

6 July 2018

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Dear Ms Jones,

**RE: ABORIGINAL HERITAGE ASSESSMENT- PROPOSED NEW ACUTE SERVICES
BUILDING FOR THE PRINCE OF WALES HOSPITAL, RANDWICK NSW**

The above project is to be assessed as a State Significant Development under Part 4 Division 4.7 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*. It requires Aboriginal community consultation to be undertaken in accordance with the Office of Environment and Heritage 2010 *Aboriginal cultural heritage consultation requirements for proponents*. Advisian has engaged MDCA (Mary Dallas Consulting Archaeologists) on behalf of NSW Health Infrastructure, to complete an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment and to coordinate the Aboriginal community consultation in accordance with these requirements.

Please see below a recount of the Aboriginal Community Consultation completed thus far.

Stage 1- Notification of project proposal and registration of interest

1. A *public notice* requesting registration of interest was lodged in the Southern Courier on May 1 2018.
2. *Agency notices* were sent out to the seven agencies specified by the consultation requirements on April 26 2018. The agencies included: the Office of Environment, Randwick City Council, the La Perouse Local Aboriginal Land Council, the National Native Title Tribunal, NTS Corp, the Greater Sydney Local Land Services, and the Office of the Registrar.
3. *Direct notices* to Aboriginal groups were sent out on May 24 2018. Contact information for these Aboriginal groups was collected during the previous two steps outlined above. Notices were sent to a total of 17 Aboriginal groups. Groups that responded to these notices were registered for this project.
4. Notifications were sent to the Office of Environment and Heritage and the La Perouse Local Aboriginal Land Council containing a *list of Registered Aboriginal Parties* (RAPs) on June 15 2018. The list was acquired during the previous three steps outlined above. In total nine Aboriginal groups have registered their interest. These are: La Perouse Local Aboriginal Land Council, Darug Land Observations, Butucarbin Aboriginal Corporation, Biamanga, Cullendulla, Didge Ngunawal Clan, Gulaga, Goobah and Murramarang.



Stage 2 & 3- Presentation of information about the proposed project and gathering information about cultural significance

1. This stage involved provision of an *Information and Methodology* document to all RAPs. The document outlined the details of the project and the proposed methodology for the archaeological assessment and requested information on objects or places of cultural value to Aboriginal people relevant to the current project. This document was sent to all RAPs on June 25 2018. Responses to this document are due by July 25 2018.

Preparation of the draft Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment (ACHA) report is currently underway. The draft ACHA will be sent to all RAPs for a 28 day review as of July 25 2018. This forms **Stage 4** of the Community Consultation Process, which is also the last step in this process.

Once the review period for the draft ACHA report has lapsed, the final ACHA report will be produced. This will probably be in early to mid September, dependent on Advisian's review period for this document. Archaeological investigations may proceed once the ACHA has been finalised.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me at tamika@mdca.com.au or on 0488 999 452.

Yours sincerely,

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