

9 December 2021

File: F2021/5459

Mr Daniel CHALKER
261 Mockingbird Road
Pheasants Nest 2574

Email: worwoolywa@gmail.com

Dear Mr Chalker,

I refer to your application for consent on 17 November 2021 in relation to Cultural Connection within the Warragamba Special Area.

The focus of the visit related direction to

- Connection to Country
- Kids learning about their cultural heritage and where they come from,
- Education for kids while visiting family property
- Adults continuing to connect country
- Exchange of cultural knowledge
- Sustaining our connection to the area

The land upon which you have requested entry is classified as Schedule 1 land under the Water NSW Regulation 2020 and entry on this land is prohibited without the written consent of WaterNSW.

WaterNSW has considered your application in accordance with the policy for providing access consent. Under this policy, access consent may only be granted for activities that clearly meet all the following standard assessment criteria:

- It is for an activity that cannot be carried out elsewhere.
- It is for an activity or purpose that will benefit WaterNSW's management of the Special and Controlled Areas or provide a broader public benefit.
- It will not compromise the integrity, operation or management of any WaterNSW infrastructure or catchment areas.
- The activity will not:
 - lower the quantity of water in the water storages or catchments,
 - lower the quality of surface and groundwater inflows to water storages, or catchments
 - have a negative impact on the ecological integrity of the Special Areas.

In accordance with the Gundungurra Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA), the ILUA parties must be consulted for Aboriginal cultural heritage applications or applications associated with Aboriginal cultural heritage.

WaterNSW, in consultation with the Gundungurra ILUA parties, has determined that your proposal does not satisfy all the standard assessment criteria.

Specifically:

- WaterNSW understands that there are other locations outside of Special Areas that contain the criteria required for your proposal.
- Camping is not an activity that would be supported at the location chosen
- The Special Area is closed during the set timeframe due to inclement weather.
- Due to current conditions at the chosen location, the area is not safe due to landslide, conditions of road from recent fire and floods and increase waterflow during the current rain events.
- There are no facilities including toilets to support 3 x days of camping especially for up to 15 People on Schedule 1 Lands

As a result, your consent application for entry is refused.

If you have any questions in relation to this matter, please contact WaterNSW's

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ivan Draper", written in a cursive style.

Ivan Draper
Catchment Compliance Manager
9 December 2021

cc: Sharyn HALLS, Gundungurra ILUA parties