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APPENDIX C

AGENDAS AND MINUTES OF AFG’S HELD ON 31 MAY 2011 and 13 OCTOBER 2011
**AGENDA**

**Name of meeting:** Aboriginal Focus group No 5: Mount Victoria to Lithgow Great Western Highway upgrade  
**Location of meeting:** Upper level, Lounge area, Katoomba /Leura Senior Citizens & Community Centre 81-83 Katoomba St, Katoomba  
**Meeting facilitator:** Jeffrey Charlton  
**Date:** 31 May 2011  
**Time:** 09:30 am  
Morning tea  
10:00 am Start of meeting  

**Attendees:**

**Please read:** Community update (May 2010)  
**Please bring:** Completed site applications (Updated) and Completed contact details Form

1. **Acknowledge to country (5 mins)**  
TBA

2. **Introductions and apologies (5 min)**  
Jeff Charlton, RTA Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Advisor (ACHA)

3. **Purpose and scope of meeting (10 min)**  
Jeff Charlton, RTA Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Advisor (ACHA)

4. **Recap: Project scope and update (15 mins)**  
Chris Barnett, Project Manager

5. **Overview of archaeological assessment conducted to date (20 mins)**  
Jillian Comber, Comber Consultants

6. **Cultural assessment: Identify and discuss additional issues/ Methodologies (25 mins)**  
Jillian Comber, Comber Consultants

7. **Where to now and review of outcomes/actions (5 mins)**  
All

**Meeting End**
Name of meeting: Aboriginal Focus group No 2: Mount Victoria to Lithgow Great Western Highway upgrade

Location of meeting: Hartley School Building, Mid Hartley Road, Hartley (off the Great Western Highway)

Meeting facilitator: Jeffrey Charlton

Date: 13 October 2011 Time: 09:30 am Morning tea
10:00 am Start of meeting

Attendees:

Please read: Draft archaeological methodology and archaeological survey report

Please bring: Completed site applications (updated) and Completed contact details form

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6. Overview of archaeological survey (20 mins)
Jillian Comber, Comber Consulting

6. Archaeological assessment (draft archaeological methodology) (20 mins)
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7. Cultural assessment: Identify and discuss issues (25 mins)
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8. Where to now and review of outcomes/actions (5 mins)
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Meeting End
LOCATION: Upper Level, Katoomba/Leura Senior Citizen & Community Centre 81-83 Katoomba Street KATOOMBA

ATTENDEES: See attendance sheet attached.

Meeting facilitator: Jeff Charlton (ACHA)
Chris Barnett Project Manager (PM)

Date: 31 MAY 2011 - Time: 10am -1pm

Acknowledgement to Country:
- Gordon Morton (DACHA)

Formal Introduction:

Jeff Charlton (ACHA) provided information on the purpose and scope of the meeting and accepted apologies.

Apologies
- Bathurst LALC.
- Scott Franks Yarrawalk.
- Bathurst Local Council.
- Sharyn Halls, Gundungurra Aboriginal Heritage.
- Sharon Brown Gundungurra Tribal Council.

Formal presentation: Chris Barnett Project Manager (RTA)

- Chris Barnett (PM) spoke on the current position of the project, addressing the upcoming investigations, showing slide of the current project.

- Gordon Workman (DLO) asks when the next investigation was set for as a suitable time frame was needed to provide site officers. And how was the work going to be issued.

- Jeff Charlton (ACHA) said that the site officers would come from the stakeholders list only, will address in more detail later in the meeting

Action: ACHA will contact stakeholders with the required information
Overview of archaeological assessment conducted to date

Jillian Comber spoke on the current position of the investigations; the time frame of the investigations, also addressed the availability of an Aboriginal employee that was available for consultation at any time.

- Gordon Workman (DLO) stressed that there was no need for him, as he was not from country therefore had no right to speak for his country. That’s what Jeff is for.
- Jillian replied that he was only there in that capacity, as it may be easier for the Aboriginal Community to speak to an Aboriginal Person, if Jeff was not on site.
- Jeff Charlton (ACHA) said that it was only an offer and consultation would be conducted as usual and thanked Jillian for her offer.
- Neville Williams addressed that only people that have concerns for the artefacts and country should be used as site officers
- Jeff Charlton (ACHA) said all Site Officers were selected on the merit of their application, under DECCW regulations the site officer doesn’t have to come from country, but must have knowledge of the area that is to be investigated, and then the site officers and numbers are decided by the Project Manager, the Archaeologist and my self.

Action:

- Jeff Charlton (ACHA) will be available for all information that may need to be provided (confidential)
- Jeff Charlton (ACHA) to provide site officers application at the current meeting.

Cultural Assessment and additional issues:

The main issues from the floor was the amount of site officers the length of employment for each engagement.

- Celestine Everingham (DACHA) asks about accommodation for site officers, and are they required to fill in site applications each time. Also do you need a report
- Jeff Charlton (ACHA) said accommodation was to be paid for by site office and a claim for payment and receipts provided for reimbursement and no a report will not be required as this will be Pad work ,Jillian will do all the required reporting.
- Gordon Workman (DLO) is the wok going to be spread out evenly, what if one week you only work two days and the next group work the full week
- Jeff Charlton (ACHA) said that can happen it doesn’t mean that you are entitled to have that time made up.
- Neville Williams ask if all will be represented in the pad work
- Jeff Charlton (ACHA) said not all in the same engagement it will be spread out over the whole time frame pending numbers as there are over 30 stakeholders involved in the project.
- Jillian Comber numbers depend on the amount of archaeologist that will be needed as to the number of site officers
**Action:**

Jeff Charlton (ACHA), Jillian Comber to workout number for site officers and accommodation issues if any. Workout the amount of employment for each group?

**Site officers applications:**

Jeff Charlton (ACHA) that all site applications were required to be up dated for the upcoming engagements, as the applications would be selected on experience and knowledge.

**Action:**

Jeff Charlton (ACHA), to provide new site applications to groups that do not have current application

**Meeting End**

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**Apologies:** Scott Frank (Yarrawalk), Enad, Keith Friedman, Stuart Cutmore

#### Item Action Responsibility

1. Welcome to Country and Introductions, purpose and scope of meeting outlined.  
   - **Action:** No actions  
   - **Responsibility:** None

2. Overview of the project presented by Chris Bannett (CB) outlining the history of the upgrade project, its justification and the main constraints indentified to date.  
   - **Action:** No actions  
   - **Responsibility:** None

3. Jillian Comber (JC) presented an overview of the Aboriginal cultural heritage investigations done to date. This included the archaeological survey.  
   - **Action:** No actions  
   - **Responsibility:** None

4. JC presented the draft archaeological testing methodology for the studies along the length of the alignment. Testing would be undertaken in accordance with Requirements 1 to 13 of OEH’s (formerly DECCW) Code of Practice for  
   - **Action:** No actions  
   - **Responsibility:** None
Archaeological Investigations in NSW.

Undertaking the testing would require a number of site officers from the AFG. Member of the AFG noted that testing methodology proposed (wet sieving) is a very slow process. JC outlined that about three teams would be used as testing needs to be completed before Christmas.

All members agreed that there were no objections to the proposed methodology and the location of the compound site near Hartley Cemetery.

5. It was noted by an AFG member that cleaning out sieving station is labour intensive and that sandy soils is generally a problem. JC replied that the new system has refined this.

6. JC outlined that archaeological testing would not include salvage, and that all items would be reburied. No objections were raised by AFG members.

7. Introduced Glen Suy (GS), Aboriginal heritage officer in Comber Consultants, and discussed his involvement in the project. GS, as an Aboriginal man, will not be speaking on local cultural matters but can be contacted by the AFG members if they feel more comfortable raising cultural heritage issues that relate to the project with him. JC emphasised Glen’s neutrality. Provision of information would be done in confidence.

8. JC noted that all AFG members agreed with methodology, however all comments are to be received by the 28 October 2011. All AFG members agreed to provide any comments by this date.

9. Jeff Charlton outlined the procedure for the site officer selection and asked that applications from interested AFG members are completed in a timely manner.

Member of AFG requested if trainee site officers could take part in the archaeological testing program proposed. JC agreed, with general rule that there must be a senior officer to supervise the trainee.

Site officer application forms to be collected and assessed

Jeff Charlton

10. AFG member noted that traditional owners of Country should be on site at all times. JC outlined that each stakeholder has equal consultation rights to the project. BG outlined that stakeholders list (about 29 members) is based on OEH requirements for consultation and not related to employment.

11. JC recommended that all stakeholders to update their contact details.

Stakeholders list to be updated

Jeff Charlton
APPENDIX D

LETTERS FROM STAKEHOLDERS IN RESPECT OF THE RESEARCH DESIGN WHICH WAS PRESENTED AT AN AFG ON 13/10/11
Mr. Jeffrey Charlton
Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Advisor

Re: No2: Mount Victory to Lithgow Great Western Highway upgrade.

D.L.O is happy with the Recommendations in this DRAFT Report on the Mount Victory to Lithgow Great Western Highway upgrade.

Yours faithfully

Uncle
Gordon Workman
Darug Elder

Sites Officer
12th October 2011.
Attn: Jeffrey Charlton
Road and Traffic Authority
PO BOX 21
Parks NSW 2870

RE: Aboriginal Archaeological Survey and Assessment
Preferred Route Corridor Great Western Highway Upgrade Mt Victoria to Lithgow.

Gundungurra Aboriginal Heritage Association Inc has read the draft report dated 29th September 2011

- The draft report accurately reflects discussions held in the field regarding Aboriginal Cultural significance of the areas surveyed.

- 10.0 Recommendations

GAHAI agrees with the recommendations as outlined 10.0 in the Draft Report.

Yours sincerely

Sharyn Halls
Secretary / Field Officer
Gundungurra Aboriginal Heritage Association Inc
Darug Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessments

Gordon Morton
Mob: 0422 865 831
Fax: 45 677 421

Celestine Everingham
90 Hermitage Rd., Kurrajong Hills, 2758
Ph/Fax: 45677 421
Mob: 0432 828 896

Attention
Dr. Member

We Great Western upgrade - Mount Victoria
to Pittown

DACA has reviewed the Research Design
for the Archaeological Testing on the Road
for the upgrade from Mount Victoria to Pittown
and we support your methodology and
objectives. We look forward to working
with you on this project.

Yours sincerely,

Celestine Everingham

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APPENDIX E

REPORTS/LETTERS FROM REGISTERED STAKEHOLDERS IN RESPECT OF THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEYS
The Great Western Highway from Mt Victoria to Lithgow NSW will be continually surveyed regarding the purpose of the upgrade by the Roads and Traffic Authority for quiet a period of time during 2011. There are several interested parties involved in conducting the survey.

I participated in this two day survey conducted on Monday 15th and Tuesday 16th August 2011.

Several properties were surveyed and belonged to different parties such as the Roads and Traffic Authority, The Commissioner for the Main Roads, Blue Mountains City Council and Crown Lands Department.

On Berghofen Pass walking track one artefact and a large rock shelter with a possible Archaeological discovery were photographed and recorded by archaeologists in attendance.

At Mitchell Ridge Lookout one scarred tree and one possible scarred tree were photographed and recorded by archaeologists in attendance.

During this two day survey no other artefacts or evidence of Aboriginal activity were recorded. All information relating to these sites and their locations are recorded in the report to be prepared by archaeologists on completion of this lengthy survey.

Each day that a survey is conducted on the Great Western Highway the people in attendance constantly change so I will not be listing those present.

This report only covers the areas surveyed during Monday 15th and Tuesday 16th August 2011.

RICHARD J PETERS
SITES OFFICER
20th August 2011
The Great Western Highway from Mt Victoria to Lithgow NSW will be continually surveyed regarding the proposed upgrade by the Roads and Traffic Authority for quiet a period of time during 2011. There are several interested parties involved to conduct said surveys.

I participated in this one day survey conducted on Monday 29th August 2011.

Surveys were conducted along the Mount Victoria rail corridor and also at South Bowenfels 4km south of Lithgow on the Great Western Highway on the Inxhun, Clanse and Mc Clelland properties.

The Mount Victoria rail corridor has been extensively disturbed by previous infrastructure work within the area. Ninety five per cent of materials used such as gravel and stone base in this area have been introduced during the construction and maintenance of the rail line, thus no evidence of aboriginal occupancy could be determined.

One stone axe head was located on the property owned by the Inxhun family. This artefact was photographed and recorded by the archaeologist in attendance. All information relating to the axe head and location are recorded in the report to be prepared by the archaeologist on completion of this survey. No other artefacts or evidence of aboriginal occupancy was discovered on the Inxhun property or the Clanse and Mc Clelland properties during the survey.

The axe head located on the Inxhun property will need to be retrieved and relocated to a protected area to be determined. Once the axe head has been retrieved the Bathurst Local Aboriginal Land Council has no objection to the Roads and Traffic Authority commencing planned works in the areas surveyed 29th August 2011.

This report only covers the areas surveyed during Monday 29th August 2011.

Richard J Peters
Site Officer
29th September 2011
GREAT WESTERN HIGHWAY UPGRADE: FORTY BENDS / OCTOBER 2012 / 79
Aboriginal stakeholder cultural heritage survey report

Purpose of this assessment

This assessment forms part of the Stage 2 assessment of the RTA Procedure for Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation and Investigation. Its purpose is to determine whether any features of Aboriginal cultural significance occur within the study area for this project and whether their significance would be affected by the project. This assessment will be used to assist the RTA in determining whether further assessment and consultation is required for this project.

Project details: (provide the following information)

a) Project title:
   Great western highway upgrade

b) Location of study area:
   Lithgow to Mount Victoria

c) Name of Aboriginal site officer(s) completing this assessment:
   Gordon Morton

d) Name of Aboriginal organisation(s) represented by this survey:
   Darug Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assesments (DACHA)

e) Name of site officer(‘s) who undertook site survey:
   Gordon Morton

f) Date of survey:
   22/08/2011 – 24/08/2011

(If additional space is required, please attach sheets)
Methodology:

a) Approximately how much of the total project area was surveyed (e.g. 10%-100%) and why? (E.g. Certain areas were heavily disturbed, properties were inaccessible, ground visibility was poor, difficult weather conditions, etc.)

To my knowledge, 100% of the project area was surveyed.

b) How was the survey undertaken? (E.g. On foot, by car, individually, in groups, other? If other people were involved in the survey, please provide their names and name of their organisation, if relevant)

By foot

Present: 1. Tony Stewart
         2. Glenn Lucy
         3. Gordon Morton
         4. [Handwritten name]

Results:

([Additional space is required, please attach sheet])
b) Were any of the following features identified during the survey? (Please tick as required)

✓ stone tools or flakes  □ hearth  □ shell middens

□ scared trees  □ shelters  □ art sites

□ bora circles  □ significant spiritual or social areas

□ totems  □ significant cultural landscape features

□ other — please state:

If any of the above items were ticked, please provide a description including the location, quantity, size, condition and significance of the feature. If known. Where considered appropriate, this information should be identified on a map/plan.

Several artifacts were located on Old Elders Rd — south of
Yorkay Village. Recorded by
Consultants.

(If additional space is required, please attach sheets)
Please provide a description of past disturbances to the study area, if known, and how this may have affected Aboriginal cultural heritage features.

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(If additional space is required, please attach sheets)
Please provide a description of past disturbances to the study area, if known, and how this may have affected Aboriginal cultural heritage features.

*European invasion destroyed the traditional cultural practices and many possible features.*
This assessment has been completed by:

Name: Gordon Morton  

Position title: Senior Site Officer

Organisation name: DACHA

On the following date: 27/23/24/8/2011

(If additional space is required, please attach sheets)
Aboriginal stakeholder cultural heritage survey report – Yarrawalk / Tocomwall

Purpose of this assessment

This assessment forms part of the Stage 2 assessment of the RTA Procedure for Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation and Investigation. Its purpose is to determine whether any features of Aboriginal cultural significance occur within the study area for this project, and whether their significance would be affected by the project. This assessment will be used to assist the RTA in determining whether further assessment and consultation is required for this project.

Project details: (provide the following information)

a) Project title: Geotechnical Investigation: Great Western Hwy to Lithgow

b) Location of study area: GEOTECHNICAL INVESTIGATION GREAT WESTERN HIGHWAY to LITHGOW

c) Name of Aboriginal site officer(s) completing this assessment: Scott Franks

d) Name of Aboriginal organisation(s) represented by this survey: YARRAWALK / TOCOMWALL

e) Name of site officer(s) who undertook site survey: Danny McCaine Franks

f) Date of survey: 14th 15th and 16th June 2011

Methodology:

a) Approximately how much of the total project area was surveyed (e.g. 10%-100%) and why? (E.g. Certain areas were heavily disturbed, properties were inaccessible, ground visibility was poor, difficult weather conditions, etc.)

100% of the designated area was covered. Most of which was road side survey. One off the road the visibility was down to zero from over growth.

b) How was the survey undertaken? (E.g. On foot, by car, individually, in groups, other? If other people were involved in the survey, please provide their names and name of their organisation, if relevant)

The Survey was undertaken by foot following set directions to cover the access routes for the project.

Results:
a) Please provide a description of the area surveyed. Include a description of the total area covered, landforms, built areas, etc. Where appropriate, survey areas should be identified on a map/plan. The survey was conducted on foot to assess the possible disturbance and or destruction. Whilst walking over the survey area it was clear that most of the ground that would have contact from development had Nil to 5% visibility which makes it impossible to guarantee that Know Artefacts would impacted on

Were any of the following features identified during the survey? (Please tick as required)

- stone tools or flakes
- scarred trees
- bora circles
- totems
- hearths
- shelters
- shell middens
- art sites
- significant spiritual or social areas
- significant cultural landscape features

If any of the above items were ticked, please provide a description including the location, quantity, size, condition and significance of the feature, if known. Where considered appropriate, this information should be identified on a map/plan).

Whist conducting the field survey I located 5 Artefacts.

b) Is it likely that any of the above features may be present in the study area, despite not being positively identified during the survey?

- No
- Yes. (If yes, where are they considered likely to occur?)

Yes.

I would conclude that the area in question would contain Artefact that would be visible after the top soil is removed.

b) If known, please provide a description of the natural resources used by Aboriginal people that are, or would have been, available within the study area. Please describe the significance of these resources to past and present Aboriginal communities.

The area were the survey was conducted has a vast amount of several food sources present and natural marital, However the area in question is vast and these resources are present in other locations.

c) Please provide a description of past disturbances to the study area, if known, and how this may have affected Aboriginal cultural heritage features.

The area off the road was in most cases undisturbed, contained in those areas were local used foods and resources. Although the area of survey had low to nil visibility this area was used as a travelling track
Conclusion:

Is the project likely to affect any significant known or potential Aboriginal cultural heritage features as identified by the survey?

☐ No.

☒ Yes. (If yes, please describe the features and how they would be affected).

The area in question is a well know place that contained open camp sites and a song line the area would be used as a meeting place were the people from the lower side of the mountain and the upper side would meet to trade.
Aboriginal stakeholder cultural heritage survey report – Norma and Keith Freeman

Aboriginal stakeholder cultural heritage survey report

Purpose of this assessment

This assessment forms part of the Stage 2 assessment of the RTA Procedure for Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation and Investigation. Its purpose is to determine whether any features of Aboriginal cultural significance occur within the study area for this project, and whether their significance would be affected by the project. This assessment will be used to assist the RTA in determining whether further assessment and consultation is required for this project.

Project details: (provide the following information)

a) Project title:
   Great western highway upgrade

b) Location of study area:
   Lithgow to Mount Victoria

c) Name of Aboriginal site officer(s) completing this assessment:
   Norma Freeman, Keith Freeman

d) Name of Aboriginal organisation(s) represented by this survey:

 e) Name of site officer(2) who undertook site survey:
   Norma Freeman, Keith Freeman

f) Date of survey:
   08/08/2011 to 12/08/2011

(if additional space is required, please attach sheets)
b) Were any of the following features identified during the survey? (Please tick as required)

- [ ] stone tools or flakes
- [ ] scarred trees
- [ ] bora circles
- [ ] totems
- [x] shelters
- [ ] hearths
- [ ] shell middens
- [ ] art sites
- [ ] significant spiritual or social areas
- [ ] significant cultural landscape features
- [ ] other – please state: ochre

If any of the above items were ticked, please provide a description including the location, quantity, size, condition and significance of the feature, if known. Where considered appropriate, this information should be identified on a map/plan.

GWH 37 – Rockshelter: Depth - 3.6m  
Height - 7.270 m  
Length - 12 m

- stone floor
- overlooking a creek
- on Lot 2/551933 (Barker College)
- no associated artifacts

GWH 38 – Rockshelter: Depth - 2.5m  
Height - 1.2 m  
Length - approx 30 m

- clay floor
- overlooking a waterfall & swimming hole
- on Lot 2/551933 (Barker College)
- no artifacts identified, but potential Archaeological Deposit (PAD)

GWH 39 – Red Ochre

- pieces of red ochre were found all around the ridge crest & just down slope from the ridge crest.

(If additional space is required, please attach sheets)
The oche appeared to have occurred naturally on the site.
- On lot 2/1551933 (Baker College)
2. The rock shelters and ochre that were recorded were located on the Council of Barker College property known as “The Grange” on Selsdon Street Mount Victoria. Coordinates for these sites are as detailed below and a Google Earth map is included for your information:

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3. It is highly likely that further Aboriginal objects and/or sites will be located on the Council of Barker College property. The terrain was difficult and as a result it is believed that further sites may exist in locations where it was difficult for the survey team to access. In addition, it is believed that there is a likelihood of Aboriginal sites being located on the properties of Allan Kessing, Rex and Jennifer Porter, Andrea and Martina Bertini and William and Sarah Childs.

4. Aboriginal resources in the Mount Victoria to Lithgow area include:
   - Sandstone outcrops suitable for habitation
   - Granite outcrops
   - Quartz and tuff for small tool manufacture
   - Vegetation includes: Silvertop Ash (Eucalyptus siberi), Scribbly Gum (Eucalyptus sclerophylla), Blue Mountains Ash (Eucalyptus oreades), with an understorey of Old Man
Banksia (Banksia serrata), Hairpin Banksia (Banksia spinulosa), Waratah (Telopea speciosissima) and Native Rose (Boronia serrulata), Grevillea laurifolia and Persoonia chamaepitys, Pink Swamp Heath (Sprengelia incarnata), Coral Fern (Gleichenia dicarpa) and King Fern (Todoa Barbarea)

- Wildlife includes: possums, various wallabies and other small marsupials as well as birds and lizards, swamp wallabies, antechinus and yabbies
3rd July 2011.
Attn: Jeffery Charlton
Road and Traffic Authority
PO BOX 21
Parks NSW 2870

RE: Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Survey Great Western Highway Upgrade Mt Victoria to Lithgow

From the 14th to 16th June 2011 GAHAI representative with Danny Franks and Comber Consultants surveyed the Barba and O’Conall Properties at Hartley.

Brad and Rose Barba’s property known as Glenroy has a very significant Aboriginal site where the intended road is to go.
Due to the Cultural Values that Gundungurra people hold for this area and its surroundings GAHAI recommends that the road is diverted and the site is preserved for future Aboriginal and Non Aboriginal people

The O’Conall Property has very significant Aboriginal sites and has material that is used to make Aboriginal tools.
Due to the Cultural Values that Gundungurra people hold for Hartley GAHAI does not support the road going through the O’Conall Property.
GAHAI feel that the road is too destructive to our Heritage and Environment in its proposed form,

Regards

Sharyn Halls
RTA – Project Corridors on the
Mt Victoria to Lithgow Great Western Highway Upgrade
Aboriginal Culture & Heritage Survey Assessment
20 July 2011

Report prepared by: Shaun Brown, Senior Aboriginal Site Officer
Gundungurra Tribal Council Aboriginal Corporation
July 2011
Gundungurra Tribal Council Aboriginal Corporation:

The Gundungurra Tribal Council is the recognised representative Corporation on behalf of all of our members and Gundungurra descendants that belong to and reside in our traditional boundary area that include the Blue Mountains; Wollondilly; Burragorang Valley & Lithgow and surrounding areas.

The management of our country and the protection of our cultural and heritage is of critical and fundamental importance to Gundungurra Tribal Council and our members.

The proposed development site is within the traditional boundary area of Gundungurra Aboriginal Nation and our members and Gundungurra descendants are the key stakeholders in the conduct of this cultural and heritage assessment.

**Background:**

**Gundungurra Culture & Heritage Investigations/Assessments:**

Our culture and heritage assessments take into consideration various facets of Gundungurra cultural and heritage and include Aboriginal sites; our history both verbal and written knowledge of specific areas and our social and spiritual connection of our traditional lands.

Gundungurra Tribal Council Aboriginal Corporation registered their interest with RTA as a stakeholder from an advertisement early 2011.

Field surveying for the RTA have comprised of site inspection in 2010 and 2011 assisting with an archaeological investigation, which covered the core area of the Project.

Moreover July 2011 Gundungurra site officers participated in an Aborigianl cultural heritage site survey for RTA.

**Site Location:**

SPRXX092, 87, 95, 96, 94, 93, 84, 82, 85, 83, SPRXX086, APXXb3, B2, B3, APXXLS7, APXXLS5, APXXLS4, APXXSL6, APXXSL2.

**Field Survey:**

- Consisted of a visual walk around inspection of the core area. The inspection revealed evidence of cultural activity, however visibility was poor due to ground coverage of 50 – 75 mm thick tall grass areas, shrubs and tree debris. Making it impossible to clearly determine cultural activity evidence.

**Field Survey Findings:**

- There was finding of silcret, chert, quartz and quartzite atrifactual materials. Some cores of silt creet and churt were identified at various location, near river banks/ponds. A grinding stone was located during the site survey.
- No evidents of other cultural activities including scar trees; bora rings and rock formations of sites of cultural significance or otherwise.

Report prepared by: Shaun Brown, Senior Aboriginal Site Officer
Gundungurra Tribal Council Aboriginal Corporation
July 2011
Recommendations:

The following recommendations are made by Gundungurra Tribal Council to account for any residual risks:

- Further investigation including test pits of the area with thick ground coverage is recommended to further determine if there is any evidence of cultural significance and remnants. It is recommended that this be completed prior to commencement of the production works of RTA.

- This Gundungurra Tribal Council are consulted when any changes are made to the proposed locations or where the project scope is altered in any way.

- Where changes are made to the project plans in regard to the proposed disturbance zones, further field surveying is carried out.

- If any potential places, sites or items of cultural significance are identified, all activities are to cease until such time as the appropriate representatives of Gundungurra Tribal Council have assessed the site in assistance with archaeological investigation ensuring adequate site management plans have been devised.

SUMMARY

Gundungurra Tribal Council Aboriginal Corporation are of the opinion that RTA will make every effort to preserve any potential places, sites or items of cultural significance if they are identified as recommended.

We are very keen to support and work with RTA RTA – Project Corridors on the Mt Victoria to Lithgow Great Western Highway Upgrade, with preserving our heritage and culture.

Thanking you in anticipation to RTA for giving us the opportunity of being involved with this stage and we look forward to working together again.

This report will be presented to the next Gundungurra Tribal Council Aboriginal Corporation meeting.
APPENDIX F

LETTERS IN SUPPORT OF CHAR
26th July 2012

Attention: Barry Gunther.

SUBJECT: Confidential Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report- Great Western Highway upgrade Mount Victoria to Lithgow Forty Bends Upgrade.

The Darug Custodian Aboriginal Corporation have received the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report for the Great Western Highway upgrade at Mount Victoria to Lithgow Forty Bends upgrade.

We support the findings and recommendations set out within this report. We find this report and study to be thorough and are pleased with the recommendations for the care of our sites.

Please contact us with all enquiries on the above contacts.

Regards

Leanne Watson
Director
Darug Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessments

Gordon Morton & Associates

Mob: 0422 868 831
Fax: 45 677 421

Celestine Everingham
90 Hermitage Rd., Kurrajong Hills, 2758
Ph/Fax: 45677 421
Mob: 0432 928 996

Attention

Barry Grimes
RMS

For Forty Bends Upgrade - Berrinjels

DHCF have reviewed your draft cultural heritage assessment report and are
supporting your proposed methodologies and
strategies for the management of the found
objects during the excavation, and all the
issues we raised have been addressed
to our satisfaction.

Yours Sincerely,

A. Everingham

Gordon Morton

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APPENDIX G

AGENDA AND MEETING MINUTES FOR THE ABORIGINAL FOCUS GROUP MEETING
27 JULY 2012
AGENDA

Name of meeting: Aboriginal Focus group No 3: Great Western Highway, Forty Bends upgrade
Location of meeting: Hartley School Building, Mid Hartley Road, Hartley (off the Great Western Highway)
Meeting facilitator: Barry Gunther
Date: 23 July 2012 Time: 09:30 am Morning tea
10:00 am Start of meeting

Attendees:

Please read: Draft cultural heritage report
Please bring:

1. Acknowledge to country (5 mins)
   TBA
2. Introductions and apologies (5 min)
   Barry Gunther, RMS Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Advisor
3. Purpose and scope of meeting (10 min)
   Barry Gunther, RMS Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Advisor
4. Recap: Project scope and update (10 mins)
   Chris Barnett, Project Manager
5. Overview of archaeological testing results and management strategies (20 mins)
   Jillian Comber, Comber Consultants
6. Care and control (15 minutes)
   Barry Gunther, RMS Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Advisor

7. Cultural assessment: Identify and discuss issues (25 mins)
   Barry Gunther, RMS Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Advisor
8. Identification of confidentiality in reporting (5 mins)
   All

Meeting End
**MEETING MINUTES**

**Name of meeting:** Aboriginal Focus Group No 3: Great Western Highway upgrade, Forty Bends  
**Location of meeting:** Hartley School Building, Mid Hartley Road, Hartley (off the Great Western Highway)  
**Meeting facilitator:** Barry Gunther  
**Date:** 23/7/12  
**Time:** 9:30 to 13:00

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**Item**  
Welcome to Country and introductions, purpose and scope of meeting outlined.  
Overview of the proposal presented by Chris Barnett (CB) outlining the status of the upgrade, outcome of independent government review and an overview of the concept design.  
Jillian Comber (JC) presented an overview of the archaeological testing program. An outline of each PAD tested was presented with an explanation of why some PAD locations were moved in the field.  
Testing was undertaken in accordance with Requirements 1 to 13 of OEH’s (formerly DECCW) Code of Practice for Archaeological Investigations of Aboriginal Objects in NSW.  
Barry Gunter queried whether Jillian Comber felt the need to undertaken additional testing at the location of PAD 16 where access could not be secured previously for testing. JC stated that further testing was not required as an assessment of the

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site could be made from testing PADs on adjacent areas.

It was agreed by all attendees that testing and the rationale for moving PAD areas for testing was satisfactory.

It was agreed by all that the testing undertaken at Forty Bends was satisfactory and that no additional testing would be required.

JC stated that an AHIP for all of the Forty Bends upgrade could be applied for by RMS (not just for the one site recorded and excavated at Forty Bends). It was agreed that this was an appropriate strategy to employ. However, one of the members (Donna Whillock) requested time to consult with her organisation to confirm agreement.

A discussion on management strategies for any salvaged artefacts was undertaken.

All agreed that artefacts should be reburied in a secured labelled container in Country, within area found (outside of the proposed area of the upgrade). GPS coordinates should be recorded.

Unexpected finds were discussed during construction. It was outlined that if there were any unexpected finds during construction, all works would cease and RMS unexpected finds procedure would be implemented.

Monitoring during construction was raised. BG outlined that this would not be recommended.

JC and GB requested if there were any concerns with the cultural aspects of the assessment or any cultural information that should be identified in the CHAR, that they be advised.

It was agreed by all that the cultural aspects of the assessment were satisfactory as the areas of cultural significance were avoided.

Confidentiality in reporting was discussed. It was acknowledged that all grid references (including where salvaged artefacts would be reburied) should be taken out for publicly made available material.

It was agreed that the current maps in the CHAR can remain due to the scale used. In relation to the CHAR, information about the location of cultural sites would not be divulged to the public. Again, the mapping material would remain in publicly available reports.

Pages 12-14 of the archaeology report contains a list of names and organisations that took part in the process. It was agreed that it would be appropriate to retain these names in the report.

With regard to the information provided as part of the oral histories, it was decided that the Oral history chapter would be removed from public documents.

JC stated that RMS had worked very hard to ensure all important Aboriginal heritage sites within the study area were avoided. All agreed that the consultation process was very inclusive and managed very well.

Barry Gunther stated that whilst RMS were seeking to complete the CHAR within
the statutory timeframe (28 days), they would take comments on it beyond the 28 day consultation period.