Stage 2 – Project information

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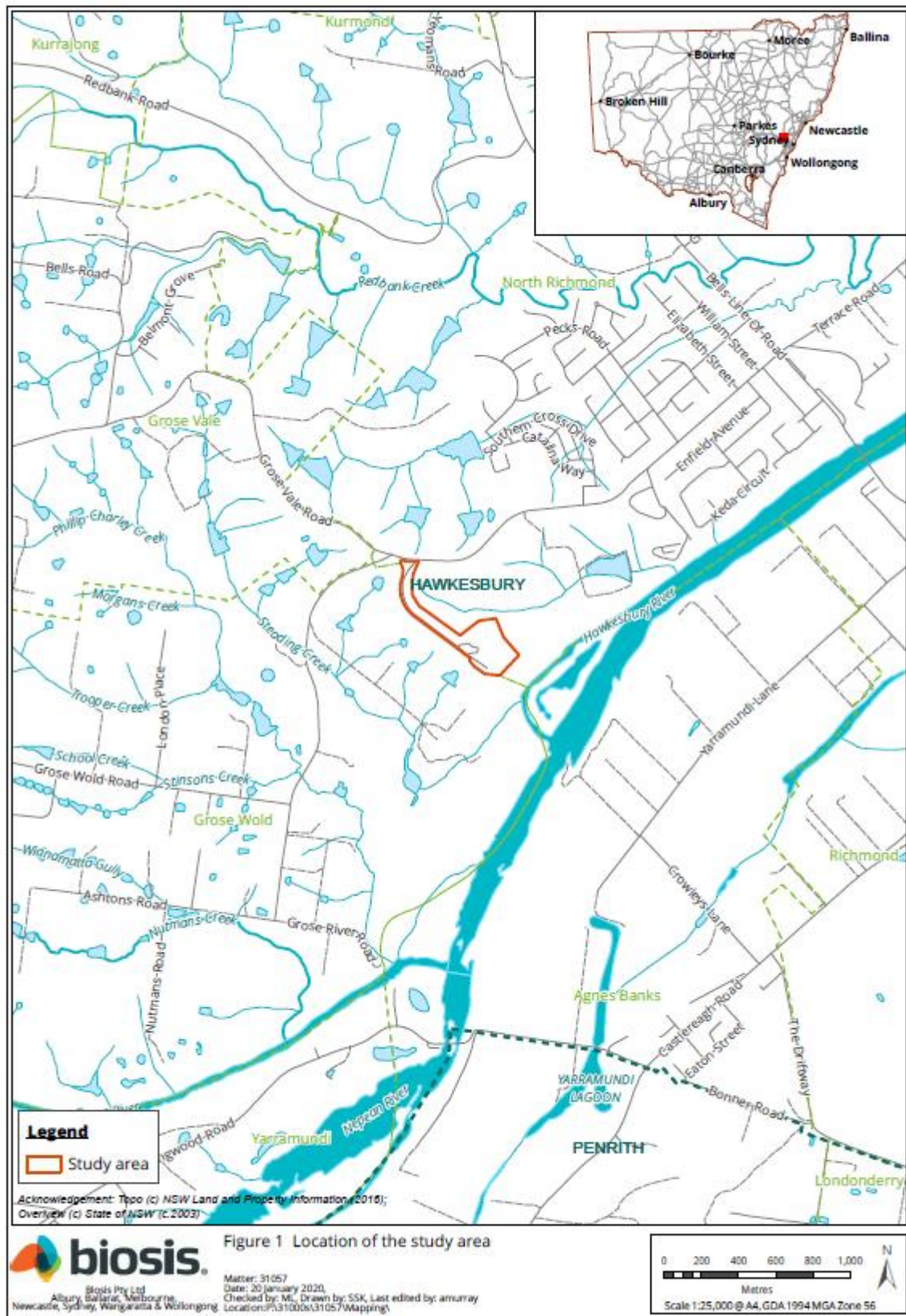
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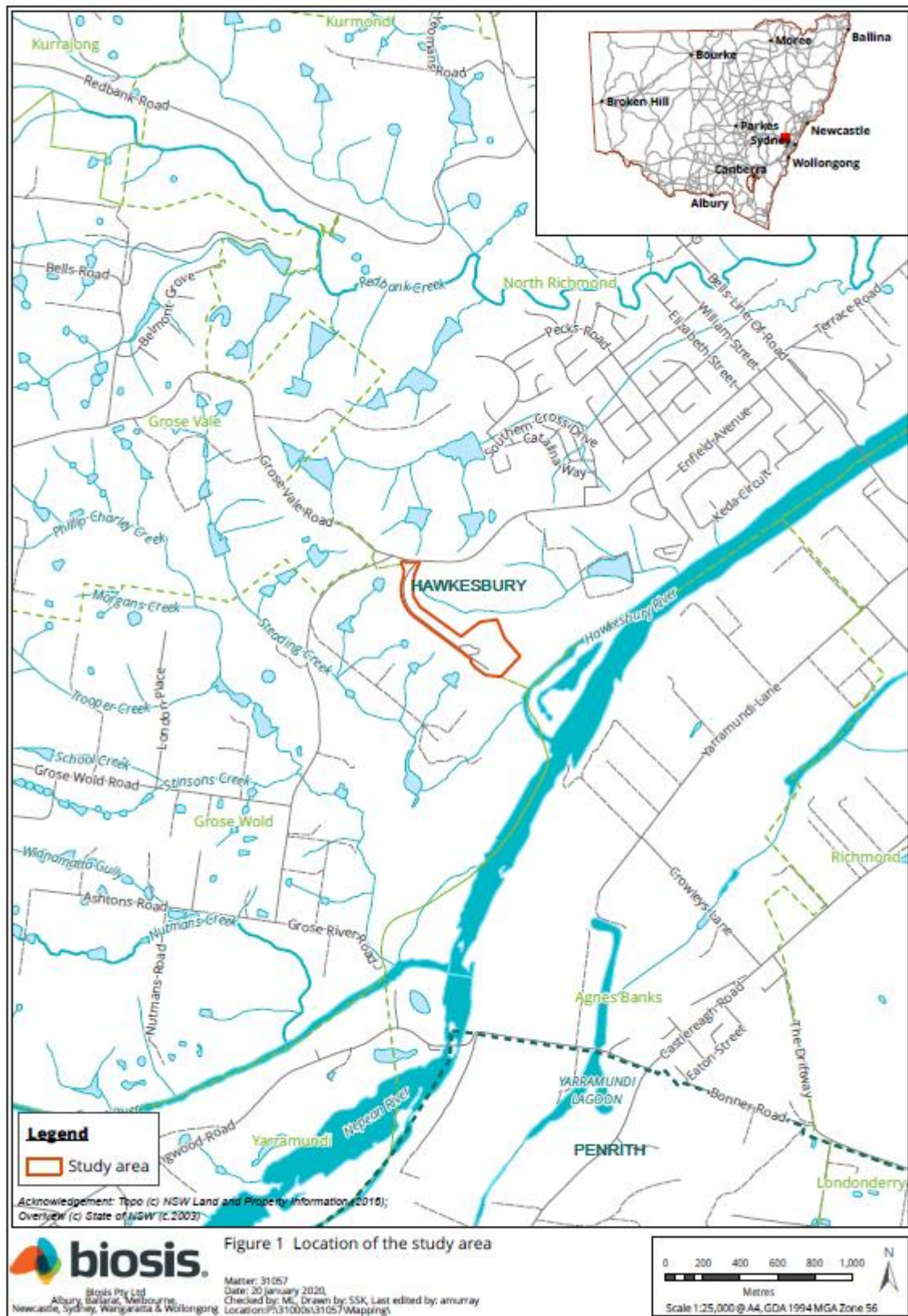
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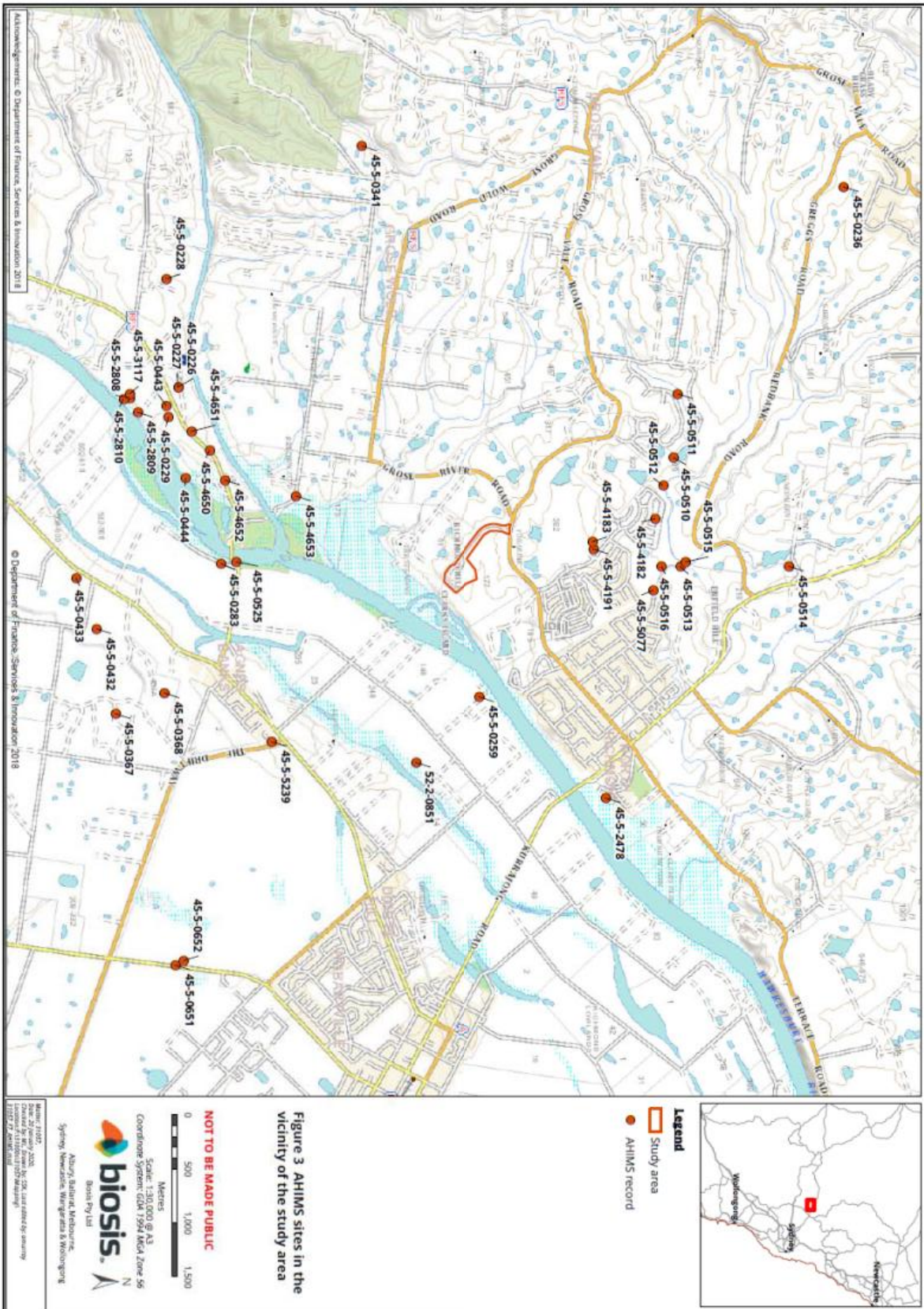


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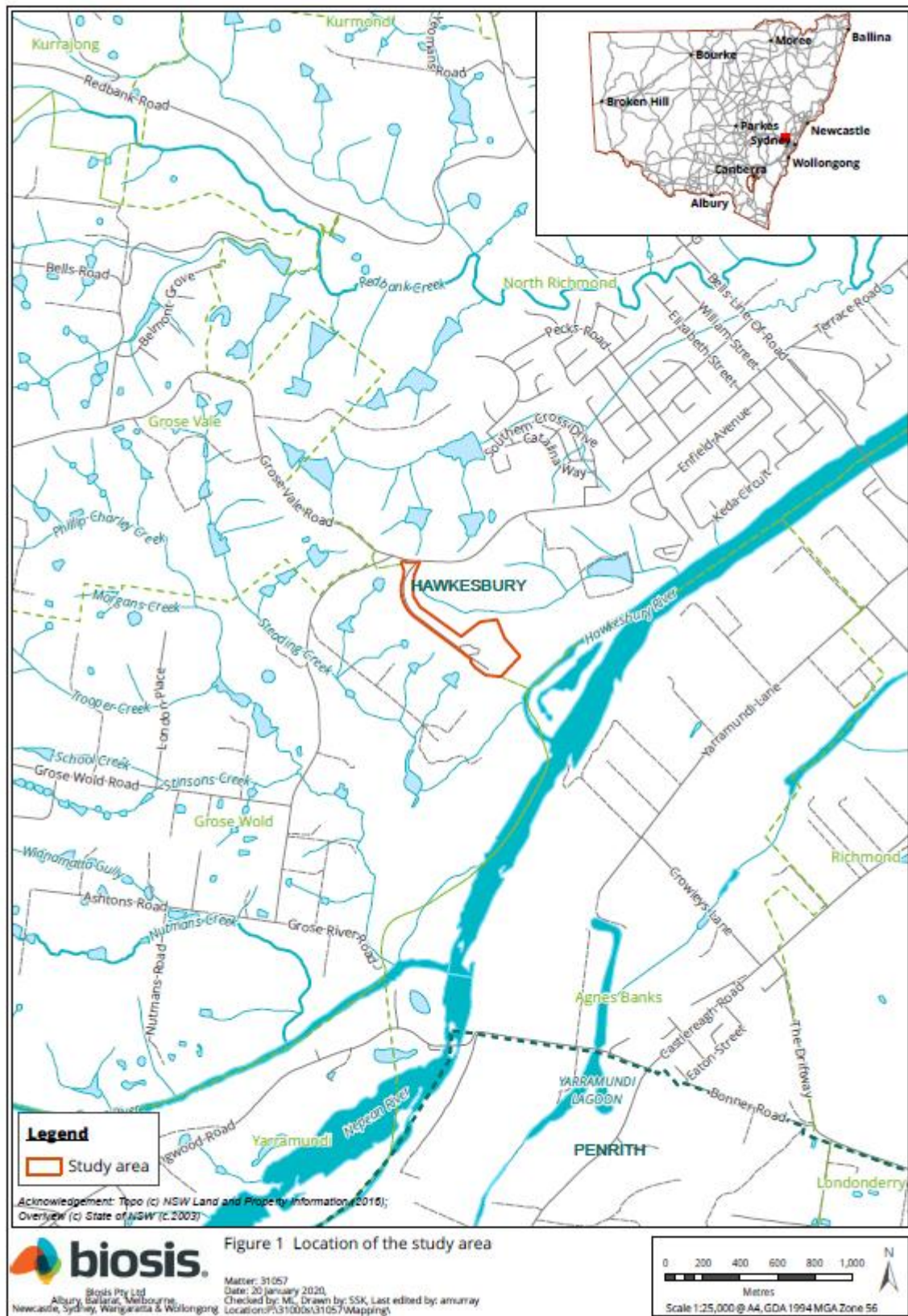
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Butucarbin Cultural Heritage Assessment  
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The proposed schedule and time allocations for the consultation stages are summarised below.

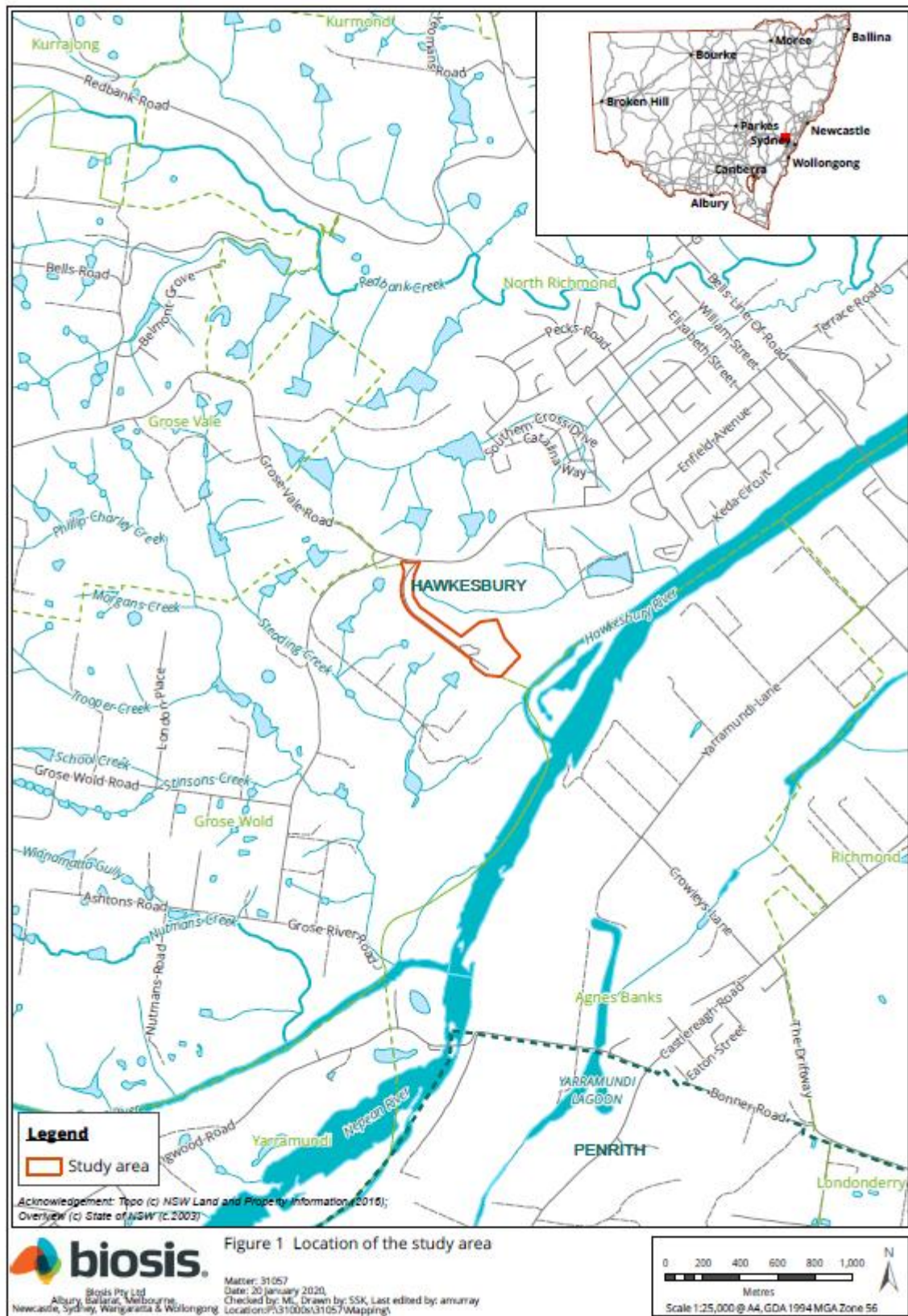
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**Figure 1** Location of the study area









**Figure 3 AHIMS sites within the study area and areas of archaeological potential identified**



## Stage 3 – Gathering information about cultural significance

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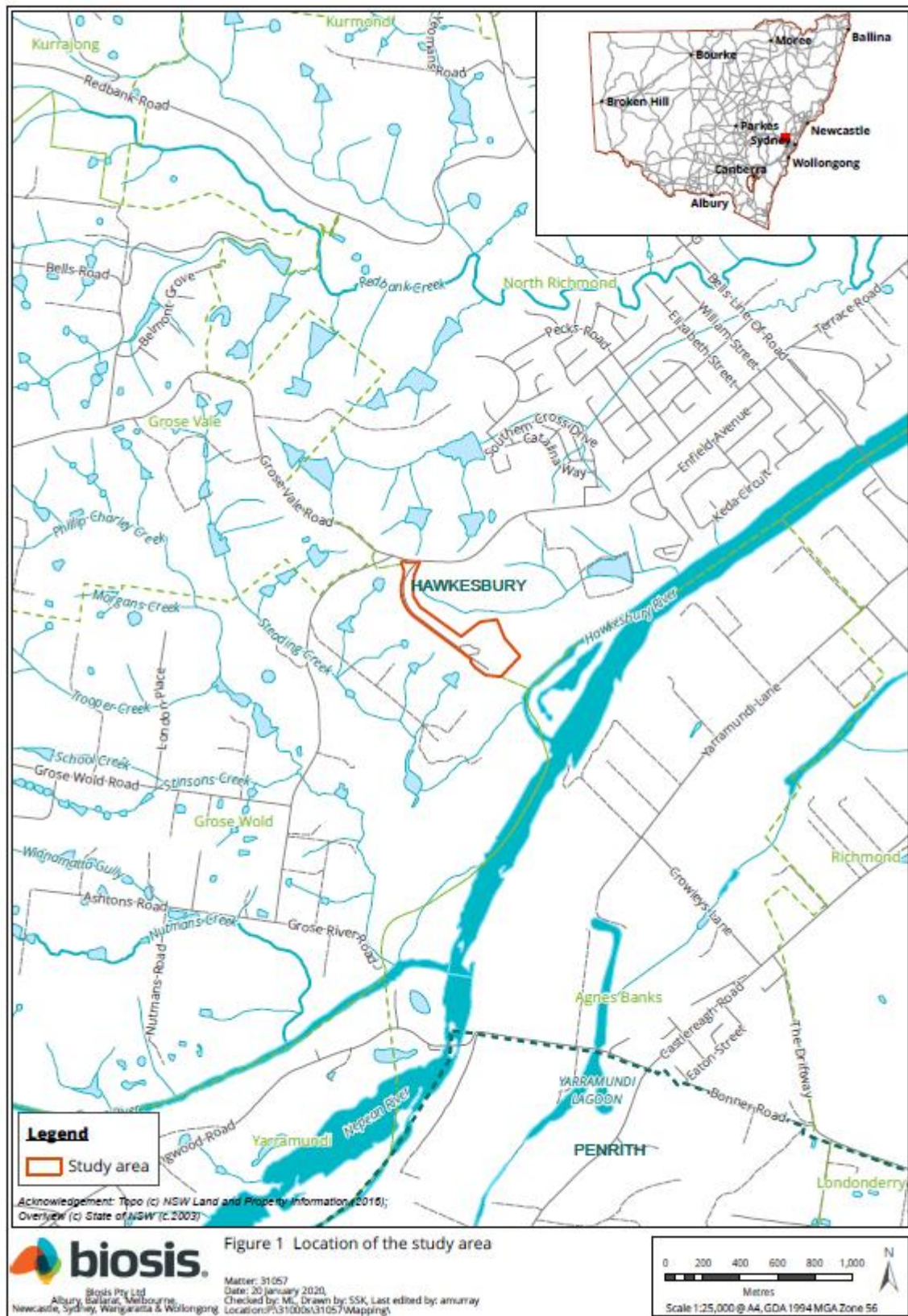
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3 February 2020

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**Our Ref: Matter: 31057**

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Please address feedback to:

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Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require additional information or have any queries about the methodology or information provided.

Yours sincerely

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Madeleine Lucas  
Research Assistant



## Stage 2 – Project information

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### The project

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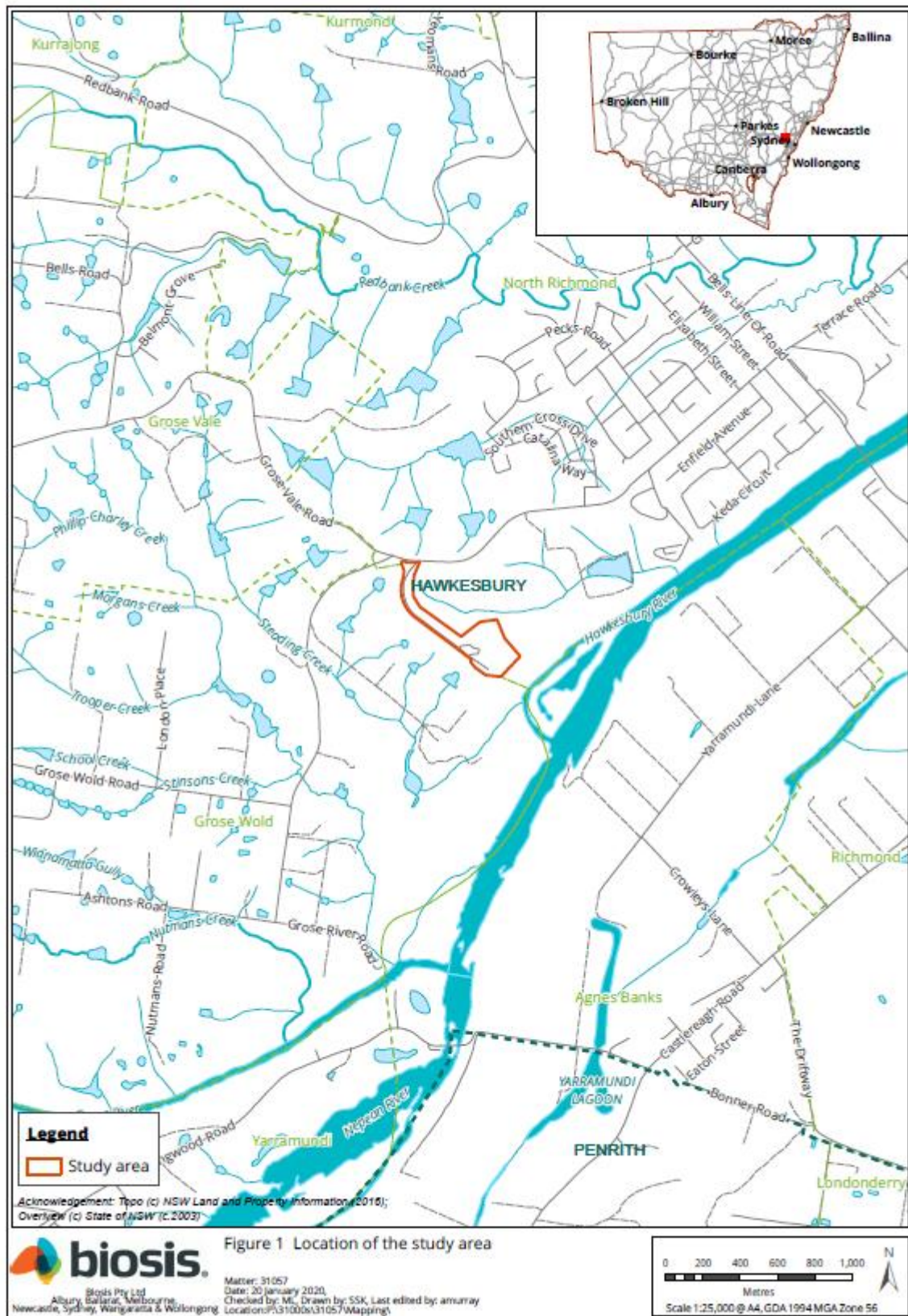
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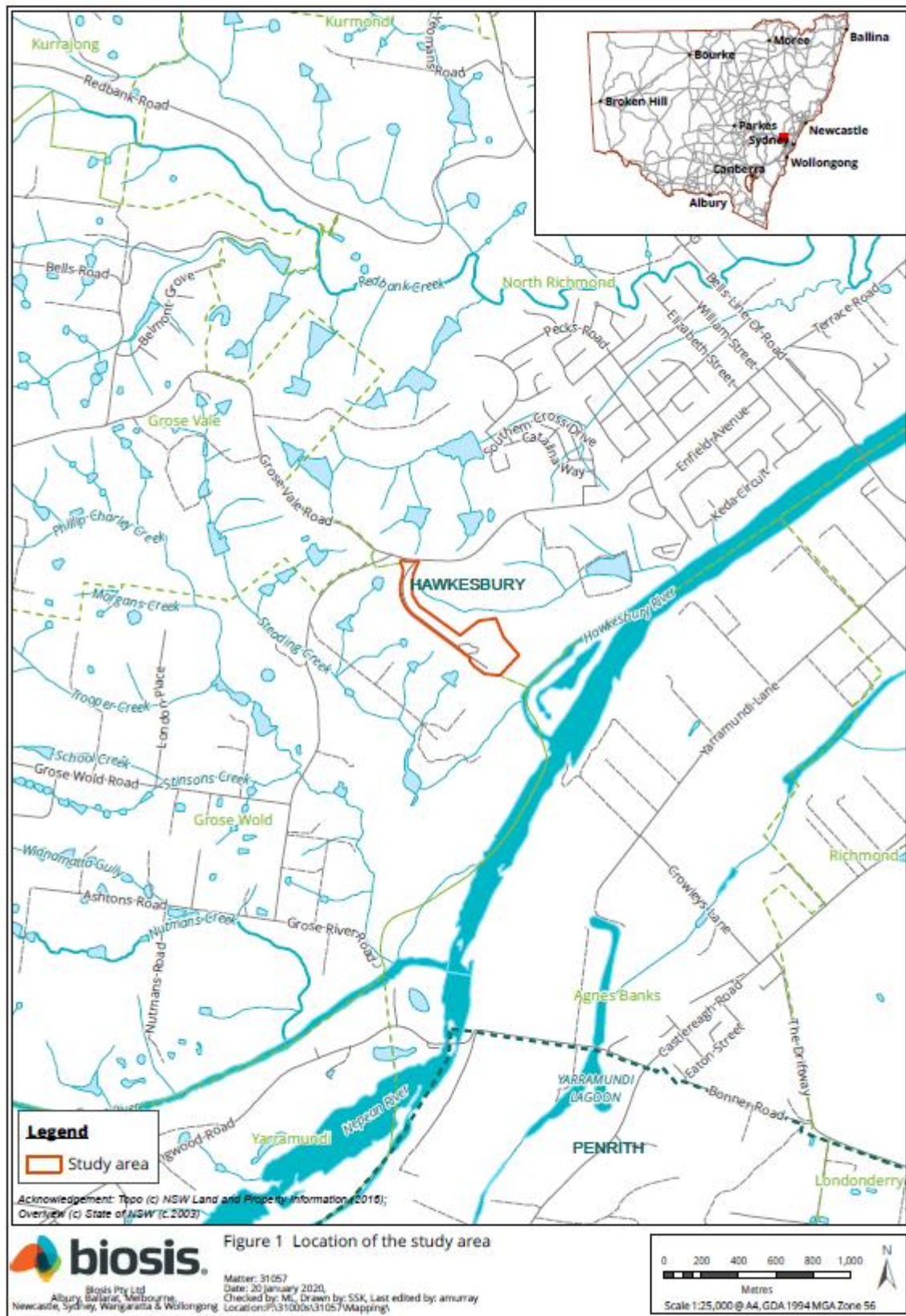
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3 February 2020

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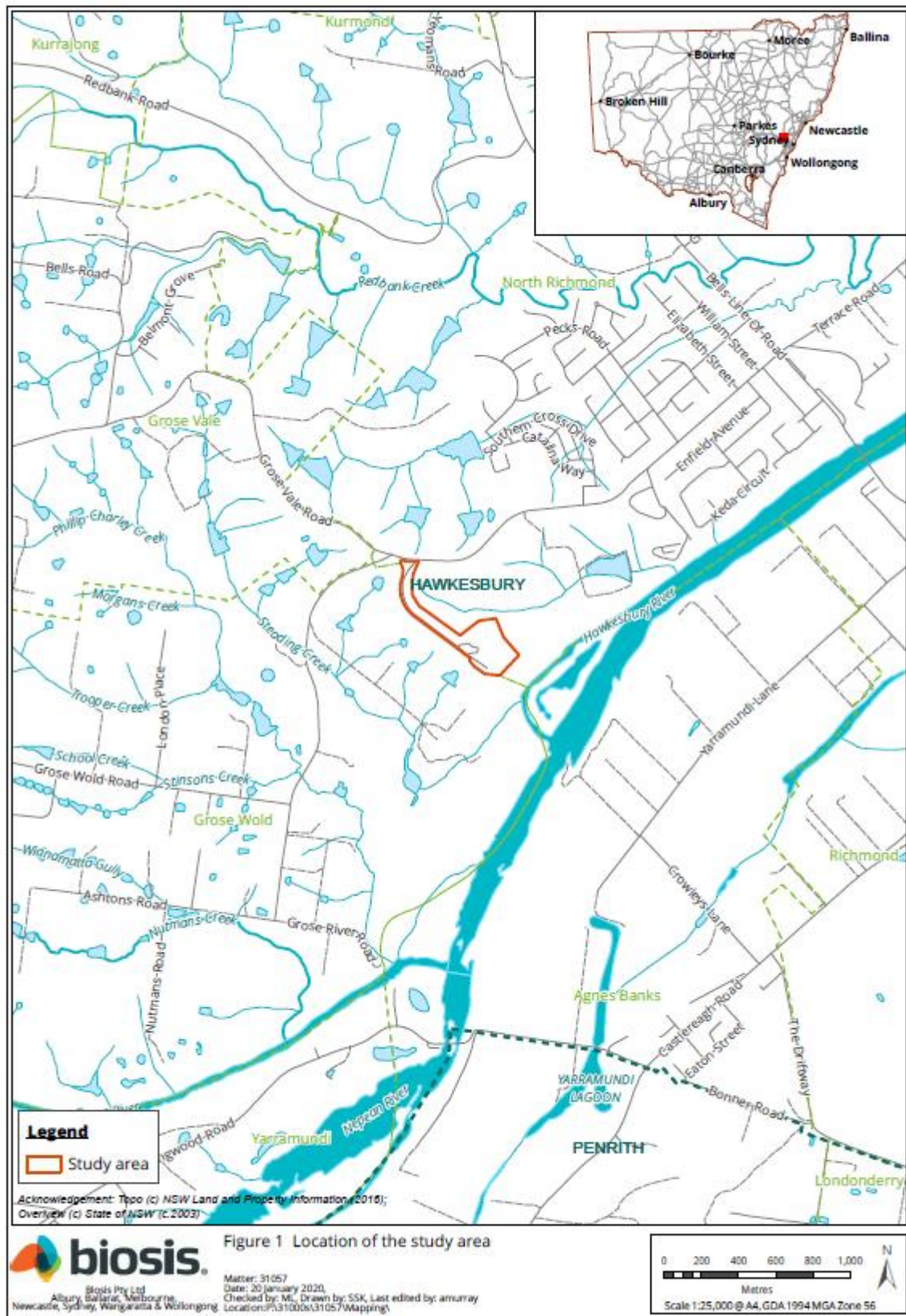
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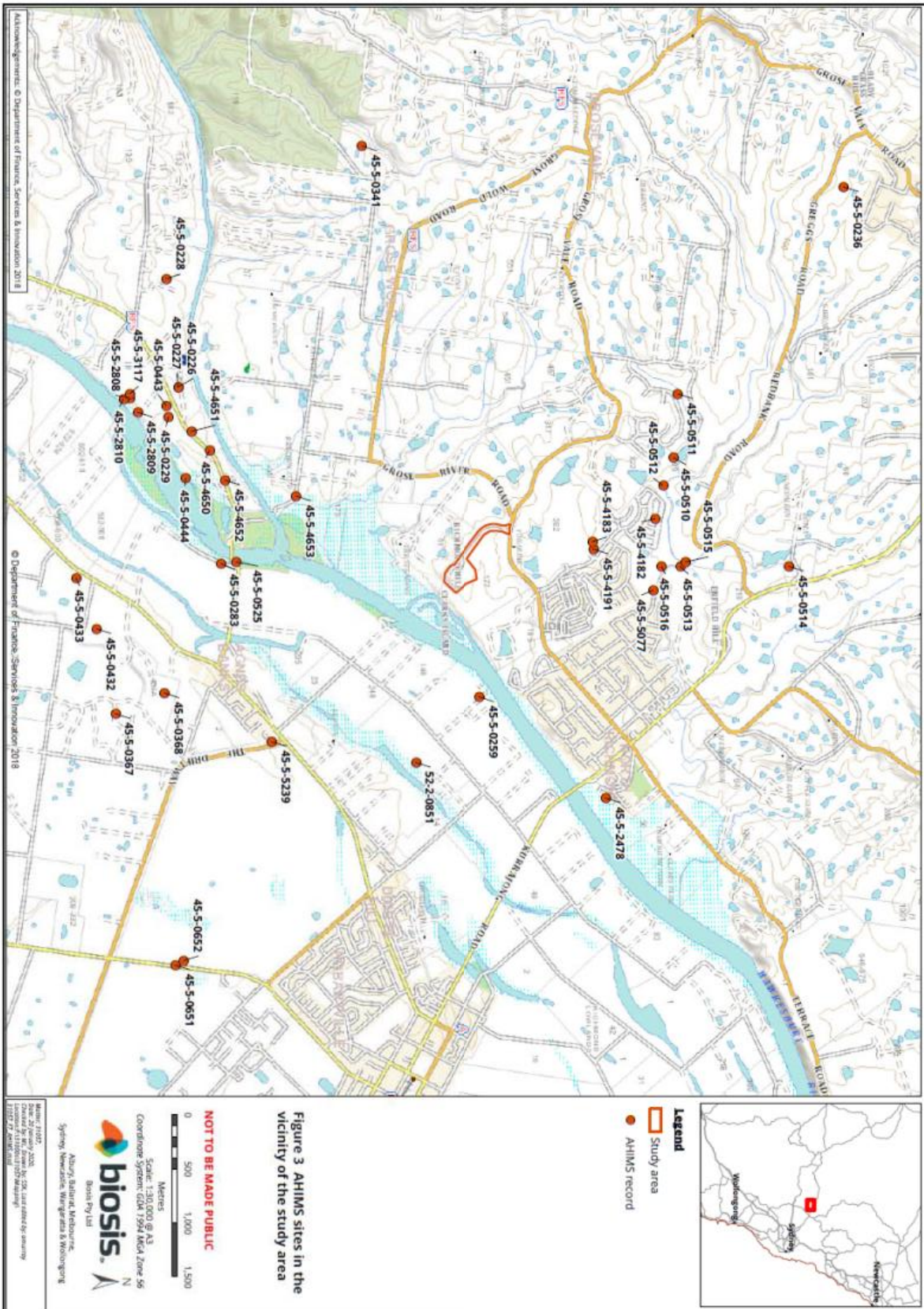


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- The test pits will be excavated by hand (inclusive of trowels, spades and other hand tools) along transects at intervals of between 10 and 20 metres or other justifiable and regular spacing (being no smaller than five metres).
- The first test pit within a site or PAD area will be excavated in five centimetre spits; the subsequent test pits conducted within the site or PAD area can then be excavated in either 10 centimetre spits or stratigraphic units (whichever is smaller) to the base of Aboriginal object-bearing units being the removal of the A-horizon soil deposit down to the sterile clay or bedrock layer (B-horizon).
- If the depth of deposit prevents reaching sterile deposits within the 50 by 50 centimetre test pit, additional 50 by 50 centimetre test pits may be excavated adjacent to the original test pit (for example expanding the test pit to 50 by 100 centimetres) to reach the sterile deposits.



- Test pits may be combined and excavated as necessary in 50 by 50 centimetre units for the purposes of further understanding site characteristics. Note that under the Code, the maximum area that can be excavated in any one continuous area is three metres squared (3 m<sup>2</sup>).
- The Code dictates that the maximum surface area of all test excavation units must be no greater than 0.5% of the PAD or area being investigated.
- All excavated soil will be sieved in 5 millimetre sieves. Dry sieving will be attempted in the first instance, however wet sieving may be used if deposits cannot be dry sieved.
- All cultural material will be collected, bagged and clearly labelled. They will be temporarily stored in the Biosis office for analysis (at 17/17-27 Power Avenue, Alexandria NSW 2015).
- For each test pit that is excavated, the following documentation will be taken:
  - Unique test pit identification number.
  - GPS coordinate of each test pit.
  - Munsell soil colour and texture.
  - Amount and location of cultural material within the deposit.
  - Nature of disturbance where present.
  - Stratigraphy.
  - Archaeological features (if present).
  - Photographic records.
  - Spit records.
- Test excavation units will be backfilled as soon as practicable.
- An AHIMS Site Impact Recording form will be completed and submitted to the AHIMS Registrar for any sites impacted during test excavations.
- In the event that suspected human remains are identified works will immediately cease and the NSW Police and EES will be notified.
- Test excavations will cease when enough information\* has been recovered to adequately characterise the objects present with regard to their nature and significance.

*\*Enough information is defined by EES as meaning "the sample of excavated material clearly and self-evidently demonstrates the deposit's nature and significance. This may include things like locally or regionally high object density; presence of rare or representative objects; presence of archaeological features; or locally or regionally significant deposits stratified or not."(DECCW 2010b, p.28).*



## **Storage of cultural material**

Any cultural material identified during test excavations will be temporarily stored in the Biosis, Sydney office for analysis (at 17/17-27 Power Avenue, Alexandria NSW 2015).

Once the cultural material has been analysed, the cultural material can be managed in the following manners:

- Cultural material can be held by the Aboriginal community under a care and control agreement.
- Cultural material can be returned to country and reburied as soon as practicable in a secure location in accordance with Requirements 16b and 26 of the code.

**Biosis requests any comments regarding the care and control of any cultural material be included as part of the review of this assessment methodology.**

## **Reporting**

Biosis will prepare an ACHA and AR for the project. The ACHA will document the findings of the assessment, and detail the consultation process. The AR will be included as an appendix to the ACHA and will document the desktop assessment, field investigation, and test excavation results.

The main aim of the report is to document the assessment of potential development related impacts to Aboriginal cultural heritage and to formulate strategies to manage these impacts. Reporting will follow the guidelines of the EES, in particular the consultation requirements, the Code, and the *Guide to Investigating, Assessing and Reporting on Aboriginal Cultural Heritage in NSW* (OEH 2011).

The ACHA report will contain:

- Details of the Aboriginal consultation process undertaken as part of the assessment.
- A review and summary of the environmental context of the study area.
- A review and summary of the Aboriginal archaeological context of the study area.
- Archaeological test excavation results.
- Aboriginal site significance assessment.
- Impact assessment.
- Management strategies.
- Maps detailing any Aboriginal sites identified during the assessment process.

The RAPs will be provided with the draft ACHA report and AR, and their comments on the report content sought. Comments on the report's content are to be provided to Biosis by the party's respective nominated spokesperson(s). All comments not provided in writing will be recorded in an informal logbook by Biosis. These comments and responses to these comments will be documented in the final ACHA.

As part of this methodology registered Aboriginal parties will be provided with the draft report for comment and allowed **28 days** for review.

The final report will incorporate all comments and will be forwarded on to RAPs once completed.

## References

DECCW 2010a, *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents*, Department of Environment and Climate Change, Sydney NSW.

DECCW 2010b, *Code of Practice for Archaeological Investigation of Aboriginal Objects in New South Wales*, Department of Environment and Climate Change, Sydney NSW.

Murphy, CL 1993, *Soil Landscapes of the Gosford-Lake Macquarie 1:100 00 Sheet*, Department of Conservation and Land Management, Sydney.

OEH 2011, *Guide to Investigating, Assessing and Reporting on Aboriginal Cultural Heritage in NSW*, Office of Environment and Heritage.

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**From:** Caza X <cazadirect@live.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, 9 February 2020 2:06 PM  
**To:** Ashley Bridge  
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Contact: Carolyn  
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ABN: 20 616 970 327

Hi Ashley,

I have reviewed the document and support the Assessment & Methodology.  
In regard to artefacts found, I would like to request they be reburied on country (within the study area), but I am open to having a discussion on the matter in a meeting.  
I would like to request the opportunity to be involved in the future field work.

I also have a project within my business that helps give employment opportunity to local indigenous youths that are seeking employment.  
It would be a big help if the proponent can offer two of our youths the opportunity of employment through the length of the field work.  
I have attached some information regarding the Kawalkan Youth Workforce Program.  
Thank you for your time.

Kind Regards,  
Carolyn Hickey



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**From:** Madeleine Lucas  
**Sent:** Monday, 3 February 2020 12:02 PM  
**To:** 'cazadirect@live.com'  
**Subject:** 31057 - St John of God - Stage 2/3 consultation  
Good morning,

Thank you for registering your interest in the St John of God Hospital, Richmond Project. Biosis Pty Ltd (Biosis) is currently undertaking an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment (ACHA) for Johnstaff to inform the St John of God Hospital Project and to support their Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) submission to the Department of Planning Industry and Environment (DPIE) to develop four residential and four amenities buildings at 177-235 Grose Vale Road, North Richmond, New South Wales (NSW) (the study area).

The aim of this letter is to provide you with information about the project, and the proposed ACHA process and to seek your feedback to inform the ACHA. Please see the methodology attached to this email.

It would be appreciated if you would provide feedback on the project information and methodology presented in this letter to Biosis by 5pm 2 March 2020 either by email, phone or return mail. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require additional information or have any queries about the methodology or information provided.

Kind regards,

**Madeleine Lucas**

Research Assistant - Heritage

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**Sent:** Thursday, 6 February 2020 11:57 AM  
**To:** Madeleine Lucas  
**Subject:** RE: 31057 - St John of God- Stage 2/3 updated doc

Hi Madeleine,  
I have read the updated documentation for the above project, I agree with the recommendations made.  
Kind regards  
Jesse Johnson  
0418970389

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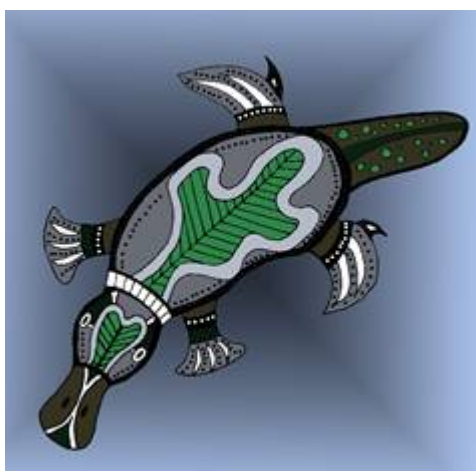
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**Sent:** Tuesday, 4 February 2020 12:59 PM  
**To:** Madeleine Lucas  
**Subject:** RE: 31057 - St John of God- Stage 2/3 updated doc

Hi Madeleine,  
I have read the project information and methodology for the above project, I endorse the recommendations made.

Kind regards

Ryan Johnson | **Murra Bidgee Mullangari**



Aboriginal Corporation Cultural Heritage

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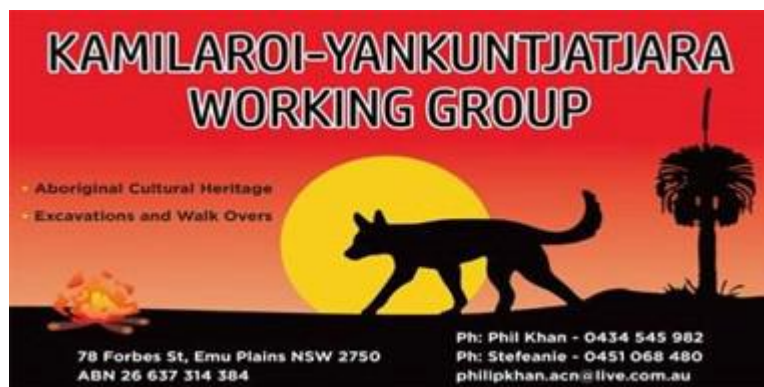
Hi Madeline,

Thank you for your report regarding St John of God Hospital North Richmond.

Demolition of 8 existing buildings in the Southern portion of the study area, construction of four residential buildings on top of the existing footings of the demolition building?  
Use of existing stock pile area between Aboriginal Memorial site and Maintenance shed, north East of study area.  
A due diligence assessment for Lot 11 DP1134453 identified 40 Aboriginal sites within a five by five kilometre search area, no sites were recorded within the study area. The background research for the study area identified that there are a number of waterways that surround the study area. The South border of study area is located approximately 200metres North-West of the Hawkesbury River, therefore it is a area that our people would of camped. It is important that Aboriginal People are involved in the field investigation as this part of the investigation is signifgant to Aboriginal People as this is when we get a feel of the land spiritually.

I confirm I support your recommendations for test excavations to be completed as this area is high signifgant to all Aboriginal people in the past and present, there could also be burial ground in this area.

Kind Regards  
Phil Khan



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**From:** [Madeleine Lucas](#)  
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## Appendix 4 Stage 4: Review of draft cultural heritage assessment report

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**Sent:** Monday, 3 August 2020 5:50 PM  
**Subject:** 31057 - St John of God Hospital SSD - ACHA and AR - Stage 4 community consultation - draft report

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**To:** 'Melissa Stubbings'  
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**From:** Rodney Gunther <waawaar.awaa@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 4 August 2020 7:12 PM  
**To:** Ashley Bridge  
**Subject:** Re: 31057 - St John of God Hospital SSD - ACHA and AR - Stage 4 community consultation - draft report

Hi Ashley,

Thank you for the ACHAR to review.

Question:

The ACHAR identifies that the study area has moderate and high archaeological potential areas.

Has it been considered to register these areas of PADs on AHIMS?

It is appreciated that the design has avoided impacts to potential archaeological areas.

regards

Rodney

On Mon, Aug 3, 2020 at 5:50 PM Ashley Bridge <[ABridge@biosis.com.au](mailto:ABridge@biosis.com.au)> wrote:

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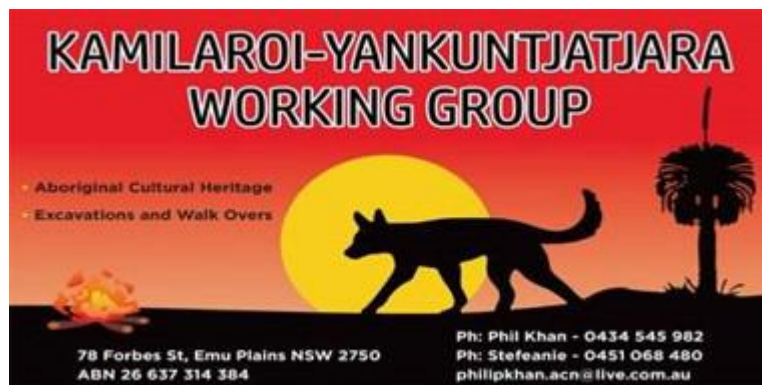
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**Sent:** Thursday, 6 August 2020 7:06 PM  
**To:** Ashley Bridge  
**Subject:** RE: 31057 - St John of God Hospital SSD - ACHA and AR - Stage 4 community consultation - draft report

Hi Ashley,

I have read your report and as the whole area is highly significant and spiritual to us Aboriginal People of the past and present as it is between creeks and rivers that our people would of been around all year round. Plenty of bush food fish, kangaroos, emus, and other wildlife. There are possibilities off burial sites around because of the battles of Richmond Hill. I support your recommendations for further investigations in the form of test excavations.

Kind Regards  
Phil Khan



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**Sent:** Monday, 3 August 2020 6:41 PM  
**To:** Ashley Bridge  
**Subject:** Re: 31057 - St John of God Hospital SSD - ACHA and AR - Stage 4 community consultation - draft report

Hi Ashley

DNC doesn't have a problem with your ACHA for stage 4

Kind regards  
Paul Boyd & Lilly Carroll  
Directors DNC

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Hi Rodney,

Apologies for not getting back to you sooner, it's been a crazy month.

Thank-you for providing a response for the Stage 4 consultation. In regards to your question, the areas of moderate and high potential identified are only areas of sensitivity, as we identified them during the field survey. Test excavations would be required to occur to confirm whether they are actually PADs. As the client has opted to confine the development footprint within the area designated low potential, testing is not required in these areas. As a result, we are not able to register these areas of sensitivity on AHIMS.

If you have any other questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via phone or email.

Kind regards,  
Ashley

**From:** Rodney Gunther  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 4 August 2020 7:12 PM  
**To:** Ashley Bridge  
**Subject:** Re: 31057 - St John of God Hospital SSD - ACHA and AR - Stage 4 community consultation - draft report

Hi Ashley,

Thank you for the ACHAR to review.

Question:

The ACHAR identifies that the study area has moderate and high archaeological potential areas.

Has it been considered to register these areas of PADs on AHIMS?

It is appreciated that the design has avoided impacts to potential archaeological areas.

regards

Rodney

On Mon, Aug 3, 2020 at 5:50 PM Ashley Bridge <[ABridge@biosis.com.au](mailto:ABridge@biosis.com.au)> wrote:

Good evening,

Further to your registration of interest for the St John of God Hospital SSD Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment (ACHA) project, Biosis wishes to invite all registered Aboriginal parties (RAPs) to provide

review and feedback of the draft ACHA and Archaeological Report (AR), as per Stage 4 community consultation requirements. You can access both reports via the link below:

<https://spaces.hightail.com/receive/1AtVBPFByF>

It would be appreciated if you would provide feedback on the report to Biosis, by **Monday 5pm on 31 August 2020**.

Please do not hesitate to contact Biosis with any queries you might have via the details in the email signature below.

Kind Regards,

Ashley

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## Appendix 5 Archaeological report

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