

Your Ref: 100730-1
Our Ref: DOC11/11489

Contact: Miranda Morton (02) 9995 6836

Attn: Alan Williams
Senior Archaeologist
Archaeological and Heritage Management Services
349 Annandale Street
ANNANDALE NSW 2038

Dear Mr Williams,

RE: DECCW ABORIGINAL CULTURAL HERITAGE CONSULTATION REQUIREMENTS FOR PROPONENTS 2010: Moorebank, NSW

Thank you for your letter dated 1/3/2011 to the Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water (DECCW) regarding the above matter.

Before making an application for the issue of an Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit, the proposed applicant must carry out an Aboriginal community consultation process in accordance with the National Parks and Wildlife Regulation 2009 and completed to the stage described in subclause 80C.

Please find attached the list of Aboriginal stakeholders known to DECCW that may have an interest in the project.

Further, receipt of this information does not remove the requirement of a proponent/consultant to advertise in local print media and contact other bodies seeking interested Aboriginal parties. Consultation with Aboriginal stakeholders must be in accordance with the *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents 2010* which can be found on the DECCW public website by accessing the following link:

<http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/resources/cultureheritage/commconsultation/09781ACHconsultreq.pdf>

Please note that these requirements replace the *Interim Community Consultation Requirements for Applicants, December 2004*.



If you wish to discuss any of the above matters further please contact Miranda Morton, Aboriginal Heritage Planning Officer, on (02) 9995 6836.

Yours sincerely,

 7/3/11

Lou Ewins
Manager
Planning and Aboriginal Heritage
Metropolitan Branch
Environmental Protection & Regulation

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1 March 2011

Our ref: 100730-1

General Manager
Liverpool City Council
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Cc: Tharawal Local Aboriginal Land Council, Liverpool City Council, Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water, NTSCORP, Sydney Metro Catchment Management Authority

Re: Request for Information on Aboriginal Stakeholders for works at Defence National Storage Distribution Centre (DNSDC), Moorebank Avenue, Moorebank, NSW

In accordance with NSW Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water's (DECCW) (2010) *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents*, I am writing to notify you that we are working for SIMTA to undertake the assessment of the proposed development of the Defence National Storage and Distribution Centres (DNSDC) and associated adjoining land at Moorebank, NSW (Department of Planning Application Reference Number: MP10_0193).

As required by these guidelines, I am writing to you to request that you identify the relevant Aboriginal individuals and / or communities that you are aware could provide knowledge of Aboriginal cultural heritage within this area. Can you please provide this information to me as soon as possible, preferably by 11 March 2011, at the Sydney address above, or by email to: alanw@arksolutions.com.au.

Please don't hesitate to contact me on (02) 9555 4000 if you have any queries or concerns.

Yours sincerely,

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Alan Williams

From: Anita Hanna [CCDCP@liverpool.nsw.gov.au]
Sent: Friday, 18 March 2011 11:57 AM
To: Alan Williams
Subject: Re: request for information on Aboriginal Stakeholders - DNSDC, Moorebank

Hi Alan

In response to your letter dated 1 March 2011, I would suggest that you contact Tharawal Local Aboriginal Land Council (phone: 4681 0059) and Gandangara Local Aboriginal Land Council (phone: 9602 5280). They may be able to assist you to identify relevant Aboriginal stakeholders in relation to the works at the Defence National Storage Distribution Centre, Moorebank.

Please feel free to contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Anita Hanna
*Coordinator Community Development
Community Services*

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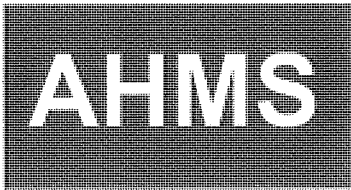
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Dear Sir / Madam,

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Attention

Alan Williams

re Defence National Storage & Distribution Centres
— Moorebank, N. SW.

DHCH wish to be consulted and involved in
this project at all levels. Thank you for your
correspondance and we look forward to working
with you on this project.

Yours Sincerely,
C. Everingham

Cubbitch Barta Native Title Claimants
Aboriginal Corporation,
55 Nightingale Road,
PHEASANTS NEST. N.S.W 2574.
26th May, 2011.

AHMS,
349 Annandale Street,
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Dear Alan,

RE; DEFENCE PROJECT
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Cubbitch Barta Native Title Claimants Aboriginal Corporation would like to take this opportunity of expressing an interest in the above project.

The nominated person for the project is Glenda Chalker, and Sites Officer, who has been involved in all surveys that have taken place within the Holsworthy area over the last twenty years, including one only recently with Navin Officer.

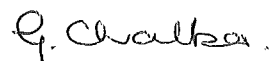
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Yours faithfully,



Glenda Chalker
Hon. Chairperson
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15 July 2011

Alan Williams Senior Archaeologist
Archaeological and Heritage Management Solutions
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Dear Mr Williams

**Re: Request for information on Aboriginal stakeholders for works at
Defence National Storage Distribution Centre (DNSDC), Moorebank Avenue,
Moorebank. NSW**

I refer to your letter of 1 March 2011 seeking Cultural Heritage Consultation for the subject Assessment. I apologise for the delay in response to your request.

Because of the size and complexity of Sydney, I regret to advise that the Sydney Metropolitan Catchment Management Authority (SMCMA) is unable to provide a list of all known local Aboriginal people who may be interested in being consulted on the project.

As per the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) Guidelines for Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessments 2010, we trust that you have sent a copy of this letter to:

- The relevant (OEH) EPRG regional office
- The relevant Local Aboriginal Land Council(s) (LALC)
- The Registrar, *Aboriginal Land Rights Act*
- The National Native Title Tribunal
- Native Title Services Corporation (NTSCorp)
- Relevant local council(s)

Your letter will be forwarded to the SMCMA Aboriginal Advisory Committee (AAC) for their information.

Please contact Margaret Bottrell at the SMCMA on the above contact numbers for further information.

Yours sincerely

John Carse
GENERAL MANAGER



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22 March 2011

Our ref: 111216-2

Name
Address

Re: Notification of Aboriginal Heritage Study - Defence National Storage and Distribution Centres (DNSDC) and associated adjoining land at Moorebank, NSW - Information and Request for Interest

Dear Name,

Background

In mid - late 2010, Archaeological and Heritage Management Solutions Pty Ltd (AHMS) was engaged by Hyder Consulting on behalf of Stockland to undertake a preliminary assessment of the Defence National Storage and Distribution Centres (DNSDC) and associated adjoining lands at Moorebank, NSW (Figure 1). The preliminary assessment was undertaken to provide baseline information to advise on the proposed re-development of the area for a freight terminal (SIMTA Facility) and to assist with the submission of a Concept Environment Assessment (EA) under Part 3A of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979*.

The preliminary assessment was largely desktop, with a brief site inspection of the existing Defence structures to the east of Moorebank Avenue. Areas to the south of this, including parts of Georges River were not inspected.

The preliminary assessment identified that the DNSDC was heavily impacted by the historical activities, and retained low potential for Aboriginal objects and/or sites to occur. Similarly, the extensive sand mining to the west of Georges River was considered to have destroyed any Aboriginal objects/sites that may have been present. However, areas to the north of the railway line, the RAAF golf course and the banks of the Georges River could not be determined based on the assessment and further investigation was recommended. The instigation of Aboriginal consultation in accordance with the appropriate guidelines was also recommended.

The Concept EA has now been approved for the project by the Department of Planning (Department of Planning Application Reference Number: MP10_0193) and subsequent approvals to undertake the actual works are being compiled. As part of this next phase of works, AHMS has been asked to develop a formal Aboriginal impact assessment in accordance with the Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water (DECCW) (2010) *Code of Practise for Archaeological Investigations of Aboriginal Objects in New South Wales* and (2010) *Aboriginal Consultation Cultural Heritage Requirements for Proponents*.

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Project Components and Timing

AHMS began the project in mid-late July 2011. The Concept Approval was granted by DoP on 24 December 2010, with subsequent assessment occurring in early 2011. Aboriginal consultation in accordance with the DECCW guidelines began in late February 2011 (see below).

AHMS is now developing the desktop part of the Aboriginal heritage assessment, including review of AHMS information, predictive modelling and background on the study area to identify Aboriginal heritage values and issues. We are also in the process of developing the proposed fieldwork and a generic excavation methodology.

Given the findings of the preliminary assessment report, the area requiring further surface (and potentially sub-surface) investigation are broadly understood and will form the focus of the assessment. The fieldwork and a generic excavation methodology will be developed by early April 2011 for review by Hyder Consulting. Once any comments have been received and integrated, the methodology will be distributed to you for your consideration. At this stage, we are hoping for this to happen in late April 2011. A period of 28 days will be provided for comment on this document.

Once the methodology has been reviewed by all Aboriginal stakeholders over this period, AHMS will begin to organise the fieldwork. At this stage, around 1 day to undertake a site inspection has been considered appropriate for the investigations. Further undefined time will be afforded if further surface or sub-surface investigation is required. The amount of registered Aboriginal stakeholders required for the fieldwork and the amount of time each individual/organisation will be involved in the fieldwork will depend on the level of interest the project receives and the number of Aboriginal stakeholders that register an interest. At this stage, we believe the fieldwork will occur in May 2011 depending on a range of factors.

Once the fieldwork is complete, AHMS will compile the overall assessment report and, following review by Hyder Consulting, will provide it to the registered Aboriginal stakeholders for comment. We envisage this would occur in May/June 2011.

Current Situation

Aboriginal consultation began in late February 2011 and involved the identification of relevant Aboriginal stakeholders through Native Title Tribunal, Office of Registrar, Local Councils, Local Aboriginal Land Councils, the Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water (DECCW), etc. We are still awaiting responses from several of these. Responses that have been received indicate some 7 Aboriginal parties that may be interested in this project.

In accordance with DECCW (2010) *Aboriginal Consultation Cultural Heritage Requirements for Proponents*, I am writing to formally notify you that we have been engaged by Hyder Consulting to undertake the assessment of DNSDC and associated lands, and are seeking your interest in being consulted on the project. An important part of the assessment will be Aboriginal community consultation that aims to identify cultural values and places of importance to the Aboriginal community within the subject land.

Under these guidelines, AHMS requires written expression of interest from Aboriginal stakeholders who wish to be consulted/involved in this project. Therefore if you are interested in being consulted on this project, please provide written expressions of interest to Alan Williams (A: AHMS, 349 Annandale Street, Annandale, NSW 2038; T: 02 9555 4000; F: 02 9555 7005; E: awilliams@ahms.com.au).

Please note that if you have already provided such a response due to the project already being advertised, you are not required to send a response again (although please note the information AHMS requires below).

The notification period for such registration is considered to be 14 days from the date of this letter (XX April 2011).

To avoid unnecessary delays in subsequent stages of the project, can you please ensure we receive written correspondence on the following:

1. A nominated representative of your organisation with which to undertake consultation on this project;
2. A clear identification of the organisation you are representing throughout this project;
3. Your nominated individual's contact information including phone number, fax number, postal address and e-mail (if available);
4. What level of consultation you wish to be involved in (i.e. Do you wish to attend meetings? Do you wish to be involved in the fieldwork? Do you simply want a copy of the final report?);
5. If you wish to be involved in any meetings or fieldwork, please ensure we have current copies of your public liability, workers compensation and professional indemnity (if available) insurances as soon as possible. Please also provide details of your current hourly, half day and full day rates¹;
6. Any cultural information you may have on these areas to assist in AHMS' development of the predictive models and desktop review currently being compiled (although such discussion will be undertaken throughout the project); and
7. If available, your nominated sites/field officers and information on their experience.

Please note that registration of interest will not necessarily lead to participation in fieldwork. Participants would be engaged based on several criteria, including the *response to the questions above*, basis of experience, cultural knowledge and personnel requirements for the fieldwork.

It is AHMS' preference to consult primarily by phone and e-mail - the latter used for distribution of updates, documentation and other information. Therefore, please ensure that these details are provided to AHMS as a matter of priority.

Please don't hesitate to contact me on (02) 9555 4000 if you have any queries or concerns.

Yours sincerely,



Alan Williams
Senior Archaeologist

¹ Please note that Hyder Consulting is likely may be seeking short meetings and minor investigation of areas during and following this assessment that do not require an 8 hour day. Such activities will not be paid at a full day rate. Individuals/organisations that provide hourly and half day rates will, therefore, be preferentially selected for such activities in contrast to those that only provide full day rates.



Figure 1. The DNSDC portion of the proposed SIMTA Facility shaded pink.

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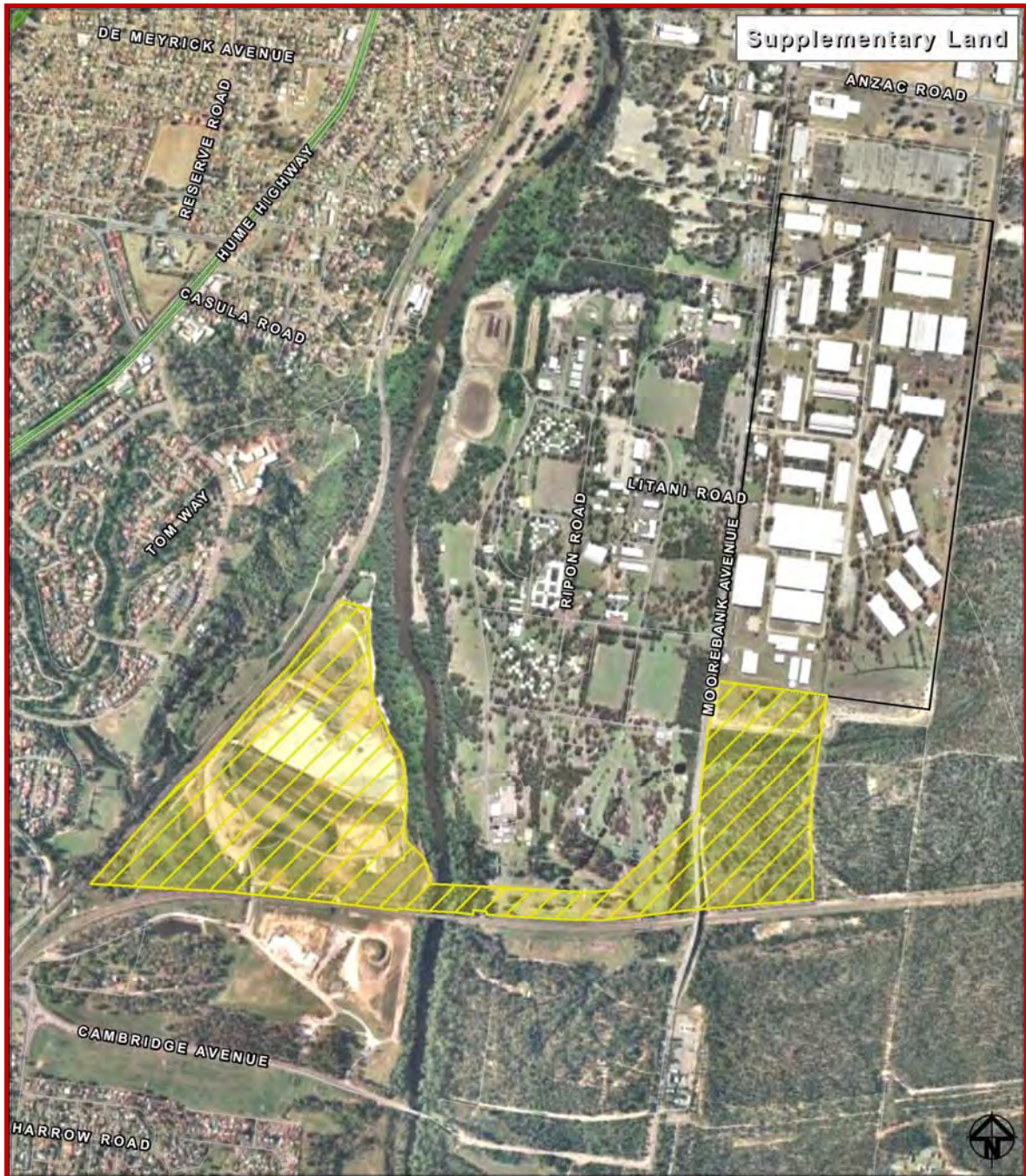


Figure 2. The Supplementary Lands hatched and shaded yellow



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Re: Presentation of Information, Assessment Methodology and Sampling Strategy - Defence National Storage and Distribution Centres (DNSDC) and associated adjoining land at Moorebank, NSW

Dear «First_Name»,

As you will be aware, The Sydney Intermodal Terminal Alliance (SIMTA) is a joint venture between Stockland, Qube Logistics and QR National. The SIMTA site is located on the land parcel known as the Defence National Storage and Distribution Centre (DNSDC) site in Moorebank Avenue, Moorebank, south west of Sydney (**Figure 1**). SIMTA proposes to develop the DNSDC site into an intermodal terminal facility and warehouse/distribution facility, which will offer container storage and warehousing solutions with direct rail access. It is proposed that rail access will be via a new rail line within a rail corridor over Commonwealth land to the south of the DNSDC site as well as on Council owned land to the west of Georges River.

Due to the scale of the project and following recommendations in earlier studies, SIMTA commissioned Archaeological and Heritage Management Solutions Pty Ltd (AHMS) to develop an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment (ACHA) for the project.

The ACHA will inform a Concept Environmental Assessment under Part 3A of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* currently being developed by Hyder Consulting for the proposed activity. This letter outlines the proposed heritage management activities. It has been developed to address requirements of Section 4.3 and 4.4 in the Office of Environment & Heritage (OEH) (formerly Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water) *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents 2010*.



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Proposed Works

The Preliminary Environmental Assessment for the project (**Figure 2** and **Appendix 1**) outlines the following proposed works within the study area:

The proposed intermodal terminal facility will provide container freight distribution and warehousing to service Western and South Western Sydney industrial areas. The SIMTA site will be linked to the Southern Sydney Freight Line. The Concept Plan proposal comprises the following key components:

- **Rail Link** - the Concept Plan includes a rail link that will connect the SIMTA site with the Southern Sydney Freight Line. The detailed design of the rail infrastructure comprising the rail link will be subject to a further Project Application.
- **Intermodal Terminal** - the on-site terminal facilities include 1,200 metres of rail. Freight will arrive by rail and be transported to the warehouse and distribution facilities within the SIMTA site, or be directly loaded on to trucks for transport to warehouses and nearby logistics centres. Exports and empty freight containers will be transported to the facility by truck and then loaded onto rail for transport. The terminal will have capacity for four rail sidings, with areas for container handling and storage and anticipated to have the capacity to handle up to 1 million TEUs per annum.
- **Warehouse and Distribution Facilities** - approximately 300,000m² of warehouses with ancillary offices will be constructed to the east of the intermodal terminal. These buildings are proposed to be constructed in stages in response to site servicing availability and market demands. It is expected that warehouses will range in size, depending on tenant needs.
- **Freight Village** - approximately 8,000m² of support services will be provided on site. These may include site management and security offices, meeting rooms, driver facilities and convenience retail and business services.

Background

In 2010, AHMS was engaged by Hyder Consulting on behalf of SIMTA to undertake a preliminary heritage assessment of the DNSDC and associated adjoining lands at Moorebank, NSW (**Figure 1**). The preliminary heritage assessment was undertaken to provide baseline information to advise on the proposed re-development of the area for a freight terminal (SIMTA Facility) and to assist with the submission of a Concept Plan Application and



Environment Assessment (EA) under Part 3A of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979*.

The preliminary heritage assessment was predominantly a desktop study, with a brief site inspection of the existing Defence structures to the east of Moorebank Avenue. Areas to the south and west of Moorebank Avenue, including parts of the Georges River, were not inspected.

The preliminary heritage assessment identified that the DNSDC has been heavily impacted by historical activities and has low potential for Aboriginal objects and/or sites to be found. Similarly, the extensive sand mining to the west of the Georges River was considered to have destroyed any Aboriginal objects/sites that may have been present. However, areas to the north of the railway line, the RAAF golf course and the banks of the Georges River could not be determined based on the assessment and further investigation was recommended. The initiation of Aboriginal consultation in accordance with the appropriate guidelines was also recommended.

The project has been declared a major infrastructure project under Part 3A of the EP&A Act and as a result a detailed Aboriginal impact assessment in accordance with the OEH's (2010) *Code of Practise for Archaeological Investigations of Aboriginal Objects in New South Wales* and (2010) *Aboriginal Consultation Cultural Heritage Requirements for Proponents* is to be conducted.

Registered Aboriginal Parties

Following the end of the notification period, three Aboriginal parties registered their interest in the project. These are:

- Darug Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment;
- Darug Tribal Aboriginal Corporation; and
- Cubbitch Barta Native Title Claimants.

The new guidelines specify that it is the role of the registered Aboriginal parties to advise the proponent (SIMTA) on who speaks for Country:

The interests and obligations of Aboriginal people relate to the protection of Aboriginal cultural heritage. It is only Aboriginal people who can determine who is accepted by their community as being authorised to speak for Country and its associated cultural heritage. Where there is a dispute about who speaks for Country,



it is appropriate for Aboriginal people, not DECCW [OEH], or the proponent, to resolve this dispute in a timely manner to enable effective consultation to proceed.¹

Draft Methodology

AHMS proposes to develop the ACHA report, which includes the following tasks:

1. Aboriginal community consultation in accordance with OEH's *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents 2010*.
2. A review of the archaeology, ethno-history, landscape and land-use history of the local area and surrounding region. AHMS would use historical aerial photographs, soil landscape maps, the due diligence advice report and other pertinent information to inform this review;
3. Develop a predictive model of the archaeological potential of the subject areas using information from (2) above;
4. Undertake a field survey with registered Aboriginal parties (RAPs) to further assess the Aboriginal cultural heritage potential of the subject areas, record all (or a representative sample of) identified Aboriginal objects, and to further characterize the Aboriginal archaeological potential of the subject areas in consultation with the RAPs (see below);
5. Undertake test excavations of the subject areas in conjunction with the RAPs to further determine the nature and extent of the Aboriginal heritage resource, and the potential impact to it (see below);
6. Prepare an archaeological report (as an appendix to an ACHA), which summarises the findings of the field survey, assesses potential impacts to Aboriginal heritage, and makes recommendations on any Aboriginal heritage sites and / or objects that may be present within the subject areas;
7. Prepare an ACHA report in consultation with the RAPs, which summarizes the findings of the archaeological report and integrates them with the Aboriginal cultural heritage assessment, and provides management recommendations; and
8. Submit the relevant site cards and Site Impact Recording Forms to OEH.

Field Survey

All field investigation would be undertaken in accordance with OEH's (2010) *Code of Practice for Archaeological Investigation of Aboriginal Objects in New South Wales* (hereafter 'the Code').

¹ DECCW. 2010. *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents*, pp. 15.



The field survey would focus on the further characterisation and investigation of the subject areas. Given the extensive size of these areas, it is considered likely that the survey would be undertaken in a series of transects and focus primarily on the rail corridor and banks of the Georges River, since these areas appear the least disturbed. However, investigation of the DNSDC and the edges of the sand quarry will also be undertaken. At this stage, the number of transects cannot be defined, but the budget allows for between three - six days of field investigation. Assuming 10 km are covered a day, it is considered that some 30 - 60 km of transects will be investigated.

The investigations will be undertaken on foot within the proposed study area curtilage. Depending on the number of personnel involved, the distance between individuals will vary between 5 and 10 m apart. Ideally, the transects would have an archaeologist and two to three Aboriginal representatives walking down each side giving a coverage of 25-50 m.

The field surveys will focus on several questions, as follows:

1. Archaeological and cultural material - are there Aboriginal objects present, what is their location, type (e.g. artefact scatter, scarred tree, grinding groove, etc), components (e.g. number of artefacts, type of artefacts, size of tree scar, etc), integrity and condition (e.g. within a disturbed context, eroding from a creek bank, a live or dead tree, etc)?
2. Landform characteristics - what types of landforms are being covered (e.g. lower slopes, floodplains, ridgelines, slopes, etc)? What is their composition, their condition (e.g. disturbed, naturally eroding, areas of accumulation, etc), their soil profile (e.g. a duplex soil, an alluvial soil, exposed bedrock, etc), their vegetation (e.g. tree and vegetation types present within the landform), etc?
3. Effective coverage - how effective is the field surveys? What is the exposure (i.e. how much bare ground is evident as a percentage of the transect) and visibility (i.e. how visible is the ground as a percentage of the transect) along the corridor?
4. Disturbance - are there significant areas of disturbance along the corridor? What is their location and extent, what effect do they have on archaeological material (if present)?

AHMS personnel will document landform type and characteristic, visibility, exposure, disturbance and any archaeological or cultural sites along each section/transect. As well as taking specific GPS co-ordinates and photographs of features/items of interest, a running log of GPS co-ordinates and photographs will be undertaken at 500 m intervals along each transect to document the field surveys thoroughly. AHMS personnel will also have detailed aerial photographs of the proposed alignments upon which information regarding landform features, disturbance and archaeological sites will be documented.



All archaeological or cultural sites will be documented in detail using written notes, photographs, and sketches (where required). At this stage, AHMS is proposing to undertake hand-held GPS readings for all sites identified, as well as marking them on detailed aerial photographs and topographic maps. After the field surveys are completed a surveyor may be commissioned to spatially record the sites in greater detail. AHMS would mark the location of each site with paint and flagging (where appropriate to do so) so the surveyor could re-locate them, with assistance from AHMS where required.

Test Excavation

At this stage, no test excavations are proposed for the project. However, since this is a Part 3A project and is only at Concept stage, there are two options available for test excavations should they be identified as required through the ACHA process:

1. Undertake test excavations as part of the ACHA in accordance with Section 75U of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979* and incorporate the findings into the ACHA; or
2. Using the findings of the ACHA, include areas where archaeological testing and/or salvage prior to development into the Conditions of Consent for the project. This would lead to such investigations occurring after the approval is obtained from Department of Planning, but before the development.

Should the site investigation identify any areas where test excavations are needed to further characterise the Aboriginal sensitivity of an area, AHMS would discuss the options above with the RAPs and SIMTA to identify the most appropriate course of action.

Timeframes

AHMS proposes the following timeframes based on the OEG guidelines and mandatory timeframe requirements:

- Receive comments on the proposed methodology- 13 July 2011
- Site inspection with the RAPs in Moorebank - 18 - 21 July 2011;
- Development of ACHA - 22 July - 5 August 2011; and
- Finalisation of ACHA - 2 September 2011.

Information Sought



As required by Section 4.3 and 4.4 of OEH's *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents 2010*, AHMS is seeking the following information from your organisation:

1. Your preferred method of communication with AHMS during this project. Please also provide the necessary information (contact person, phone number, fax, e-mail, etc.) to ensure AHMS can undertake this preferred method of communication;
2. Feedback on the proposed methodology outlined above;
3. Any protocols that you would like adopted during this project to obtain and/or use cultural information;
4. Identification of any Aboriginal objects of cultural significance and/or importance that you are aware of within the subject areas;
5. Identification of any places of cultural significance and/or importance that you are aware of within the study area;
6. Information about any individuals who are considered to speak for the area on your behalf. Can you also please identify if these individuals are connected with any of the individuals/organisations above, and/or whether they have registered an interest in the project;
7. Guidance on the protocols, sensitivity, use and/or distribution of any cultural information that you provide AHMS; and
8. Whether you require any further information prior to AHMS proceeding with the assessment and AHIP applications.

For those individuals/organisations that have **not responded** to the notification letter questions, please also provide information on the following:

1. A nominated representative of your organisation with which to undertake consultation on this project;
2. A clear identification of the organisation you are representing throughout this project;
3. Your nominated individual's contact information including phone number, fax number, postal address and e-mail (if available);
4. What level of consultation you wish to be involved in (i.e. Do you wish to attend meetings? Do you wish to be involved in the fieldwork? Do you simply want a copy of the final report?);
5. Your consent or not to provide your contact details to the Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water as part of the consultation process;



6. If you wish to be involved in any meetings or fieldwork, please ensure we have current copies of your public liability, workers compensation and professional indemnity (if available) insurances as soon as possible;
7. Any cultural information you may have on these areas to assist in AHMS' development of the predictive models and desktop review currently being compiled (although such discussion will be undertaken throughout the project); and
8. If available, your nominated sites/field officers and information on their experience.

We request that you provide this information within 10 days of the date of this letter. For further information, please contact Alan Williams on 02 9555 4000.

Yours sincerely



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Figure 1. The proposed SIMTA Facility and Supplementary Lands



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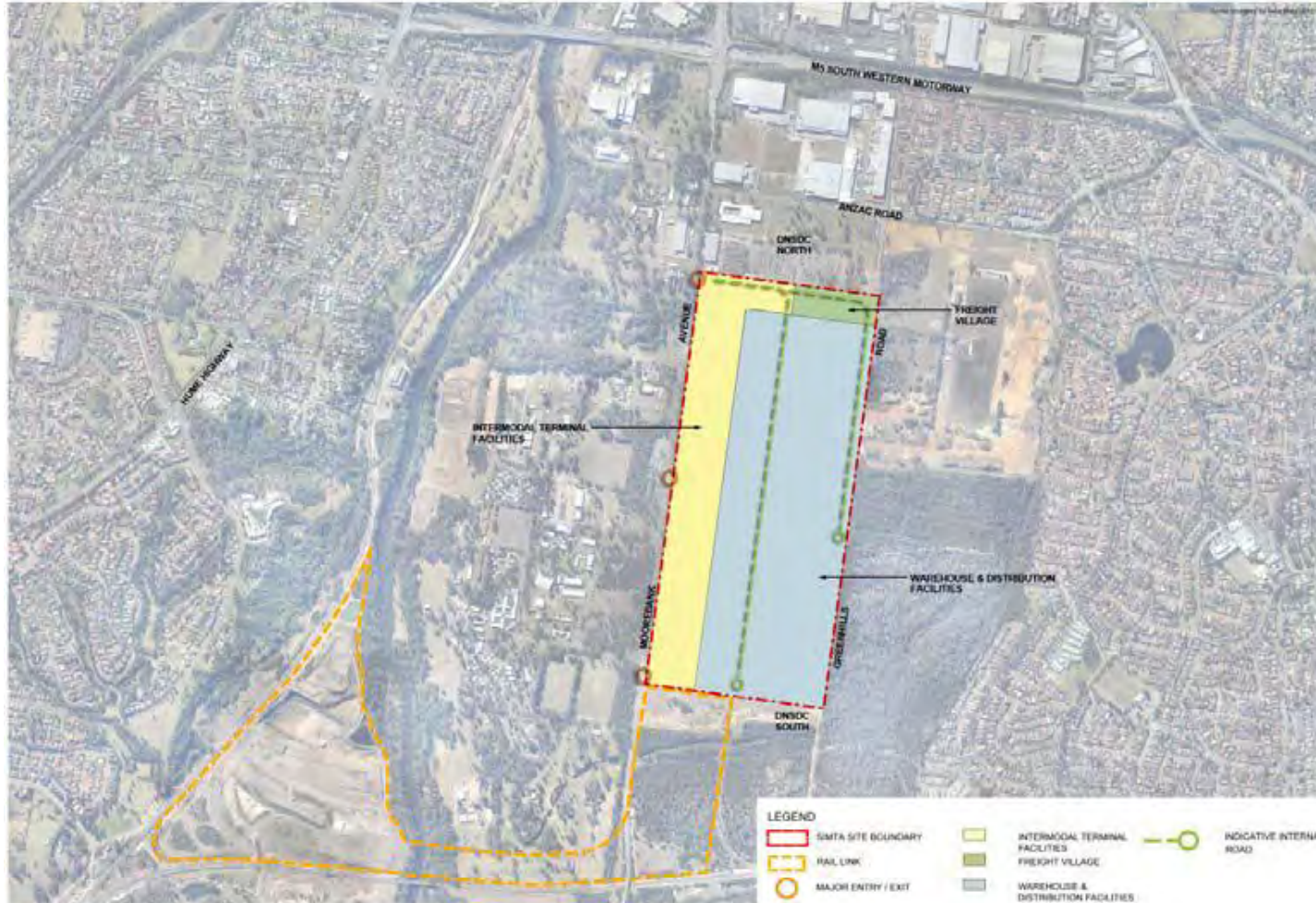


Figure 2. The proposed development based on the Preliminary Environmental Assessment (see Appendix 1).



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Attention

A. Williams

re: Moorebank NSW - Defence National Storage
(DNSSDC)

DACHA have reviewed your Assessment
Methodology for this area and we support
your objectives. DACHA wish to be involved
in all fieldwork and consulted at all times.
We look forward to hearing from you on
this project.

Yours Sincerely,
C. Everingham

From: Sandra Lee [darug_tribal@live.com.au]
Sent: Friday, 29 July 2011 11:23 AM
To: info
Cc: info
Subject: Re: Attn Anna Biggs Moorebank Survey (DNSDC) 26/07/11

RE: DNSDC Moorebank
Walkover Site Survey 26/07/11

Mostly disturbed area.
Some artifacts were found.
Suggest sample pits to be dug near creek lines.
We agree and support your recommendations.

John Reilly
Aboriginal Archaeological Assessment Officer
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Our Ref: 101216-1

Re: Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment - Sydney Intermodal Terminal Alliance (SIMTA), Moorebank - Request for Comment

Dear,

As you may be aware Archaeological and Heritage Management Solutions Pty Ltd (AHMS) undertook an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment (ACHA) of the Sydney Intermodal Terminal Alliance, Moorebank, NSW in mid to late 2011. A representative of your organisation did participate in an investigation of the project, which is currently a Defence storage facility, as well as parts of a nearby golf course and sand quarry.

There has been several delays with the project, which held up the release of the draft ACHA, which was completed shortly after the field program in August 2011. These issues have now been resolved and the report can now be released for your review and comment.

Can you please review the attached report and provide any comments on the content and finding to AHMS within 28 days of the date of this letter.

If you have any enquires or questions, please don't hesitate to contact Alan Williams on the details above.

Yours Faithfully,

Alan Williams MAACAI
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25th January, 2012.

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Dear Alan,

INTERMODAL TERMINAL
MOOREBANK

Thank you for the opportunity of commenting on the DRAFT Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment for the above project, dated August 2011.

Firstly I would like to say that the reference on page 88, in reference to PAD 3 and the paperbark trees, are not on the cover photo as per this document. The trees on the front page are a row of pine trees beside a road.

In regards to the recommendations made in the DRAFT:

Pad 1, is within an area of terrace, above the Georges River. This terrace runs along the river bank the length of the military area, along which there are located several other artefact scatters further north, which were recorded in another survey previously. If this area cannot be avoided then there should be carried out some test excavations.

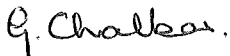
Pad 2, is within the golf course, and there are some areas that contain large mature trees where there has possibly been no disturbance. The area along and close to the rail line has been previously disturbed, and secondly the golf course itself. The reason for my rethinking this is that during the survey, it was and had been raining, and that area was covered in shallow water, which means it was either part of an old swamp, or the level of the land had been changed by one or possibly both of the structures around. The only other thing that I would like to mention that there is a possible scarred tree on the golf course that was not revisited, for some reason or other I believe that a line on a map prevented this from occurring. There has also been extensive clearing according to the aerial map of 1979, and even possibly had buildings on the area.

Pad 3, is very close to the site which was recorded by Mary Dallas, Lance Syme and myself in 2003 (45-5-2883) which from memory was just a little bit to the west of the area where artefacts were located during the survey. This site was just above a swamp area slightly to the west, as is from memory PAD 3, although some of this area may be swampy as well. This area should be left intact for two reasons, one of the possible Aboriginal significance to this area, and also it is one of the few intact natural vegetation areas left in Holsworthy.

According to the aerial map on Figure 10 the southern part of this area appears to be largely cleared and even possibly graded, therefore it would only the northern section, which is still intact I would consider as a PAD, not the southern area. If this area cannot be avoided then there is a reason for testing, but would like to see this possibly remain intact. The only other comment that I would make is the reference on Page 81 to this circular feature, it was not located I believe on the survey that I took part in, or I cannot remember it at all.

There is very little Aboriginal Heritage left in the Holsworthy area, because there has been huge impacts from housing in the past. The work by Boot in the 90's, all destroyed except for one small piece of land that is now a Park with Aboriginal Heritage intact in Wattle Grove. This came about with a lot of time and effort put into negotiations with Delfin and Tharawal Land Council at the time. I was site officer for TLALC, and took part in that negotiations and also collections of surface artefacts where houses now are.

Yours faithfully,



Glenda Chalker

Hon. Secretary

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RE: Comments for draft Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment (SITA) Moorebank.

Dear Alan,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback and comment on the draft (ACHA) and its draft management recommendations.

I have read the draft report you emailed the (TLALC) and although I was not in attendance at this particular survey, I agree fully with all recommendations made by those who were involved.

Should you have any further questions please contact our office on the details listed below.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alfred Fazldeen', written in a cursive style.

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