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Appendix D Previous Aboriginal community consultation

D.1 Previous summary

The following summary of the consultation and assessment process for this section has been provided by Shane Higgins (Interface Manager, Woolgoolga to Ballina Planning Alliance, previously RTA Project Manager for this section) in an email dated 29 June 2010 to Alison Nash (Alliance Management Team, Planning and Approvals RTA Coordination Manager)

The project commenced in September 2004. In November 2004 details of proposed Aboriginal heritage assessment methodology were sent to DECCW for comment with DECCW advising no additional requirements. This methodology was approved before the introduction of the Interim Community Consultation Requirements for Applicants which was introduced in December 2004. The study involved early consultation with LALCs and Elders, a predictive model and a review of relevant heritage registers. Following this a field survey was undertaken in mid 2005 using representatives from Yaegl, Bogal, Jali, Ngulingah LALCs and a Native Title Claimant as required. Further survey investigations were undertaken in 2007 in response to a design change with the proposal to construct an interchange in the Wondawee Way/Tuckombil Road area.

In 2007 advertising was undertaken consistent with the requirements of the Interim Community Consultation Requirements for Applicants for participants for an AFG. In addition to the advertising invitations were sent to all relevant stakeholders. A meeting and bus trip was held in June 2007 for those that attended (not many).

Some written responses to the report were also received from some LALC's supporting the report.

- *Field investigations and methodology were determined by the consultant (with agreement from DECCW) rather than forming an AFG and agreeing on methodology. This was done as the work preceded the Interim Guidelines and PACCHI.*
- *The consultant provided 7 recommendations which the Aboriginal community agree with (see attached).*

The following summarises compliance with the Interim Community Consultation Requirements for Applicants 2005 and details of the consultation process for Iluka Road to Woodburn. This information comes directly from Collins (2008). Copies of available correspondence from Aboriginal stakeholders and AFG minutes follow.

Local Aboriginal Land Councils and Elders

The southern part of the study area between the Iluka Road turn-off and Tabbimoble Creek lies within the territory administered by the Yaegl Local Aboriginal Land Council (LALC). It is also of interest to the Ulgundahi Elders Aboriginal Corporation. The Ulgundahi Elders work closely with the Yaegl LALC and comprise Elders from the lower Clarence Yaegl tribal area.

The area north from Tabbimoble Creek to New Italy lies within the boundaries of the Bogal LALC, while that from New Italy to the northern limit of the project at Tuckombil Canal is shared by the Bogal, Jali and Ngulingah LALCs. This sharing arrangement has arisen due to the high spiritual and archaeological significance of the Evans Head/Goanna Headland locality to Bundjalung people from a wide geographical area.

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The entire study area also falls within the area of interest and concern to the Bandjalang Aboriginal Corporation. This Corporation represents a local kin group comprising people of the Bandjalang proper dialect of the wider Bundjalung language association, and was formed to facilitate applications for Native Title over claimable lands south from Broadwater to the Clarence River (see Section 4.2 below).

Native Title claims

Searches of the National Native Title Register, Register of Native Title Claims, Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements and the Applications Summary were performed for the Richmond Valley and Clarence Valley Local Government Areas on the 4th of May 2005 and 27th of August 2007. Advice provided by the National Native Title Tribunal indicates that two entries relevant to the study area have been active throughout this period. Both have been accepted for Native Title registration and are currently in mediation.

The first of these (NC96/16) was lodged by the late Lawrence Wilson on behalf of the Bandjalang dialect group (the Bandjalang Aboriginal Corporation). It relates to five separate land parcels east and north-east of the Pacific Highway between Iluka Road and Woodburn. One of these land parcels (designated „Area B”) lies close to the eastern highway boundary in the vicinity of New Italy.

The second entry (NC98/19) was also lodged by Lawrence Wilson on behalf of the Bandjalang people. The application relates to a 3,315 square kilometre area comprising all claimable land south from Broadwater Headland to Woody Bluff, inland to Naughtons Gap and Busbys Flat, and thus encompasses the entire study area.

Other Aboriginal land interests

An area comprising some 2,139 hectares of land in excess of a kilometre east of the study area in the New Italy vicinity is owned and operated by members of the Bandjalang Aboriginal Corporation under the auspices of the Minyumai Land Holding Company. This area is subject of an environmental restoration project and is used as a place in which to „return to country’. The property, known as Minyumai or „Seabush’, was acquired in 1999 via the scheme managed by the Indigenous Land Corporation, which is designed to benefit Aboriginal people whose Native Title has been extinguished, or whose Native Title cannot be demonstrated because of a failure to maintain continuous attachment to the land as a result of dispossession (Drabsch 2004:3-4).

As raised by Aboriginal representatives at the Aboriginal Focus Group meeting held on the 13th of June 2007, the Minyumai („Seabush’) land holding is of traditional, contemporary, and on-going cultural value and attachment. However, it was acknowledged by the meeting participants and during earlier consultations with representatives of the Bandjalang Aboriginal Corporation, that the highway upgrade would have no detrimental effects on the Minyumai property.

Process of involvement and consultation

Coordinators of the Yaegl, Bogal, Jali and Ngulingah Local Aboriginal Land Councils and Native Title Claimant the late Lawrence Wilson (principal representative of the Bandjalang Aboriginal Corporation) were contacted at commencement of the route selection study in November 2004, and it was arranged that representatives from each organisation would provide field survey assistance as required.

Field survey south of Tabbimoble Creek was subsequently conducted with the assistance of Yaegl LALC Coordinator and sites officer Michael Randall and Ulgundahi Elders Thelma Kapeen and Judy Breckenridge on the 31st of May 2005. Bogal LALC sites officer Tim Torrens and Bandjalang

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Aboriginal Corporation representative Scott Barker assisted with the survey north of Tabbimoble Creek on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd of June and the 11th of August 2005. On the 2nd of June, the survey team was joined by Jali LALC sites officer Artie Ferguson and Ngulingah LALC sites officer Dean Bolt to inspect the shared Land Council area north of New Italy (see arising correspondence, Appendix D and E). On the 9th of August 2007, a wider area between Wondawee Way and Williams Road towards the northern end was surveyed in response to a proposal to construct an interchange in this area. This survey was assisted by Tim Torrens of the Bogal LALC, Dean Bolt of the Ngulingah LALC, and Bandjalang Aboriginal Corporation representative Lewis Williams. Unforeseen circumstances prevented Jali LALC sites officer Marcus Ferguson attending on the day as previously arranged.

To assess Aboriginal cultural and social values and determine whether the integrity of any unidentified sites/places of particular significance or concern would be affected by the upgrading proposal, consultation was undertaken with all Aboriginal group representatives involved in the survey, as well as with local Elder and Native Title claimant (the late) Lawrence Wilson and his immediate family. Lawrence Wilson was acknowledged by all groups as the only person known to them with detailed traditional knowledge of the study locality.

An Aboriginal Focus Group (AFG) for the Iluka Road to Woodburn project was formed in 2007, and the first meeting held on the 13th of June 2007. In addition to a notice of invitation in the local newspapers, invitations to attend the meeting were posted to-

- *Bogal LALC*
- *Yaegl LALC*
- *Ngulingah LALC*
- *Jali LALC*
- *Birrigan Gargle LALC*
- *Bandjalang Aboriginal Corporation*
- *Ulgundahi Elders Aboriginal Corporation*
- *Bundjalung Elders Council Aboriginal Corporation*
- *NSW Aboriginal Land Council*
- *NSW Native Title Services*
- *Department of Aboriginal Affairs*
- *NSW Heritage Office*
- *Department of Environment and Climate Change*

This AFG inception meeting provided an opportunity for Aboriginal stakeholders to meet with representatives of the project team (including RTA and Connell Wagner planners) to discuss Aboriginal heritage issues relevant to the preferred concept design development. No Aboriginal heritage issues/constraints other than those documented in this report were identified by the attendant Aboriginal stakeholder representatives, both of whom represented the Birrigan Gargle LALC of the lower Clarence, which administers the area east of (but not within) the southern section of the study area.

Outcome

The consultation conducted in conjunction with the route selection study (Collins 2005) revealed that a culturally significant burial site is located east of the existing highway reserve and south of

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The Gap Road (this burial was registered in 1980, DECC site ID 13-1-059). Aboriginal representatives require that the burial be avoided during the course of highway construction and ancillary works.

A tree with engraved markings was also reported to be situated in the general vicinity of New Italy, towards the northern end of the study area. This tree is associated with a women's site, and was found and recorded during the field survey. The tree has been assessed to have a high level of Aboriginal cultural significance. Owing to its secret/sacred nature, site informants have requested that the tree be preserved within its natural forest setting, with the maximum possible buffer zone established to ensure that the tree is not readily visible from the new highway or any associated interchange.

Rock wells of traditional significance were reported on the upper slopes of the Richmond Range beyond the western study boundary north-west of Tabbimoble Creek. These sites would not be affected by the upgrading proposal.

The northern bank of the Clarence River at Mororo, two kilometres south of the study area, is known to have been a traditional 'battleground' where the Bundjalung and Yaegl peoples often met to resolve disputes. This area forms part of the adjoining Pacific Highway Upgrade, Wells Crossing to Iluka Road project. A sacred area inhabited by a mythological being further upstream near Murrayville is similarly beyond the limits of the present proposal.

As outlined in Section 4.3, Aboriginal representatives concluded that the proposal would have no detrimental effects on the Minyumai ('Seabush') property owned and operated by members of the Bandjalang Aboriginal Corporation under the auspices of the Minyumai Land Holding Company.

D.2 Previous documentation

Table 1 Aboriginal stakeholder consultation for Iluka Road to Woodburn

Date/Title	Attendees and content
November 2004 Notification of proposal	Aboriginal Stakeholders Notified: <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Yaegl LALC.■ Bogal LALC.■ Jali LALC.■ Ngulingah LALC.■ Lawrence Wilson (Native Title claimant and Bandjalang Aboriginal Corporation representative)
31 May 2005 Field survey – south of Tabbimoble Ck	Attendees: <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Yaegl LALC.■ Ulgundahi Elders.
1-3 June 2005 / 11 August 2005 Field survey – Tabbimoble Ck / north of New Italy	Attendees: <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Bogal LALC (1-3 June 2005; 11 August 2005).■ Bandjalang Aboriginal Corporation (1-3 June 2005; 11 August 2005).■ Jali LALC (2 June 2005).■ Ngulingah LALC (2 June 2005).

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Date/Title	Attendees and content
9 August 2005 Field survey – Wondawee Way and Williams Road	Attendees: <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Bogal LALC.■ Ngulingah LALC.■ Bandjalang Aboriginal Corporation.
13 June 2007 AFG 1	Attendees: <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Birrigan Gargle Local Aboriginal Land Council.■ Yaegl Local Aboriginal Land Council. Items Discussed: <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Scarred tree in vicinity of New Italy. The tree is between 150 and 200 years old;■ Artefacts in vicinity north of Gap Road.■ Further investigations may be required where the alignment has altered since the first round of displays.■ Shell middens east of the New Italy Museum, which may be impacted but are not of the same significance as the scarred tree. Outcomes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Jackie Collins (Adise Consultants) and Mary Lou Buck (RTA) to consult with Simone Barker to determine a buffer zone for the scarred tree.■ Jackie Collins (Adise Consultants) to undertake further investigations at the site of the proposed interchange north of The Gap Road.■ Jackie Collins (Adise Consultants) to investigate the area where the alignment has altered since the study was undertaken, including rest areas.■ Nial O'Brien (Connell Wagner) to investigate the extent of Mr Wilsons land grant at Minyumai.■ Investigate sites on land east of the New Italy Museum site.

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Table 2 AFG Interest register

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A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	
AFG Interest Register (June 2007) - also on CCRL											
Date	Taken by	Form of contact	Name	Address	Phone / Email	Nature of discussion	Action taken				
5/2/07	NB	phone call	Steven Williams	12 Martin Street, Coraki	02 6683 2345						
9/2/07	NB	phone call	Christine Ferguson (Coordinator) - Birrigan Gargle LALC	PO Box 62, Yamba NSW 2464	02 6646 1664 / bjalc@internode.on.net	Wants to register interest as a representative of the Birrigan Gargle LALC. Representatives are Ken Laurie, Stephen Laurie and Desmond Ferguson.	Details recorded on register. Will provide receipt of interest registered.				
20/2/07	NB	phone call	Mike Randall - Yaegl LALC	PO Box 216, Maclean NSW	02 6645 3673	Wants to register interest as a representative of the Yaegl LALC.	Details recorded on register. Will provide receipt of interest registered.				
8/3/07	Call from NB	phone call	Dallas Donnelly - Ngulingah LALC	PO Box 981, Lismore 2480	02 6621 5541	Call by NB to gauge interest in registering for further consultation on the project.	Yes				
8/3/07	Call from NB	phone call	Gavin Brown - Jali LALC	PO Box 24, Wardell 2477	02 6683 4413	Call by NB to gauge interest in registering for	Yes - please forward correspondence				
						further consultation on the project.	via email jali@internode.on.net				

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Table 3 AFG invitee list

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A	B	C	D	E		F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
1	First Name	Surname	Organisation	Phone / Email	Email	Address 1	Address 2	Phoned	Date letter sent	Faxed flyer	Response / Attending ?	Notes	Present at AFG
2	Steven	Williams		02 6683 2345		12 Martin Street	Coraki NSW 2471	number not connected					
3	Ken	Laurie	Birigan Gargle LALC	02 6646 1664	Fax - 02 6646 1672, bjalc@internode.on.net	PO Box 62	Yamba NSW 2464	yes	Fax 31/05/2007, Package - 06/06/2007	Faxed 05/06/2007		coordinator is Christine Ferguson	
4	Stephen	Laurie	Birigan Gargle LALC	02 6646 1664	Fax - 02 6646 1672, bjalc@internode.on.net	PO Box 62	Yamba NSW 2464	yes	Fax 31/05/2007, Package - 06/06/2007	Faxed 05/06/2007		coordinator is Christine Ferguson	
5	Desmond	Ferguson	Birigan Gargle LALC	02 6646 1664	Fax - 02 6646 1672, bjalc@internode.on.net	PO Box 62	Yamba NSW 2464	yes	Fax 31/05/2007, Package - 06/06/2007	Faxed 05/06/2007		coordinator is Christine Ferguson	
6	Mike	Randall	Yaegl LALC	02 6645 3676	Fax - 02 6645 3754, yaegl@internode.on.net	PO Box 216	Maclean NSW 2463	yes	Emailed 31/05/2007, Package - 06/06/2007	Faxed 05/06/2007		Mike is also the contact for the Ulgundahi Elders so will forward flyer	
7	Dallas	Donnelly	Ngulingah LALC	02 6621 5541	Fax - 02 6621 5068, ngulingah@nrg.com.au	PO Box 981	Lismore NSW 2480	yes	Fax 31/05/2007, Package - 06/06/2007	Faxed 05/06/2007			
8	Gavin	Brown	Jali LALC	02 6683 4413	Fax - 02 6683 4679, jali@internode.on.net	PO Box 24	Wardell NSW 2477	no	Fax 31/05/2007, Package - 06/06/2007	Faxed 05/06/2007			
9	Daniel	Teece Johnson	NSW Aboriginal Land Council	02 6659 1203	Fax - 02 6652 5923, daniel.teecejohnson@alc.org.au	PO Box 1912	Coffs Harbour NSW 2450	left message	Emailed 31/05/2007, Package - 06/06/2007	Faxed 05/06/2007			
10	Natalie	Rotumah	NSW Native Title Services	02 6651 4588	Fax - 02 6651 7954	PO Box 159	Coffs Harbour NSW 2450	yes	Fax 31/05/2007, Package - 06/06/2007	Faxed 05/06/2007		Alternate contact is Simon Correy	
11	Roger	Meher	Department of Environment and Conservation	6659 8272	Fax - 6651 6187, roger.mehr@environment.nsw.gov.au	Locked Bag 914	Coffs Harbour NSW 2450	yes	Fax 31/05/2007, Package - 06/06/2007	Faxed 05/06/2007		Cc invite to Maxine Naden, Timothy Nott, Fiona Hamilton	
12	Richard	Shapter	NSW Heritage Office	9873 8500	Fax - 02 9873 8599, richard.shapter@heritage.nsw.gov.au	Locked Bag 5020	Parramatta NSW 2124	yes	Emailed 31/05/2007, Package - 06/06/2007	Faxed 05/06/2007		Please email notification and mail invite. Regional representative would probably	

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Friday 17th June 2005,

Jacqui Collins
Archaeologist
11 Camden Head Road
Dunbogan 2443

Re: Pacific Highway Upgrade
Iluka Road to Woodburn

Jacqui,

This correspondence is to confirm that on the 31/ 5/05 Ulugundahi Elders and Yaegl L.A.L.C. representatives Judy Breckenridge (Elder), Thelma Kapeen (Elder) and myself accompanied you on a Aboriginal sites survey of the proposed site of the Pacific Highway upgrade through Yaegl L.A.L.C.'s boundary.

The results of this survey were one scattered artefact find towards the northern boundary of Yaegl L.A.L.C., bearing this in mind Yaegl L.A.L.C. have no problems with the proposed Pacific Highway Upgrade site.

Please find attached an invoice for the survey, if there are any enquires or if further information is requested please don't hesitate to contact me.

Thanking you



Michael Randall
Co-ordinator.

**NGULINGAH LOCAL ABORIGINAL LAND
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Ms Jacqui Collins
11 Camden Head Rd
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Dear Jacqui,

Please find attached a report prepared by Dean Bolt for members of Ngulingah LALC regarding the proposed Pacific Highway upgrade from New Italy to Woodburn (I have signed it on his behalf).

Ngulingah Local Aboriginal Land Council has no objections to the upgrade proceeding and would request a copy of your report when it becomes available.

I have attached an Invoice for payment.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dallas Donnelly".

Dallas Donnelly
6th July 2005

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7th September 2005

Jacqui Collins
Consultant Archaeologist
11 Camden Head Road
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TEL/FAX: (02) 6559 9138

Dear Jacqui,

Your request for Bogal LALC to be involved in an Aboriginal Heritage Assessment for the proposed upgrading of the Pacific Highway, between the Iluka Road turn-off and Tuckombil Canal at Woodburn, has been completed. This was achieved over a period of four days.

Wednesday 1st June:

Present – Tim Torrens (Bogal LALC Representative), Scott Barker (Traditional Owner Representative) & Jacqueline Collins (Consultant Archaeologist).

Starting from basically the Bogal LALC/Yaegl LALC Boundary and heading north, we began the assessment covering an area from the centre line of the Pacific Highway, to approximately thirty metres either side of it. We eventually completed about half of the area between our starting point and New Italy.

The lack of visibility due to the thickness of the undergrowth, no real signs of a permanent water source, past disturbances &/or vandalism as well as no evidence of Cultural Significance possibly because of these circumstances, prevent a True conclusion from being given.

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Thursday 2nd June:

Present – Tim Torrens, Scott Barker, Jacqueline Collins, Artie Fergusson (Jali LALC Representative) & Dean Bolt (Ngulingah LALC Representative).

Starting near New Italy and heading north towards Tuckombil Canal, we covered about the same ground area as Wednesday, with almost exact outcomes for the whole area, except for a section along Wonderwee Way. It was in sections within an area of about 1km along this track, that approximately four stone artefacts were discovered by Mr Dean Bolt. In addition to these discoveries, it was agreed that an archaeological dig may need to be considered.

A marked tree was also recorded near New Italy. This tree is known to Traditional Owners, who have assessed it to be of high cultural significance.

Friday 3rd June:

Present – Tim Torrens, Scott Barker & Jacqueline Collins.

We continued assessing the area that wasn't completed on Wednesday, with pretty much the same outcomes.

Thursday 11th August:

Present – Tim Torrens, Scott Barker & Jacqueline Collins.

On this day we assessed the proposed realignment corridor through Devils Pulpit State Forest on the eastern side of the existing highway. The survey included a three metre wide forestry track and two adjoining tracks as well as two log dump areas. No archaeological evidence was found. Although there was very little visibility off these exposures, the realignment corridor is considered to have low archaeological potential, as it lies in an area that is unlikely to have been often used by Aboriginal people.

Conclusions:

The marked tree near New Italy is of high cultural significance. To preserve this significance, both the Bogal LALC and Traditional Owners require it to be protected with an uncleared buffer zone of a size sufficient to ensure that the tree is not clearly visible from the new highway. Under no circumstances should the tree or its surrounds be disturbed by the highway development.

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So as long as consideration is taken into account for what eventuated from the discoveries made on Thursday 2nd of June, both Scott Barker and myself agree with the recommendations by Jacqui Collins, in her report.

For and on behalf of Bogal LALC



Tim Torrens
Consultant - Sites Officer.

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Artie Ferguson--Site Officer
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Up of Pacific Highway
Iluka Road to Woodburn

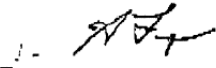
Dear Jacky

The upgrading of the Pacific highway to the South of Woodburn should not have as much of an impact on Aboriginal Sites as the upgrade of the highway to the North of Woodburn because most areas along that route have been severely disturbed in the past.

Given that the new road is going next to the old highway in a lot of places there has been too much disturbance in the past and the area is unlikely to contain any undisturbed cultural material.

However these are a couple of areas that have a potential for archaeological material. These areas should be excavated and examined more closely before any decisions are made on the final route. Although the area is very disturbed some artefacts could still be found in these places.

Apart from that one area I have no problems with the highway upgrade and I think that it should proceed.


Artie Ferguson
Aboriginal Site Officer

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22nd February 2008

Dear Natalie

Re: Pacific Highway Upgrade – Iluka Road to Woodburn Route

The Jali LALC has reviewed the report on the Pacific Highway Upgrade of Iluka Road to Woodburn Route.

The Jali Local Aboriginal Land Council concurs with the findings and recommendations contained in the report and with the information stated by Jali LALC's Cultural and Heritage Site Officer, Mr Artie Ferguson.

The NSW Aboriginal Land Council has designated Local Aboriginal Land Council boundaries based on traditional parish boundaries. Jali Local Aboriginal Land Council is the incorporated body responsible for Aboriginal issues within the survey area.

It is a role of Jali LALC to minimize the risk, damage or destruction to heritage sites and limit the environmental impact within our boundaries.

Please note however should there be any alterations to the proposal in the report Jali LALC expects that these proposed changes be formally communicated with us for our assessment and comment.

Should any archaeological artefacts on the proposed sites be uncovered as a result of this project then we require that works immediately cease and an assessment of the area is undertaken.

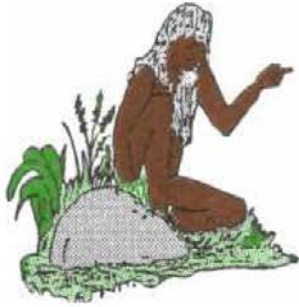
I am contactable on 66867055 or on 0438668344 should you require further correspondence.

Yours sincerely

Veronica Williams
Acting CEO

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25th February 2008

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Re: PACIFIC HIGHWAY UPGRADE – ILUKA TO WOODBURN

Ngulingah LALC would like to comment on the above and specifically the Report prepared by Consultant Archaeologist, Ms Jacqueline Collins, in September 2007. Ngulingah LALC endorses the Report and especially the Recommendations 1-7 contained in the Report and require that these be addressed prior to any work commencing.

Please contact this Office should you require any further information.

Yours truly,

Dallas Donnelly
ACTING CEO

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"Lance Manton" <bogallalc@bigpond.com>

25/03/2008 11:35 AM

To "Natalie Green" <GreenN@conwag.com>
Subject RE: draft Aboriginal Heritage Report - Iluka Rd to Woodburn
Project 1235-25

Dear Natalie. sorry for the delay in responding. my understanding is that reps from this organisation had completed a survey in the proposed area of the upgade, and a lot of physical remains of art-facts were found of past habitation by the original inhabitants. That will be protected under Aboriginal heritage. This is my personal response. despite the lack of detailed spiritual and religious knowledge in certain areas, most of our people live an urban life style. and past traditional practices are all most non-existent. like most old and ancient cultures we had belief systems that have been passed on by oral traditions for thousands of years. we were led to believe that our religious or spiritual sites were imbued into specific areas by our ancestral spirits, thus becoming our sacred sites, to us at the time were naked to the human eye but were energy sites, then, most of our people lived in harmony and balance with nature. those sites were as real to those people then ,as the big physical structures(CHURCHES) we see today. Unfortunately, because of a whole lot of reasons we lack that very high spiritual knowledge on the whereabouts of these very sites, and over the years, thousands of these sites have been destroyed.

Lance Manton

Cheif Executive Officer

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D.3 Previous Aboriginal focus group minutes



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Minutes

Issue date: 14 June 2007
Subject: Iluka Road to Woodburn Aboriginal Focus Group Meeting
Meeting date: 13 June 2007
Time: 12:00pm
Location: RTA Community Information Centre, River Street, Woodburn
Attendees: Des Ferguson (DF) - Birrigan Gargle Local Aboriginal Land Council
Ben Currie (BC) - Birrigan Gargle Local Aboriginal Land Council
Diana Loges (DL) – RTA
Scott Smith (SS) - RTA
Mary Lou-Buck (MLB) - RTA
Nial O'Brien (N'OB) – Connell Wagner
Jackie Collins (JC) – Consultant Archaeologist
Michael Randall (MR) – Yaegl Local Aboriginal Land Council (via Telephone)

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Item	Description
1.	<p>Welcome to Country and Introduction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• DF gave the Welcome to Country. DF also indicated that his Land Council has no problems with the project. It is understood that the project is mainly a duplication of the existing road with a few corners being eased and one short deviation.<li>• Birrigan Gargle Local Aboriginal Land Council land encompasses land from Red Rock to Black Rock.<li>• DL stated that the RTA's intention of the project and this focus group was to make sure that the project was not affecting any important sites.
2.	<p>Previous studies undertaken</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• JC detailed previous studies undertaken in the project area and what findings were made. A copy of these notes is attached.
3.	<p>Discussion/issues</p>
	<p>Scarred Tree</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The issue of the scarred tree in the vicinity of New Italy was discussed. Ecologists have verified that the scars on the tree are of human origin and that the tree is around 150 to 200 years old.<li>• Currently there are no buffer zones prescribed around the scarred tree. DL stated that it is very important to determine a buffer due to other constraints in the area. MLB should consult with Simone Barker to determine what buffer is required. JC queried how far towards the scarred tree the road will move. N'OB indicated that the road will lowered about 5 metres resulting in a wider footprint that will bring the top of the embankment around one third closer than the road is now. The interchange that has been discussed for the area could be relocated. Under the current proposal there is no interchange planned at New Italy. <p>Interchange north of Gap Road</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The issue of artefacts found in the vicinity north of the Gap Road was discussed. N'OB described the location of a proposed interchange in the area with respect to the sites where items were found. JC -The sites were generally on the high ground in this area. It is believed that

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	<p>these are the only PADS in the area as the area was seldom used. DL- What level of constraint would these PADS have on the proposed interchange? JC – There would be no real constraints. All artefacts were found on a track. MLB and JC agreed that there was the need for further investigations in the area (possibly subsurface) but believed access was the biggest problem. DL – Access is not a problem.</p> <p>Additional Issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DL – More investigations may be needed where the alignment has changed since the last round of displays. Sites such as rest areas must also be investigated. DL asked DF and BC if there were any other sites or issues that should be investigated. DF indicated that there was nothing else except for the middens on the property to the east of the New Italy Museum. DL believed these could be an issue when the alignment may have to be altered to avoid the other constraints (including the scarred tree, non – indigenous heritage sites and Melaleuca Irbyana). DF – the middens could be an issue but they are not at the same level of significance as the scarred tree. JC – Once you get into sandy areas with middens there could also be burial sites. DL – we need to understand what is exactly in the New Italy area so we can avoid or minimise impacts on all the constraints. JC – one other constraint may be Mr Wilson’s block of land at Minyumai which was the result of a land grant. DL – we need to determine the location of this grant.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N’OB described the proposed deviation in the vicinity of Devils Pulpit State Forest and the southern rest area. No issues were raised with either of these sites. DF stated that possible compound sites should be investigated now. MR stated that he has no interest north of Mororo Road.
<p>4.</p>	<p>Bus Tour</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All participants undertook a bus tour of the site. The aim of the tour was to provide participants with an awareness of the project site. No issues were raised during the tour.
<p>5.</p>	<p>Actions arising from the meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> JC (?) and MLB to consult with Simone Barker to determine a buffer zone for the scarred tree. JC to undertake further investigations at the site of the proposed interchange north of Gap Road. JC to investigate area where alignment has changed since study was undertaken including rest areas. N’OB to determine extent of Wilson’s land grant at Minyumai.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investigate sites on land east of New Italy Museum site.

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Appendix E Current Aboriginal community consultation

E.1 Current summary

Table 4 Summary of consultation

Date	Time	Alliance contact	Method	Contact person	Organisation	Subject	Comment
16 August 2010	NA	Josie Basilio	Email/mail	Registered Aboriginal stakeholders		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Meeting invites: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 19–20 August 2010 AFG Meeting 	
20 August 2010	9.00 am-11.00 am	Kate Wiggins Vanessa Edmonds	AFG 1	Ken Laurie Marcus Ferguson Diane Randell Leon Avuri-Williams Patricia Laurie Tina Williams Mary-Lou Buck Adam Cameron Toby Heys	Birrigan Gargle LALC Jali LALC NSW ALC NSW Aboriginal Land Council NSW LALC RTA Arup	<p>From agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Update on Woolgoolga to Ballina Planning Alliance project. ■ Update on Woolgoolga to Wells Crossing project. ■ Draft methodology for Aboriginal heritage assessment. ■ Nomination of people for specific Aboriginal cultural heritage services. ■ Nomination of Aboriginal field assistants. ■ Ongoing consultation – next steps. ■ Other matters. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Agenda items discussed. ■ Other matters raised: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Any issues should be handled through the NSW ALC. ▪ Concerns raised over PACHCI document. ▪ Bogal and Ngulingah must be included in any survey of unincorporated LALC areas. Information will be forwarded to Ngulingah and Bogal LALC. ■ Actions arising: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Councillor Laurie requested project information for the area between Corindi and Tweed Heads to be forwarded to NSW ALC. ▪ Councillor Laurie requested report format as per PACHCI document to be forwarded to NSW ALC. ▪ LALC to be provided with current rates. ▪ Councillor Laurie to forward map showing LALC boundaries.
23 August 2010	10.18 am	Vanessa Edmonds	Email	Lance Manton	Bogal LALC	Vanessa requested a Sites Officer from Bogal to participate in survey through Unincorporated LALC lands south of Woodburn on 26 Tuesday 2010. Explained that Marcus Ferguson (Jali LALC) has also requested Bogal be present during survey near Cooks Hill. Also requested permission to access site cards so that we can accurately map the extent of these against the highway corridor. Attached letter and requested it to be signed and returned	No response
23 August 2010		Vanessa Edmonds	Phone	Lance Manton	Bogal LALC	Called to request sites officer to attend survey. Lance Manton provided name of Victor Williams to call for sites officer role.	
23 August 2010		Vanessa Edmonds	Phone	Victor Williams	Bogal LALC	Called to request field assistance. Mr Williams agreed to meet the following morning.	
23 August 2010	10.45 am	Vanessa Edmonds	Phone	Tracey King	Ngulingah LALC	Vanessa Edmonds explained about the AFGs and survey.	Tracey suggested I call John Roberts (Sites Officer).
23 August 2010	10.55 am	Vanessa Edmonds	Phone	John Roberts	Ngulingah LALC	Vanessa Edmonds explained that she had talked to Tracey King who had suggested his name and requested assistance in field.	John Roberts was reticent and also said he is busy on Wednesday. He said he is happy for Marcus Ferguson (Jali LALC) to walk the area.

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23–27 August 2010	All day	Vanessa Edmonds	Fieldwork	Lee Laurie Mark Laurie Ken Laurie Ronald Williams Steven Williams Dean Bolt	Yaegl LALC/Yaegl People NT claimants Birrigan Gargle LALC & Yaegl NT claimants Bogal LALC Jali LALC	Aboriginal site survey.	Outcomes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Surveyed on foot all accessible properties. Identified one new PAD for sub-surface testing. Discussed methodology and significance in field with Aboriginal Sites Officers.
31 August 2010		Josie Basilio	Email/mail	Registered Aboriginal stakeholders		Minutes of 19/20 August 2010 AFG meeting	
9 September 2010	N/A	Josie Basilio	Email/mail	Registered Aboriginal stakeholders & Aboriginal stakeholders	All sections	AFG 2 invite sent out.	
10 September 2010	N/A	Josie Basilio	Email/mail	Registered Aboriginal stakeholders & Aboriginal stakeholders	All sections	Statement of findings for each section sent out to relevant stakeholders.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Response on 14 September 2010 from Wes Fernando (Grafton-Ngerrie LALC) see below. Response on 15 September 2010 from Tracey King (Ngulingah LALC) see below.
13 September 2010		Jo Moss	Phone	Tracey King	Ngulingah LALC	Tracey King (Ngulingah LALC) called Jo Moss (who returned her phone call). She wanted to know if we had been in contact with Gilbert King and Reg King – they want an update on what’s happening. She also asked if the LALC could get a record of anything that is recorded, on a CD. She didn’t want me to get back to her on these issues.	Josie Basilio emailed AFG 1 minutes and Statement of Findings from fieldwork on 28 September 2010.
14 September 2010	10.00 am-12.00 pm	Kate Wiggins Vanessa Edmonds	AFG 2	Leon Avuri-Williams Graham Purcell Scott Smith	NSW Aboriginal Land Council RTA	From agenda: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion of findings from Iluka Rd to Woodburn field survey. Draft methodology for Aboriginal heritage assessment. Ongoing consultation – next steps. Other matters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Devils Pulpit project. 	Items discussed/outcomes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussed items on agenda. Graham Purcell called Yaegl LALC and Birrigan Gargle LALC to enquire as to attendance. They stated they had not had enough notice. Vanessa Edmonds called Marcus Ferguson to (Jali LALC) to enquire as to attendance and he stated he did not know it was on and that he could not attend that day nor the next. Discussed holding another AFG at a later stage. Decided to call off AFG until further communication and confirmation of attendance could be attained.

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15 September 2010	3.58 pm	Josie Basilio	Email	Tracey King	Ngulingah LALC	<p>Re AFG 2 from Tracey King:</p> <p><i>Hi Josephine,</i></p> <p><i>Sorry I could not make the meeting.</i></p> <p><i>Can you give me more notice when the next one is coming up or if you have a schedule to send that would be great</i></p> <p><i>Thanks</i></p>	<p>Email response on 15 September 2010 (2.23 pm) from Josie Basilio:</p> <p><i>Hi Tracey</i></p> <p><i>Thank you for your email & awfully sorry for the short notice.</i></p> <p><i>We do not have a schedule for the next meeting yet but we will try our very best to give you more notice next time.</i></p> <p><i>Thanks Tracey!</i></p> <p><i>Regards</i></p> <p><i>josie</i></p>
16 September 2010	9.00 am	Kate Wiggins Vanessa Edmonds	Meeting	Sarah Paddington Rosalie Neve	DECCW-Coffs Harbour	Meeting to discuss project.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Use DOP guidelines ICCR 2004. ■ Re consultation – will for documentation above and beyond. Include any letters, emails in Appendices. ■ EA-proposed locations must be identified for compounds, storage, haulage areas etc. Many community members disappointed that ALL associated activities NOT identified at assessment stage. These locations, like proposed quarries must be introduced into talks at an early stage of the process so there are no surprises. ■ Geotech, from the 1 October 2010 not legal under due diligence. Need AHIP but need to liaise with DOP. ■ No DGRs yet so still needs to be assessed under DECCW guidelines. ■ Discussed new Code of Practice and Due Diligence and how these will need to be followed to comply with Part 6 of the NPW Act of DGRs not received. ■ It was mentioned that Ballina people were happy that the alignment had been moved during the options assessment. ■ Landform testing – elevated areas around swamps. ■ Discussed definition of PAD – scientific vs cultural (must have good information/oral history or sites present). ■ Where PAD identified for cultural reasons can use machinery for testing but not on scientific PADs. ■ Recommended liaison with Ashley Moran (DECCW Aboriginal Sites Officer for Ballina area).
6 October 2010		Josie Basilio	Email/Mail	Registered Aboriginal stakeholders	IR2W Section	Meeting invite for 21 October 2010.	
7 October 2010		Josie Basilio	Email	Registered Aboriginal stakeholders		Site Officers' contracts.	Chased-up signed contracts.
11 October 2010	1.10 pm	Vanessa Edmonds	Phone	Ashley Moran (Aboriginal Heritage Conservation Officer)	DECCW	Vanessa Edmonds called to discuss Woollogoolga to Ballina Pac Highway Upgrade and Concept Corridor. Asked Ashley Moran what his interest would be in attending meetings or having project info updates.	Stated his main interest area was Broadwater to Ballina. Mentioned Indigenous protected land occurring along project corridor (this is actually only a very small amount of Jali LALC land) near Lumley's Lane. He has had quite a bit to do with Ballina Shire Council and Jali LALC.
11 October 2010	1.13 pm	Vanessa Edmonds	Email	Ashley Moran	DECCW	Emailed contact details to Ashley Moran.	No response.

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18 October 2010		Vanessa Edmonds	Phone	Marcus Ferguson	Jali LALC	Vanessa Edmonds let Marcus Ferguson know that the AFG to be held on 21 October 2010 is only for Iluka Rd to Woodburn and that as there is some unincorporated LALC lands there it would still be relevant for him to attend. I explained that the Woodburn to Ballina section was in the process of being advertised under the DECCW 2010 guidelines. I also said if he wanted to chat about Woodburn to Ballina we could do that after the AFG.	Marcus Ferguson said he was unaware it was just for the IR2W. Happy to still come along to hear about unincorporated lands. Happy to have a „chat’ after AFG re Woodburn to Ballina.
19 October 2010	9.12 am	Vanessa Edmonds	Email	Lance Manton	Bogal LALC	Vanessa Edmonds reminded Lance Manton of AFG Thursday 21 October 2010 and re-attached letter of permission for access to Bogal site cards from AHIMS.	No response.
19 October 2010	9.16 am	Vanessa Edmonds	Email	Noeline Kapeen	Yaegl LALC	Vanessa Edmonds reminded NK of AFG Thursday 21 October and re-attached letter of permission for access to Yaegl site cards from AHIMS.	No response.
19 October 2010			Letter	Agencies seeking nomination of stakeholders.		Letters to agencies seeking nomination of stakeholders	
20 October 2010	1.44 - pm	Vanessa Edmonds	Email	Tracey King	Ngulingah LAC	Sent Agenda for AFG 3.	No response..
20 October 2010	1.48 pm	Vanessa Edmonds	Email		Ulgandahi	Sent Agenda for AFG 3.	No response.
20 October 2010	1.38 pm	Vanessa Edmonds	Email		Mullum	Sent Agenda for AFG 3.	No response.
20 October 2010	1.49 pm	Vanessa Edmonds	Email	Noeline Kapeen	Yaegl LALC	Sent Agenda for AFG 3.	No response.
20 October 2010	1.47 pm	Vanessa Edmonds	Email	Patricia Laurie Craig Craigie Andrew Riley Diane Randall	Northern Zone NSWALC	Vanessa Edmonds sent agenda for AFG 3 (21 October 2010) as reminder.	
21 October 2010	10.00 – 12.00 pm	Vanessa Edmonds Kate Wiggins Scott Smith	AFG 3	Lewis Cook Lois Cook Marcus Ferguson Veronica Williams Dean Bolt Lance Manson Russell Kapeen	Burabi Aboriginal Corporation Jali LALC Bogal LALC	From agenda: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Discussion of findings from field survey ■ Draft Methodology for Aboriginal Heritage Assessment ■ Ongoing consultation – next steps ■ Other Matters 	
22 October 2010	11.21 am	Vanessa Edmonds	Email	Tina Williams	Northern Zone NSWALC	Tina Williams sent apologies for not being able to attend AFG 3 (21 October 2010), but said she would be available for future meetings.	
26 October 2010		Josie Basilio	Email/Mail	Registered Aboriginal stakeholders		Minutes of 15 September 2010 meeting sent out.	

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28 October 2010	3.59 pm	Josie Basilio	Email	Tracey King	Ngulingah LALC	<p>From Tracey King:</p> <p><i>Hi Josephine,</i></p> <p><i>Just letting you know that the agreement has been posted</i></p> <p><i>SNR Officers</i> <i>Gilbert King</i> <i>John Roberts</i> <i>Trainees</i></p> <p><i>Gilbert Laurie</i> <i>Chris King</i></p> <p><i>Regards</i> <i>Tracey King</i></p>	
2 November 2010		Josie Basilio	Email/Mail	Registered Aboriginal stakeholders	Minutes of 21 October 2010 meeting sent out.		
3 November 2010			Letter	Agencies seeking nomination of stakeholders.		Letters to agencies seeking nomination of stakeholders	
3 and 17 November 2010			Advertisement	Any stakeholder with interest		Advertisement in the <i>The Koori Mail</i> regarding the AFG on the 8 December 2010.	
11 November 2010			Letter		DECCW nominated stakeholders	DECCW nominated 11 potential stakeholders. Letters were sent on the 11 November 2010 to those nominated stakeholders seeking registration of interest. The closing date for registration was 2 December 2010.	
11 and 25 November 2010			Advertisement	Any stakeholder with interest		Advertisement in the <i>Ballina Shire Advocate</i> regarding the AFG on the 8 December 2010.	
11 and 25 November 2010			Advertisement	Any stakeholder with interest		Advertisement in the <i>National Indigenous Times</i> regarding the AFG on the 8 December 2010.	
19 November 2010	11.57 am	Vanessa Edmonds	Email	Yaegl LALC	Yaegl LALC	Requesting signed letter to access AHIMs data re Yaegl site cards.	<p>Noeline Kapeen responded by email on on 22 November 2010 at 10.11 requesting me to send through my fax number.</p> <p>I responded by email on 22 November 2010 at 5.32 that it would be better to wait until 26 November 2010 as I was out of office.</p> <p>Noeline responded 23 November 2010 at 8.37 saying that was OK.</p>
November 2010			Advertisement	Any stakeholder with interest		Advertisement in <i>The Northern Star</i> regarding the AFG on the 8 December 2010.	
November 2010			Advertisement	Any stakeholder with interest		Advertisement in <i>Deadly Vibe Magazine</i> regarding the AFG on the 8 December 2010.	

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November 2010			Advertisement	Any stakeholder with interest		Advertisement in <i>In Vibe Magazine</i> regarding the AFG on the 8 December 2010.	
26 November 2010	10.05 am	Joseph Brooke	Email	Norma Collins	Birrigan Gargle LALC	<p>Attached sub-surface testing methodology for review and comments/approval to conduct sub-surface testing at an early works site for the Woolgoolga to Ballina Pacific Highway Upgrade.</p> <p>Also attached :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Letter of agreement with the methodology (if you agree with the methodology, could please sign and return this, by fax/email ASAP that would be much appreciated). ■ Sites Officer nomination form – please nominate a Sites Officer to be involved in fieldwork, and return at your soonest convenience. ■ Asked if they could please return all correspondence to Vanessa Edmonds. ■ If you have any questions, please contact Vanessa Edmonds on the contact details included in the methodology. 	
26 November 2010	10.09 am	Joseph Brooke	Email	Lance Manton	Bogal LALC	As above	
26 November 2010	10.48 am	Joseph Brooke	Email	Noeline Kapeen Michael Randell	Yaegl LALC	As above	
26 November 2010	11.11 am	Tierney Rose	Email	Tracey King	Ngulingah LALC	As above	
26 November 2010	2.24 pm	Joseph Brooke	Email	Veronica Williams	Jali LALC	As above	
26 November 2010	3.00 pm	Joseph Brooke	Email	Deidre Randell (c/- NTScorp)	Yaegl People Native Title claimant group	As above	
30 November 2010	8.55 am	Vanessa Edmonds	Email	Noeline Kapeen	Yaegl LALC	Noeline Kapeen emailed Vanessa to see if she was in office so that she could fax forms over. Requested Vanessa Edmonds to call her.	Vanessa phoned Noeline at 9.14 am and discussed fax numbers.
30 November 2010	12.07 pm	Vanessa Edmonds	Fax	Noeline Kapeen	Yaegl LALC	Site Officer nomination forms and signed letter of access faxed to SKM Melbourne office by Noeline Kapeen.	Nominated Sites Officers are Ferlin Laurie (Senior) and Shane McLeay (Trainee).

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20 December 2010	8.31 am	Vanessa Edmonds	Email	Veronica Williams	Jali LALC	<p>Attached sub-surface testing methodology for review and comments/approval to conduct sub-surface testing at an early works site for the Woolgoolga to Ballina Pacific Highway Upgrade.</p> <p>Also attached :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Letter of agreement with the methodology (if you agree with the methodology, could please sign and return this, by fax/email ASAP that would be much appreciated). ■ Sites Officer nomination form – please nominate two Sites Officer to be involved in fieldwork, and return at your soonest convenience. ■ If you have any questions, please contact Vanessa Edmonds on the contact details included in the methodology. 	
25 January 2011	4.30 pm	Vanessa Edmonds	Meeting at Jali LALC	Veronica Williams	Jali LALC	Discussed RTA contracts, Site Officer nomination forms & letter template for agreement with field methodology.	Veronica said she would call Graeme Purcell (RTA) to get contract details and get Secretary to write up letter next week. Completed Site Officer nomination forms for Dean Bolt and Marcus Ferguson.
31 January 2011	3.28 pm	Vanessa Edmonds	Email	Lance Manton	Bogal LALC	<p>Queried Site Officer nomination forms and letter of agreement for the proposed early works excavation methodology sent in November? Stated that anticipating starting the excavations of the early works sometime in late Feb.</p> <p>Also reminded Lance Manton that Bogal LALC had not formally registered for the Woodburn to Ballina section?</p>	Email bounced back.
31 January 2011	4.13 pm	Vanessa Edmonds	Email	Tracey King	Ngulingah LALC	<p><i>Hi Tracey,</i></p> <p><i>Just following up on an email I received recently from Josie Basilio form last October regarding you nomination of 4 Sites Officers. Unfortunately the attached Form (App D Resource 15) has to be filled out for each Sites Officer nominated (RTA protocol). You can send these back to me. It also require a letter of agreement (see attached template) to say that Ngulingah agree with the methodology for the early works testing. To help I have re-attached this methodology as well.</i></p> <p><i>If you have any questions please give me a call on 0429114188. As we are planning to start excavations sometime in late Feb it would be good to get these forms sorted out ASAP.</i></p> <p><i>Regards Vanessa</i></p>	

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2 February 2011		Vanessa Edmonds	Mail			Attached sub-surface testing methodology for review and comments/approval to conduct sub-surface testing at an early works site for the Woolgoolga to Ballina Pacific Highway Upgrade. Also attached : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Letter of agreement with the methodology Sites Officer nomination form. ■ Included self-addressed envelope postage paid. 	
11 February 2011	11.23	Vanessa Edmonds	Phone	Veronica Williams	Jali LALC	Called to enquire about letter of support for methodology and Site Officer nomination forms.	Secretary said Veronica away at conference back on Monday.
11 February 2011	11.29 am	Vanessa Edmonds	Phone	Norma Collins	Birrigan Gargle LALC	Called to enquire about letter of support for methodology and Site Officer nomination forms.	No answer.
11 February 2011	1.35 pm	Vanessa Edmonds	Phone	Ken Laurie	Birrigan Gargle LALC	Called to enquire about letter of support for methodology and Site Officer nomination forms.	Ken was at funeral and asked if I could call back in an hour. He said that Norma Collins was and had been in hospital and hence no response from Birrigan Gargle LALC.
11 February 2011	2.54 pm	Vanessa Edmonds	Phone	Noeline Kapeen	Yaegl LALC	Called to enquire about letter of support for methodology and Site Officer nomination forms.	Secretary said Noeline away until next week.
11 February 2011	2.59 pm	Vanessa Edmonds	Phone	Lance Manton	Bogal LALC	Called to enquire about letter of support for methodology and Site Officer nomination forms. Left message.	No answer.
11 February 2011	3.10 pm	Vanessa Edmonds	Phone	Ken Laurie	Birrigan Gargle LALC	Explained requirement for letter of support and Site Officer nominations forms. Stated that Birrigan Gargle were not registered stakeholders for the WC2IR section and would therefore miss out on fieldwork there. Suggested he call Kate Wiggins about registering for this section.	Ken said that he couldn't do the letter of support. We agreed that I would call on 15 February 2011 to help fill Aboriginal Site Officer nomination forms.
14 February 2011	1.29 pm	Vanessa Edmonds	Phone	Denise	Bogal LALC		Denise left message to say that Lance Manton was away and would be back in a couple of days.
15 February 2011	1.47 pm	Vanessa Edmonds	Phone	Tracey King	Ngulingah LALC	Tracey called to say the previous CEO, Gean Boussard, had sent through signed contracts, letter of agreement, and Site Officer nomination forms late last year after sign off from the board. She also advised that all direct contact should be through Murray John Roberts, Gilbert King; Gilbert Laurie; William (Bill) King but CC her in. Stated they need more than two weeks notice for fieldwork.	
16 February 2011	9.25 am	Vanessa Edmonds	Phone	Marcus Ferguson	Jali LALC	I said that no one was paid for AFGs and provided address to send other invoice.	Marcus called to ask where to send invoices for AFG and meeting on the 25 January 2011.

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25 February 2011	3.30 pm	Vanessa Edmonds	Phone	Ken Laurie	Birrigan Gargle LALC	Vanessa called Ken to get assistance in filling out Site Officer nomination forms. In response to request to return stone artefacts Vanessa stated we would get care and control permits to Yaegl LALC next week.	Ken requested us to return axe heads to Yaegl LALC.
28 February 2011	11.23 am	Vanessa Edmonds	Phone	Norma Collins	Birrigan Gargle LALC		No answer.
28 February 2011	11.25 am	Vanessa Edmonds	Phone	Veronica Williams	Jali LALC		No answer.
6 October 2011	9.00-11.10am	Vanessa Edmonds Joseph Brooke Chris Gorman	AFG 4	Noeline Kapeen Eileen McLeay Erica Wilson Daniel Wilson Doug Wilson Bill Drew Warren Williams Kellie Wilson Marcus Ferguson Leonie Watson Dean Bolt Cedrick Hinton	Yaegl LALC and Yaegl Native Title Claimant Bandjalang LALC/Bandjalang People Native Title Claimant Bunjum Aboriginal Cooperative Bogal LALC Jali LALC Ngulingah LALC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Discussion of the project being considered as one upgrade (Woolgoolga to Ballina). ■ Explanation of sub-surface testing methodologies. ■ Timing of excavations introduced. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ To let Aboriginal TOs know when testing is to begin. ■ Discussion and questions concerning testing methodology. ■ Action: to send Bill Drew previous correspondence and statement of findings that were sent to NTS Corp.
18 November 2011		Garry McPherson	Letter – AFG invitation	All registered and other Aboriginal stakeholders			
22 November 2011	3:10 pm	Joseph Brookes	Email	Rebecca Barnes	Bogal LALC	Needs confirmation that the site officers are needed on the 28 November 2011 and when and where to meet them if they are needed?	
22 November 2011	4:30 pm	Joseph Brookes	Email	Rebecca Barnes	Bogal LALC	Looking into when and where the site officers from Bogal are needed.	
1 December 2011	8:50am	Josie Basilio	Email	Cedrick Hinton	Ngulingah LALC	Cedrick will be added to the mailing list and will be included in all future correspondence.	
7 December 2011	11:30am	Josie Basilio	Phone	Lance Manton	Bogal LALC	Lance would like Jo to return his call.	
8 December 2011	3 pm	Josie Basilio				The members for the AFGs have been confirmed for the 13 and the 14 of December 2011.	

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14 December 2011	9.30 am	Vanessa Edmonds Joseph Brooke Ken Robinson	AFG 4	Marcus Ferguson Leonie Watson Rosemarie Vesper Veronica Wilson Billy Walker Graham Purcell Rowena Mitchell Garry McPherson Lindsay Nash Rob Ticknor David Groth	Jali LALC Birrigan Gargle LALC Bandjalang Native Title claimant Birrigan Gargle LALC and Yaegl Native Title claimant RMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Discussion of the sub-surface testing results for each site. ■ Discussion of obtaining the Director General's requirements and how further excavation can be conducted if needed. ■ Concern was voiced over moving artefacts away from site and the potential problems that could arise. ■ Discussion of design changes and ancillary areas – whether or not survey will be required. ■ Discussion of the geotechnical investigations and works involved. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Next AFG meeting would most likely be held in February 2012.
6 February 2012	9.52 pm	Vanessa Edmonds	Email	Rosie	Yaegl	Vanessa called Rosie and reiterated that the burial would not be disturbed. Outlined the consultation process with Yaegl. Rosie also stated that she/Yaegl did not want any artefacts removed or sites disturbed. I'm not sure that she actually speaks for Yaegl though. Rosie also has an association with Birrigan Gargle.	
20 June 2012		Vanessa Edmonds	Letter	Lance Manton Norma Collins Tori Edwards Bill Drew EJ Williams Wes Fernando Ms Rowe Chris Spencer Carla Di Giusto Mr Gardiner Ms. Kapeen Lois Cook Mr Hinton Veronica Williams	Bogal LALC Birrigan Gargle LALC Banjalang Native Title Claimants Bandjalang LALC Yarrowarra Aboriginal Corporation Grafton-Ngerrie LALC Garlambirla Guuyu-girwaa Corporation Coffs Harbour and District LALC Yaegl Native Title Claimants Burra:way Wa:jad Traditional Owners Group Yaegl LALC Burabi Aboriginal Corporation Ngulingah LALC Jali LALC	CHARs sent out for review, Woolgoolga to Wells Crossing, Wells Crossing to Iluka Road and Iluka Road to Woodburn.	

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20 June 2012	3:16 pm	Josie Basilio	Email	Tori Edwards	Banjalang Native Title Claimants	Confirmation of correct postal address – the contact list has a PO box in Strawberry Hills, but the signature has an address in Redfern.	
20 June 2012	3:38 pm	Josie Basilio	Email	Tori Edwards	Banjalang Native Title Claimants	The PO box address is the correct postal address. The address in Redfern is the office.	
20 June 2012	4:33 pm	Vanessa Edmonds Amanda Goldfarb	Email	Tori Edwards	Bandjalang Native Title Claimants	CHAR sent out for review.	
20 June 2012	4:36 pm	Vanessa Edmonds Amanda Goldfarb	Email	Carla Di Giusto	Yaegl Native Title Claimants	CHAR sent out for review.	
21 June 2012	10:18 am	Vanessa Edmonds Amanda Goldfarb	Email	Carla Di Giusto	Yaegl Native Title Claimants	CHAR was received	
21 June 2012	12:39 pm	Vanessa Edmonds Amanda Goldfarb	Email	Tori Edwards	Bandjalang Native Title Claimants	CHAR was received	
22 June 2012		Vanessa Edmonds	Letter		Garlambirla Guuyu-girrwa Corportation Burra:way Wa:jad Traditional	CHARS returned: address incorrect.	
25 June 2012	12:19 pm	Graham Percell	Email	Cedrick Hinton	Nugulingah LALC	Murray John Roberts was upset as he was only paid \$75/hour, rather than the agreed rate of \$110/hour. Cedrick would like to cancel the invoice that he sent on behalf of Nugulingah and John will send in an invoice for his work as a member of the native title claimants group that he also represents. Cedrick will submit the names of the site officers that will be used for all future work soon.	
26 June 2012		Vanessa Edmonds	Phone	Ken Laurie	Birrigan Gargle LALC	Ken requested a copy of the WC2IR report. Vanessa suggested he needed to look at the cultural places and recommendations.	
26 June 2012	3:00 pm	Vanessa Edmonds Joseph Brooke David Collard	AFG 5 meeting	Noeline Kapeen Eileen McLeay Norma Collins Lance Manton Graham Purcell Simon Wilson Chris Clarke	Yaegl LALC Birrigan Gargle LALC Bogal LALC RMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Discussion of the CHAR and the 28 day review period. ■ Site recommendations were put forth. ■ Discussion of the difficulty of making recommendations for Aboriginal Cultural Places due to their intangible nature. ■ Discussion of site monitoring and how it is not allowed under the PACHCI. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Vanessa or Joseph to send report to Lance Manton.
29 June 2012		Vanessa Edmonds	Letter	Ken Laurie	Birrigan Gargle LALC	CHARs sent out for review, Wells Crossing to Iluka Road, Iluka Road to Woodburn.	

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29 June 2012	3:09 pm	Amanda Goldfarb	Email	Tori Edwards	NTSCORP Limited	<p><i>Dear Amanda</i></p> <p><i>I received correspondence dated 18 June 2012 from Garry Murphy at RMS indicating that we would be provided with notes from the site visit at Gittoes Jali (Lang Hill) outlining the issues and opportunities discussed.</i></p> <p><i>Can I assume that this will be coming from you? Or from RMS? Can you indicate when this might be received?</i></p> <p><i>The letter stated that the 28-day review period will recommence on receipt of this further information.</i></p> <p><i>Regards,</i></p> <p><i>Tori</i></p>	Received second email 4 minutes later, stating: "Sorry Amanda, the email below should have said Garry McPherson, rather than Garry Murphy."
29 June 2012	3:26 pm	Amanda Goldfarb	Email	Tori Edwards	NTSCORP Limited	<p><i>Dear Tori,</i></p> <p><i>I will chase this up and be back in contact with you to let you know who will provide these notes (if it is not myself).</i></p> <p><i>Kind regards,</i></p> <p><i>Amanda</i></p>	
29 June 2012	3:29 pm	Amanda Goldfarb	Email	Tori Edwards	NTSCORP Limited	<p><i>Great – thanks Amanda. I was somewhat confused as to the deadlines for provision of our feedback regarding the two different sections that impact the Bandjalang claims (Iluka Road to Woodburn; and Woodburn to Ballina). It wasn't clear from Garry's letter whether the comments in the notes that would be provided went to both reports? And if the 28-day period would restart for each?</i></p> <p><i>Clarification would be much appreciated.</i></p> <p><i>Many thanks,</i></p> <p><i>Tori</i></p>	

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2 July 2012	4:15 pm	Amanda Goldarb	Email	Tori Edwards	NTSCORP Limited	<p><i>Dear Tori,</i></p> <p><i>The 28 day period for the Woodburn to Ballina section will restart from receipt of the letter.</i></p> <p><i>The 28 day period for review of the Iluka Road to Woodburn starts from receipt of the report (20 June 2012).</i></p> <p><i>The Bandjalang People only need comment on their part of the Woodburn to Ballina report, which is the area south of Cooks Hill.</i></p> <p><i>Kind regards,</i> <i>Amanda</i></p>	Received autoreply – Tori is travelling until the 5 th of July.
2 July 2012	11:10 pm	Amanda Goldarb	Email	Tori Edwards	NTSCORP Limited	<i>Thank you Amanda</i>	
6 July 2012		Joseph Brooke	Phone	Noeline Kapeen	Yaegl LALC	Rang to discuss CHARs, no answer	
19 July 2012	2.50 pm	Dave Collard	Phone	Noeline Kapeen	Yaegl LALC	Progress of CHAR review. Possible timing of ancillary survey/SST (mid-late August) No answer. Left voicemail message.	
19 July 2012	3.30 pm	Dave Collard	Phone	Ken Laurie	Birrigan Gargle LALC	<p>Progress of CHAR review.</p> <p>Possible timing of ancillary survey/SST (mid-late August) Gave Ken a reminder that the review period ends next Wednesday, and that it would be difficult to incorporate any comments received after this date due to the tight timeframes involved with the project.</p> <p>Ken Stated that he had no concerns with the current recommendations, but was concerned that the corridor might impact upon swampy areas between Tyndale and Tucabia.</p> <p>I confirmed with Ken that the corridor is located to the east of this area, along higher ground.</p>	
19 July 2012	2.50 pm	Dave Collard	Phone	Lionel Gardner	Burra:way Wa:jad Traditional Owners Group	Progress of CHAR review. Possible timing of ancillary survey/SST (mid-late August) Number not connected.	
19 July 2012	2.50 pm	Dave Collard	Phone	Veronica Williams	Jali LALC	Progress of CHAR review. Possible timing of ancillary survey/SST (mid-late August) No answer. Left voicemail message.	
19 July 2012	2.50 pm	Dave Collard	Phone	Lance Manton	Bogal LALC	Progress of CHAR review. Possible timing of ancillary survey/SST (mid-late August) No answer. Left voicemail message.	
20 July 2012	9:53 am	Amanda Goldarb	Email	Tori Edwards	NATSCORP Limited	<p><i>Dear Tori,</i></p> <p><i>I hope you are well.</i></p> <p><i>I would just like to follow up on the</i></p>	

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						<p>CHAR/Arch Assessment that I sent in June:</p> <p>How is the review going? Have the Banjalang People come across any issues, or have any questions, they would like to discuss about any of the recommendations (or general issues)?</p> <p>The period where the Banjalang People can provide comment on the CHARs/Arch Assessments ends for the Iluka Road to Woodburn section next week (Wednesday 25 July) and on Friday 3 August for the Woodburn to Ballina section. Please make sure any comments are sent by these dates, so they can be incorporated into the report.</p> <p>When providing feedback, is it possible to do so in written form, on letter head? (We are happy to receive it scanned and emailed, by fax or post).</p> <p>Please ensure that any response is done is as much detail as possible, and that the comments are broken down (for example, "We agree with this part, but not this part").</p> <p>Also, if the Banjalang People would like information on certain features of the CHAR/Arch Assessment (such as sites) to be restricted from public view, could you please provide information on which aspects.</p> <p>While not in relation to the CHAR review, I'd also like to inform you that SKM is planning to undertake the ancillary areas survey/sub-surface testing work in mid-late August. We will be in touch with more information closer to the date.</p> <p>Kind regards, Amanda</p>	
20 July 2012	10:02 am	Amanda Goldfarb	Email	Carla Di Giutso	NATSCORP Limited	As Above	

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20 July 2012	1.45 pm	Dave Collard	Phone	Veronica Williams	Jali LALC	Progress of CHAR review. Possible timing of ancillary survey/SST (mid-late August) Veronica was to present recs from CHAR to board next Monday (23 July) and planned to forward response on the Tuesday. Had no further comments on the CHAR	
23 July 2012	10.00 am	Dave Collard	Phone	Lance Manton	Bogal LALC	Progress of CHAR review. Possible timing of ancillary survey/SST (mid-late August) Lance stated he was planning to go through Char in the next day or two. Had no questions or issues at this stage, but stated that he would have.	
23 July 2012	10.15 am	Dave Collard	Phone	Cedric Hinton	Ngulingah	Progress of CHAR review. Possible timing of ancillary survey/SST (mid-late August) Cedric wasn't aware of report being received, but was going to have a look for it and call back in 5 minutes.	
23 July 2012	1.30 pm	Dave Collard	Phone	Cedric Hinton	Ngulingah	Progress of CHAR review. Possible timing of ancillary survey/SST (mid-late August) Cedric had received report. Is going to discuss with a couple of the other Land Councils tomorrow (Tuesday 24 July) before formulating comments.	
23 July 2012	2.10 pm	Dave Collard	Phone	Noeline Kapeen	Yaegl LALC	Progress of CHAR review. Possible timing of ancillary survey/SST (mid-late August) No answer. Left voicemail message.	
24 July 2012	9:02 am	Amanda Goldfarb	Email	Tori Edwards	NTSCORP Limited	Dear Tori, I just wanted to follow up and confirm that you received my email on Friday. Could you please provide any feedback as soon as possible? Thank you. Kind regards, Amanda	
24 July 2012	9:04 am	Amanda Goldfarb	Email	Carla Di Guisto	NTSCORP Limited	Dear Carla, I just wanted to follow up and confirm that you received my email on Friday. Could you please provide any feedback as soon as possible? Thank you. Kind regards, Amanda	

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24 July 2012	9:07 am	Amanda Goldfarb	Email	Tori Edwards	NTSCORP Limited	<p>Hi Amanda</p> <p>Yes, I received your email, my apologies, I have been travelling and am just back in the office.</p> <p>I am preparing to send you some of my comments. Due to June/July being our busiest time of year, I have not had the opportunity to take the Bandjalang People through assessments and to get their detailed input. I am therefore not going to be in a position to provide detailed/broken down comments on the content of the report as you have requested below.</p> <p>My suggestion, as it usually is with assessments of this nature is that you or your team meet with them for a specific discussion of the recommendations in the reports, and addressing any specific concerns that Bandjalang People might have. NTSCORP could assist with facilitating this meeting.</p> <p>I am happy to discuss this by phone if this is easier.</p> <p>Regards,</p> <p>Tori</p>	
24 July 2012	10:02 am	Amanda Goldfarb	Email	Carla Di Guisto	NTSCORP Limited	<p>Good morning Amanda,</p> <p>Thank you for your follow-up email. I received your email Friday and forwarded it on to NTSCORP's Principal Legal Officer, Mishka Holt, who has primary responsibility over this matter.</p> <p>We will endeavour to get back to you as soon as we can.</p> <p>Thanks very much.</p> <p>Kind Regards,</p> <p>Carla</p>	
24 July 2012	10:07 am	Amanda Goldfarb	Email	Carla Di Guisto	NTSCORP Limited	<p>Thank you, Carla!</p>	

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24 July 2012	10:20 am	Vanessa Edmonds	Email	Tori Edwards	NTSCORP Limited	<p>Hi Tori,</p> <p>Following up on your email response to Amanda, unfortunately we will not be able to meet separately with the Bandjalang NT claimant group (even if we knew where they were all based) as this is outside the consultation process for this project. The primary purpose of the AFGs are to discuss the findings and recommendations and answer any questions that registered stakeholders might have and hence we have encouraged participation in these by the registered stakeholders. We also have opportunities during the field assessment to discuss issues with nominated sites officers.</p> <p>I'm really sorry for this inconvenience and I understand it is often difficult to get information through to all the registered stakeholders, particularly native title claimants who can be quite widespread. There should be a bit of a timelag (not guaranteed) between receiving comments from all the registered stakeholders and finalisation of the CHARS so if there are any late comments we will be more than happy to incorporate them if we possibly can.</p> <p>Regards Vanessa</p>	

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24 July 2012	10:20 am	Amanda Goldfarb Vanessa Edmonds	Email	Tori Edwards	NTSCORP Limited	Dear Amanda Please find attached correspondence from NTSCORP. Regards, Tori	<p>Dear Amanda</p> <p>Pacific Highway Cultural Heritage Assessment Reports – Woolgoolga to Ballina Upgrade</p> <p>I write in response to your request for Bandjalang People to comment on the Cultural Heritage Assessment Reports (“CHARs”) for two sections of the Pacific Highway Upgrade – the Iluka Road to Woodburn section, and the Woodburn to Ballina section.</p> <p>As you are aware, parts of each of these sections fall within the boundaries of one of the Bandjalang People’s two native title determination applications, Bandjalang People #1 (NSD 6034/1998) and Bandjalang People #2 (NSD 6107/1998). NTSCORP Ltd (“NTSCORP”) is the native title representative body that provides native title services (legal and community facilitation assistance) to Aboriginal traditional owner groups in NSW. NTSCORP currently acts as the agent for the Bandjalang People’s solicitor on the record and we provide ongoing community facilitation and legal assistance to the group.</p> <p>I note that NTSCORP formally registered Bandjalang People’s interest as the traditional owners and registered native title claimants of the land between Devil’s Pulpit and Broadwater in correspondence to Teneale Boyle and Garry McPherson of the Roads and Traffic Authority on 6 October 2011.</p> <p>As noted in this correspondence, as the relevant cultural knowledge holders for the area, it is vital that SKM and RMS constructively consult with the Bandjalang People. I acknowledge that an Aboriginal Community Consultation meeting and site visit was held for the Woodburn to Ballina section at Gittoes Jali/Lang Hill on 12 June 2012. NTSCORP was notified of this meeting by email receipt of an agenda only five days prior on 7 June 2012. Consequently, no members of the native title claim group were available to attend in that capacity.</p> <p>NTSCORP has had the opportunity to review the two CHARs that have been provided which outline proposed cultural heritage management regimes for the sites in question. Whilst both reports are detailed in their recommendations, NTSCORP remains concerned that the Bandjalang People have not had the opportunity to provide information in regard to the cultural significance and values of the sites and objects identified, and specific guidance in the development of management strategies for these.</p> <p>NTSCORP would like to request that staff from SKM meet with the Bandjalang Family Representative Group at the earliest opportunity to discuss the content of the assessment and enable the traditional owners to have meaningful input to the recommendations contained therein.</p> <p>Should you wish to discuss this matter and the scheduling of this meeting, please contact Tori Edwards, Senior Solicitor on (02) 9310 3188 or at tedwards@ntscorp.com.au</p> <p>Yours faithfully Tori Edward</p>

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24 July 2012	10:38 am	Vanessa Edmonds	Email	Tori Edwards	NTSCORP Limited	<p>Hi Tori, Thanks for the quick response. I have forwarded this onto the Project Manager for consideration. My main concern with Bandjalang is that we would be offering them preferential treatment to other registered stakeholders who have travelled to the many AFGs that have been held and that the Bandjalang have also been invited too (not just the June AFG). To date only Bill Drew and his family members have attended these AFGs. The other registered stakeholders are also providing comment within the time frame.</p> <p>It would be very difficult for us to conduct consultation outside of the AFGs or fieldwork. If you have any thoughts or suggestions on this it would be much appreciated.</p> <p>Regards Vanessa</p>	
24 July 2012	2:24 pm	Vanessa Edmonds	Email	Tori Edwards	NTSCORP Limited	<p>Dear Vanessa</p> <p>Thank you for your emails.</p> <p>I do not see meeting with the Bandjalang native title claimants as provision of any preferential treatment. The NSW Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Guidelines for Proponents (2010) clearly identify that the relevant parties for consultation with respect to matters of cultural heritage are those with cultural knowledge of the area in question, namely traditional owners.</p> <p>Bandjalang People as traditional owners have not had constructive input to the consultation thus far. I note that Bill Drew, who is a member of the Bandjalang Family Representative Group, has previously attended an Aboriginal Focus Group for the project, however he was invited as a representative of a local Aboriginal Land Council, not as a traditional owner/member of the native title claim group.</p> <p>The Family Representative Group have regularly met as a group with proponents to provide input at this stage of projects. They are based in fairly close proximity to each other, meaning the logistics of organising such a meeting are perhaps not as complex as you anticipate.</p> <p>I am eager to see SKM provide Bandjalang People as traditional owners with a culturally appropriate level of input to the Cultural Heritage Assessments.</p>	

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24 July 2012	3: 12 pm	Vanessa Edmonds	Email	Tori Edwards	NTSCORP Limited	<p>Hi Tori, If we did have the capacity and agreement from the client where would you suggest the best place for an extra meeting be held? I ask this because I have no idea where the relevant Bandjalang claimants are based. It will also be difficult to meet individual knowledge holders as no-one has identified throughout the consultation (AFG) process who these are?</p> <p>I understand your concerns and will try hard to accommodate them but without further more detailed information regarding specific contact details of knowledge holders I will find this difficult to plan. In order to assess the appropriate further level of consultation can you please confirm the following: Were the Bandjalang claimants forwarded invitations to the AFGs? Has the draft CHAR been submitted to them for comment? If so when was this sent through to them?</p> <p>Regards Vanessa</p>	
24 July 2012	3: 32 pm	Vanessa Edmonds	Email	Tori Edwards	NTSCORP Limited	<p>Dear Vanessa</p> <p>The Bandjalang Family Representative Group (FRG) are the body that are authorised by the Bandjalang native title claim group to carry out the day to day work of the native title claims, in conjunction with NTSCORP who act as agents for the solicitor on the record, and provide legal representation and community facilitation services. NTSCORP regularly meets with the members of the FRG, usually in or around Evans Head or Coraki, within the area of the native title claims (where the majority of the Family Representatives are based).</p> <p>In response to your questions, where possible, Bandjalang People were made aware of the Aboriginal Focus Groups. However, where sufficient notice was not provided to NTSCORP to distribute notices, this was not possible – for example, as I noted in earlier correspondence, with respect to the 12 June AFG, NTSCORP was only made aware late on Thursday 7/6 about a meeting taking place the following Tuesday morning, making distribution of</p>	

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						<p>the notice by post somewhat difficult. Many of the Family Representatives have family, work and other community commitments in addition to the work that they do as part of the native title claims.</p> <p>The draft CHAR has not been mailed to the Bandjalang Family Representatives. It is our experience that the capacity of the group is such that more meaningful input can be obtained through taking the group through such a document in person, providing background information and responding to questions. As I noted earlier, the FRG has met with proponents/consultants in the past to facilitate this consultation. NTSCORP's meeting schedule is arranged ahead of time, and at the FRG meeting with NTSCORP held since receipt of the information from SKM, it was not possible to get to the documents due to a number of urgent legal matters that required instructions. I also note that it is my preference to have the authors of such a document present when this discussion takes place as it often enables the group to ask questions that are better directed to them, rather than to me as the group's lawyer.</p> <p>I reiterate the need to allow Bandjalang People the opportunity for meaningful consultation. I am happy to discuss further with yourself or other staff at SKM how this can occur.</p> <p>Regards, Tori</p>	
24 July 2012	3: 36 pm	Vanessa Edmonds	Email	Tori Edwards	NTSCORP Limited	<p>Thanks for this info Tori,</p> <p>Can you let me know the minimum notice required please and also which would be the best central location for the Bandjalang FRG to meet for an AFG and I will see what I can do.</p> <p>Regards Vanessa</p>	
24 July 2012	3: 37 pm	Vanessa Edmonds	Email	Tori Edwards	NTSCORP Limited	<p>There is no set minimum notice period, however NTSCORP policy is to provide a minimum of two weeks' notice for a meeting where at all possible. Generally we hold Family Representative Group meetings in Coraki or Evans Head. I don't currently have a date in the calendar for a further meeting of the FRG.</p> <p>Regards, Tori</p>	

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25 July 2012	3: 41 pm	Vanessa Edmonds	Email	Tori Edwards	NTSCORP Limited	<p>Hi Tori,</p> <p>Just to give you a heads up we would like to organise a consultative meeting with the FRG-probably Evans Head. We will try and give you 3 weeks notice so you have time to distribute the invites. We would talk the FRG through the project, the archaeological assessment and results and the recommendations. We would however be expecting comment on the day or very soon after for incorporation into the report as the review period closed today for the CHAR (Iluka Road to Woodburn section) and next week (CHAR-Woodburn to Ballina).</p> <p>I will send the invite through as soon as I get approval from the client. We will have powerpoints and maps to facilitate understanding and the client project manager is also likely to be present.</p> <p>Regards Vanessa</p>	
25 July 2012		Vanessa Edmonds and Jared Bridley	Email	Veronica Williams	Jali LALC	<p>Dear Jared</p> <p>Unfortunately, Jali did not have a quorum for the members meeting in which no discussion occurred regarding the report, therefore I am unable to give you any feedback.</p> <p>In saying that the Board of Directors would like to have meeting to discuss the recommendations has Jali LALC is not totally contented. I apologise for the short notice and knowing responses closes today.</p> <p>If you could let me know of the possibility of a meeting also day and time.</p>	
25 July 2012	5:34 pm	Vanessa Edmonds	Email	Tori Edwards	NTSCORP Limited	<p>Thank you for letting me know Vanessa – I will await some further discussion with you when the date has been identified.</p> <p>Regards, Tori</p>	
26 July 2012		Joseph Brooke	Phone	Veronica Williams	Jali LALC	<p>Left a message with the LALC and on Veronica's phone requesting that she call him back to discuss the recommendations.</p>	
27 July 2012	1.50 pm	Dave Collard	Phone	Lance Manton	Bogal LALC	<p>Chasing up submissions from CHAR review. No Answer. Left Message.</p>	
27 July 2012	1.50 pm	Dave Collard	Phone	Bill Drew	Banjalang LALC	<p>Chasing up submissions from CHAR review. Has not seen reports. Will discuss at FRG in 3 weeks</p>	
27 July 2012	2.45 pm	Dave Collard	Phone	Noeline Kapeen	Yaegl LALC	<p>Chasing up submissions from CHAR review. No Answer. Left Message.</p>	
27 July 2012	3.00 pm	Dave Collard	Phone	Cedric Hinton	Ngulingah	<p>Chasing up submissions from CHAR review. Cedric wasn't in. Left a message with Deborah to forward.</p>	

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27 July 2012	1.47pm	Vanessa Edmonds	Phone	Veronica Williams	Jali LALC	Hi Veronica, Have been trying to call you regarding below email but no-one has been successful. Did you know that the review period that ended on Wednesday was for Iluka Road to Woodburn? Jali are down as registered stakeholders but I know that they prefer to let others speak for that section. Are you thinking of Woodburn to Ballina? That review period ends next Friday so you have some time yet. Give me a call Monday if you like to discuss. Have a good weekend Regards Vanessa	
27 July 2012	3:54 pm	Amanda Goldfarb	Email	Tori Edwards	Banjalang Native Title Claimants	Sent the meeting invite and agenda for the in person meeting to discuss the CHAR recommendations on the 16th of August	
30 July 2012	10:47am	Amanda Goldfarb	Email	Tori Edwards	Banjalang Native Title Claimants	NTSCORP will circulate the invitation to the Banjalang Family Representatives. I will also be in attendance, along with Annika Rotumah, Community Facilitator.	
30 July 2012	10:57am	Vanessa Edmonds	Email	Veronica Williams	Jali LALC	Jali have no concerns with the Iluka Road to Woodburn recommendations. The comments on the Woodburn to Ballina section can be expected on 2 August 2012	
30 July 2012	10:58am	Vanessa Edmonds	Email	Veronica Williams	Jali LALC	Thanks Veronica, understands that things can get busy all at once.	
30 July 2012	1:40 pm	Vanessa Edmonds	Email	Lance Manton	Bogal LALC	I understand all LALCs have been busy lately with audits etc but I was wondering if you had any comments on the CHAR for IR2W. We are hoping to finalise the CHAR this week. Let me know if you need any clarification.	
30 July 2012	2:33	Vanessa Edmonds	Email	Noelene Kapeen	Yaegl LALC	I understand the LALCs have been really busy lately with end of year audits etc. The review period for the CHAR was up last Wednesday and as we will be finalising the CHAR this week I was hoping to get comments. We have not been able to get any comments from Norma either, in Fact have not been able to get hold of her at all, but received comments back from Ken Laurie who had no issues with the report. We have also had no response from Yaegl NT claimants (NTSCORP).	
30 July 2012	2:40pm	Rebecca Andrews	Email	Carla Di Guisto	Yaegl Native Title Claimants	The review period for the CHAR was up last Wednesday and as we will be finalising the CHAR this week I was hoping to get any comments that Yaegl Native Title Claimants had. Could you please advise if there are any comments or concerns from Yaegl Native Title Claimants?	

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30 July 2012	2:50pm	Rebecca Andrews	Email	Carla Di Guisto	Yaegl Native Title Claimants	Will inquire and get back to you.	
30 July 2012	2:33 pm	Vanessa Edmonds	Email	Lois Cook	Burabi Aboriginal Corporation	Reminded Lois that the CHAR review period ended on Friday and said that the letter would be re-sent. Lois will be home on Wednesday and will look at the CHAR then.	
31 July 2012	9:16 am	Vanessa Edmonds	Email	Cedrick Hinton	Ngulingah	Would like to have the CHAR comments included by the end of this week. Will there be any comments from Ngulingah? If there will be, we will hold off finalising the CHAR until Friday.	
6 August 2012	9:11 am	Vanessa Edmonds	Email	Veronica Williams	Jali LALC	Hi Veronica, Just a reminder that the 28 day review period for response to the CHAR & supplementary letter has now expired. Were Jali going to make comments? Regards Vanessa	
6 August 2012	9:12 am	Vanessa Edmonds	Email	Lois Cook	Burabi Aboriginal Corporation	Hi Lois, Just a reminder that the 28 day review period for the CHAR & supplementary letter has now expired. I will try and call today. Regards Vanessa	
7 August 2012	12:52 pm	Vanessa Edmonds	Email	Lois Cook	Burabi Aboriginal Corporation	Sent through the comments on the recommendations last week from culturalconcepts@bigpond.com	
8 August 2012	3:30 pm	Amanda Goldfarb	Email	Tori Edwards	NTSCORP Limited	Amanda called Tori to ask for a shape file for the Bandjalang Native Title claim area for the upcoming meeting. Tori expressed her agreement in having the map overlay as it will make discussions more streamline on the day. She asked for Amanda to confirm the request via email.	
8 August 2012	3:33 pm	Amanda Goldfarb	Email	Tori Edwards	NTSCORP Limited	Dear Tori, As per our recent conversation, could you please send myself and Jo Brooke a shape file (.shp) of the Bandjalang NT claim area? Thank you so much! Kind regards, Amanda	
8 August 2012	4:40 pm	Amanda Goldfarb	Email	Carla Di Guisto	NTSCORP Limited	Amanda spoke with Carla who said she has communicated with the principal solicitor and that Yaegl have provided their feedback through other channels.	

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8 August 2012		Joseph Brooke	Phone	Veronica Williams	Jali	Marcus has given Veronica some comments, but she has been off sick. She hopes to get the comments to SKM on Friday.	
9 August 2012	10:50 am	Rebecca Andrews	Phone	Lance Manton	Bogal LALC	Did not pick up	
9 August 2012	10:56 am	Rebecca Andrews	Email	Lance Manton	Bogal LALC	I am just following up the recent calls and emails regarding the CHAR for the Woolgoolga to Ballina Pacific Highway upgrade. Are there any comments that you would like to make on the CHAR, and if so, would it be possible to receive them this week?	
9 August 2012	11:02 am	Rebecca Andrews	Phone	Noeline Kapeen	Yeagl LALC	Did not pick up	
9 August 2012	11:08 am	Rebecca Andrews	Phone	Cedrick Hinton	Ngulingah LALC	No comments from this group Bogal and Grafton have covered any comments that needed to be made, would prefer to let the 'main players' – Jali, Bogal and Grafton Ngerrie comment as their lands are the main ones affected.	
9 August 2012		Joseph Brooke	Phone	Lois Cook	Burabi Aboriginal Corporation	Lois will be sending the comments through on Friday.	
10 August 2012	10:23 am	Rebecca Andrews	Phone	Noeline Kapeen	Yeagl LALC	Did not pick up	
10 August 2012	11:06 am	Joseph Brook	Email	Veronica Williams	Jali LALC	Thanks for the comments, it is appreciated that you got the to us today	
10 August 2012	2:22 pm	Amanda Goldfarb	Email	Tori Edwards	NTSCORP Limited	Hi Amanda Just letting you know that I haven't forgotten this request – I am still in the process of trying to see if the Tribunal can assist. I am out of the office this afternoon, but will try to provide the files to you next week if I can ahead of our meeting. Regards, Tori	
10 August 2012	2:31 pm	Amanda Goldfarb	Email	Tori Edwards	NTSCORP Limited	Dear Tori, Thank you for the update. If you could get it to myself and Jo as soon as you can next week, that would be great. Thank you! Amanda	

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13 August 2012	10:10 am	Amanda Goldfarb	Email	Tori Edwards	NTSCORP Limited	<p>Dear Amanda & Jo</p> <p>Please find attached Shape Files for the Bandjalang claim areas – please note that these are not exact. They have been provided by the National Native Title Tribunal's Geospatial Unit, and I am informed (as I am unfortunately unable to open them on my system) that there is some degree of overlap which does not in fact exist between the claims. This is as some of the lots have been duplicated in the work that the Tribunal is doing.</p> <p>Should you require further clarification, please let me know.</p> <p>Regards,</p> <p>Tori</p>	
13 August 2012	10:58 am	Amanda Goldfarb	Email	Tori Edwards	NTSCORP Limited	<p>Dear Tori,</p> <p>Thank you for that! I will be in touch if there are any questions.</p> <p>Kind regards, Amanda</p>	
13 August 2012		Joseph Brooke	Phone	Veronica Williams	Jali LALC	<p>Jo called Jali office, they said Veronica wasn't in (she was in court in Lismore) and her mobile phone had a flat battery (probably wouldn't be able to answer in court anyway), but they were emailing the message that we'd like to catch up for a meeting on Thursday arvo, around 2pm. Also tried Marcus Ferguson, but had to leave a voicemail.</p>	
13 August 2012		Vanessa Edmonds	Phone	Marcus Ferguson	Jali LALC	<p>Rang Marcus, but no answer. Left a message.</p>	
14 August 2012	9:00 am	Vanessa Edmonds	Phone	Marcus Ferguson	Jali LALC	<p>Vanessa rang Marcus this morning to confirm his presence on Thursday. He said he would be there.</p>	
14 August 2012	9:54 am	Amanda Goldfarb	Phone	Tori Edwards	NTSCORP Limited	<p>Rang to request a shape file for Bandjalang People #1 Native Title Claim, as the shape file we received only had #2. Tori will chase up and get back to Amanda.</p>	

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14 August 2012	11:28 am	Amanda Goldfarb	Email	Tori Edwards	NTSCORP Limited	<p>Dear Amanda & Jo</p> <p>Please find attached the additional maps, as requested. I hope these are sufficient?</p> <p>I am travelling up to Evans Head later today, but available on my mobile – 0400 787 450 – if you need anything further ahead of our meeting on Thursday.</p> <p>Regards,</p> <p>Tori</p>	
14 August 2012	2: 40pm	Vanessa Edmonds	Phone	Norma Collins	Birrigan Gargle LALC	<p>I asked if she had any comments on CHAR. I said we had sent through a copy of the CHAR to Ken Laurie and received comments back from him and that he had been happy with the CHAR and only had one query re the road alignment going through a swamp but we had confirmed that the road didn't go through the swamp.</p> <p>She said she was very happy with the CHAR. She had presented it to the Board and they were satisfied with CHAR. Norma said that she told the Board she had been to most of the AFGs and the 'boys' had participated in the fieldwork and they were satisfied with the outcomes. From a Birrigan perspective Ken Laurie had been involved.</p>	
14 August 2012		Joseph Brooke	Phone	Veronica Williams	Jali LALC	<p>Jo rang the Jali office again and they said that Veronica is on leave tomorrow onwards for a week or two, so today is her last day for a short while.</p>	
15 August 2012	10:15 am	Joseph Brooke	Phone	Marcus Ferguson	Jali LALC	<p>Called, no answer</p>	
15 August 2012	10:15 am	Joseph Brooke	Phone	Veronica Williams	Jali LALC	<p>Jo called Veronica and she said we may be able to meet up this arvo, but she has a board meeting at 3pm; but if they don't reach a quorum, which she said is possible, then she's happy to meet with us.</p>	

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17 August 2012	3:13 pm	Garry McPherson	Email	Tori Edwards	NTSCORP Limited	<p>Dear Garry</p> <p>Thank you for meeting with some of the Bandjalang Family Representative Group yesterday.</p> <p>To facilitate provision of my response on behalf of Bandjalang People confirming the decisions reached yesterday, as discussed, are you able to provide another copy of the 6 July 2012 addendum correspondence that you mentioned in the meeting yesterday for my records. I have been unable to locate a copy of this letter.</p> <p>Kind regards,</p> <p>Tori</p>	<p>Followed by: My apologies Garry – I have located our copy, please disregard my email below.</p> <p>Blame it on Friday afternoon!</p> <p>I will email through a response for you now.</p> <p>Kind regards,</p> <p>Tori</p>
17 August 2012	3:43 pm	Vanessa Edmonds	Email	Tori Edwards	NTSCORP Limited	<p>Dear Garry</p> <p>I refer to your previous correspondence of 4 June 2012, 5 June 2012, 18 June 2012 and 5 July 2012, and to the meeting with Bandjalang People convened on 16 August 2012.</p> <p>With reference to the Gittoes Jali (Lang Hill) site, and the mitigating opportunities presented in the letter dated 5 July, I note that Bandjalang People yesterday expressed their preference for Option 2. Further, I note that there was some discussion of the possibility of transfer of a part of the site to the Traditional Owners following the sourcing of the fill. Bandjalang People are eager to continue the discussion of this opportunity with RMS.</p> <p>Several items, being IR2W2, IR2W3 and IR2W4 were discussed, and I note that Bandjalang People were in agreement with the management recommendations for these cultural heritage items set out in the draft CHAR.</p> <p>Bandjalang People also expressed their interest in having access to some of the trees that might be removed from various sites within the claim area, for use for production of tools, cultural artworks or in the garden at Minyumai. Please let me know how we can best progress the logistics of this happening.</p> <p>The issue of signage and the naming of bridges was also discussed. I note that Bandjalang People have expressed their desire for the erection of a sign at one of</p>	<p>Hi Tori,</p> <p>Thank you so much for responding so quickly... and on a Friday afternoon!</p> <p>Regards Vanessa</p>

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						<p>the turn-offs within the claim area to acknowledge the site as Bandjalang Country. They are also keen to explore the possibility of applying for one of the bridges on the Highway within the claim area to be named after a senior Bandjalang Elder who has passed away. Any further information that you can provide regarding how best to address these aspirations would be much appreciated.</p> <p>Should you require clarification on any aspect of the discussion at yesterday's meeting, please don't hesitate to get in touch.</p> <p>Kind regards,</p> <p>Tori</p>	
20 August 2012	1:33 pm	Amanda Goldfarb	Email	Carla DiGiusto	NTSCORP Limited	<p>Dear Carla,</p> <p>I have been collecting all the comments received for the CHAR, and was wondering what other channels Yaegl NT Claimants provided their feedback through?</p> <p>Are you please able to confirm this information for me?</p> <p>Thank you!</p> <p>Kind regards, Amanda</p>	<p>Reply at 5:29 pm: Hello Amanda,</p> <p>The Land Councils.</p> <p>Kind Regards,</p> <p>Carla</p>
20 August 2012	3:08 pm	Vanessa Edmonds	Phone	Noeline Kapeen	Yaegl LALC	No answer left a message to call back please	
20 August 2012	3:10 pm	Joseph Brooke	Phone	Shane McLeay	Yaegl LALC	Jo spoke to Shane McLeay, a trainee site officer from Yaegl LALC, to ask if he knew if there were any problems at the LALC (Jo mentioned that we have been trying to get onto them). He said that Noeline has been on leave for the last few weeks (she's back next week), but that there should be someone there today and the rest of this week.	
21 August 2012	10:58 am	Vanessa Edmonds	Phone	Bobby McLeay	Yaegl LALC	Just called Bobby McLeay who is going to talk to her mother (Irene?) and see if she can get a response to the CHAR written today or tomorrow.	

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21 August 2012	3:35 pm	Amanda Goldfarb	Email	Tori Edwards	NTSCORP Limited	Dear Tori, Please find attached the meeting minutes for the Bandjalang Family Representative Group meeting on the 16 August. Thank you! Amanda	Thanks Amanda
23 August 2012	11:38 am	Joseph Brooke	Phone/Text	Marcus Ferguson	Jali LALC	Jo tried calling Marcus, but it went straight to message bank. Jo then sent a text, asking how Marcus and Leonie (Watson) were going with chasing up Veronica regarding comments on the options and sites for the CHAR, and if there was anything Jo could do to help.	Marcus got in touch with Jo, but was in a meeting. Is hoping to send something today.
23 August 2012	2:18 pm	Vanessa Edmonds	Phone	Noeline Kapeen	Yaegl LALC	Tried to call Yaegl. It rang out.	
27 August 2012	9:08 am	Vanessa Edmonds	Email	Bobby/Noeline Kapeen	Yaegl LALC	Hi Vanessa, sincerest apologies for the delay, I was wondering if you could contact me on 02 66453676 in relation to the above subject. Cheers Bobby	
27 August 2012		Vanessa Edmonds	Email	Bobby/Noeline Kapeen	Yaegl LALC	Spoke to Bobby about the comments for the CHARs. Bobby was unsure what she needed to write, so Vanessa offered to write up a draft that could be altered and sent back.	
27 August 2012	10:01 am	Vanessa Edmonds	Email	Bobby/Noeline Kapeen	Yaegl LALC	Sent the draft for the comments on the CHAR to Bobby.	
27 August 2012	10:33 am	Vanessa Edmonds	Email	Bobby/Noeline Kapeen	Yaegl LALC	Sent through the official agreement to the management recommendations.	
11 September 2012	3:26 pm	Joseph Brooke	Email	Noeline Kapeen	Yaegl LALC	I was wondering if Yaegl LALC would have 2 site officers available to take part in field investigations next Tuesday (18 th), Wednesday (19 th) and Thursday (20 th)? – possibly also Friday, but subject to property access constraints The nominated site officers on this project are Ferlin Laurie, Shane McLeay, and Uncle Dale Mercy, so any 2 of those 3 would be great. Still confirming details, but meeting at Ferry Park at 8.30am on Tuesday 18 th would be likely.	
11 September 2012	3:28 pm	Joseph Brooke	Email		Birrigan-Gargle LALC	I was wondering if Birrigan-Gargle LALC would have 2 site officers available to take part in field investigations for proposed ancillary areas next Tuesday (18 th), Wednesday (19 th) and Thursday (20 th)? – possibly also Friday, but subject to property access constraints. The nominated site officers on this project are Kurtis Laurie, and Malcolm Brown, and occasionally Ken Laurie, so any 2 of those 3 would be great. Still confirming details, but meeting at Ferry Park at 8.30am on Tuesday 18 th would be likely.	

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11 September 2012	3:47 pm	Joseph Brooke	Email	Lance Manton	Bogal LALC	I'm currently planning field survey for ancillary areas to the Pacific Highway upgrade between Woolgoolga to Ballina, and was wondering if Bogal LALC would have 2 site officers available to take part in field investigations Thursday 27 th September? – possibly also the Friday, but subject to property access constraints. We may be able to do different dates if required. Meeting time would be 8.30am in Woodburn on the 27 th .	
11 September 2012	3:48 pm	Joseph Brooke	Email	Cedrick Hinton	Ngulingah LALC	I'm currently planning field survey for ancillary areas to the Pacific Highway upgrade between Woolgoolga to Ballina, and was wondering if Ngulingah LALC would have a site officer available to take part in field investigations Thursday 27 th September? We may be able to do different dates if required. Meeting time would be 8.30am in Woodburn on the 27 th .	
11 September 2012	3:54 pm	Joseph Brooke	Email	Tori Edwards	Bandjalang Native Title Group	<p>I'm currently planning to undertake field survey for some ancillary areas to the Woolgoolga to Ballina Pacific Highway Upgrade that have been identified within Bandjalang People's Native Title claim area, and was wondering if I should organise this through you, or to call Doug or Daniel (Boon) directly? I only have Daniel's number, so if you could also provide me with Doug's phone number that would be great.</p> <p>We will need to confirm First Sun is comfortable to organise payment for the site officers, as they weren't too happy about it towards the end last time. If not, we'll need to source another third party provider, do you have any that spring to mind that have been used in the past?</p>	
12 September 2012	9:46 am	Joseph Brooke	Email	Tori Edwards	Bandjalang Native Title Group	<p>What is the timeframe for the site surveys to take place? I am aware that Boon and Doug have previously undertaken work of this type for RMS. Given the involvement of the Bandjalang Family Representative Group in providing feedback on the cultural heritage aspects of the Pacific Highway Upgrade works, the preference would be for the matter to be discussed at a FRG meeting, and a collective decision made about who will undertake this site work. A meeting of the FRG is scheduled for 26 September, and I would be happy to put this on the agenda and communicate an outcome of this discussion to you immediately afterwards. If you could provide some further details about the location and scope of the work, that would be useful.</p> <p>I will also make some enquiries regarding alternative employment agencies, however at this stage I am only aware of First Sun having been used in this capacity.</p>	

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12 September 2012	3:04 pm	Joseph Brooke	Email	Tori Edwards	Bandjalang Native Title Claimants	Thanks for getting back to me promptly. The work is likely to take 1-2 days, would involve field survey, and was planned for somewhere in the week of 24 September. We could try and arrange this for Thursday and Friday 27 and 28 September, but would this give enough notice to site officers with the FRG on the 26th? I'll check with First Sun if they're happy to organise payment for site officers.	
12 September 2012	6:14 pm	Joseph Brooke	Email	Tori Edwards	Bandjalang Native Title Claimants	Thanks Jo. I will have a discussion with Annika Rotumah, our Community Facilitator, when she is in the office tomorrow about the best logistical means to proceed.	
12 September 2012	7:42 pm	Joseph Brooke	Email	Tori Edwards	Bandjalang Native Title Claimants	Thanks Tori	
13 September 2012	12:31 pm	Joseph Brooke	Email	Cedrick Hinton	Ngulingah LALC	Just to clarify, this work is within the Unincorporated LALC area between New Italy and Woodburn	
13 September 2012	12:54 pm	Joseph Brooke	Email	Tori Edwards	Bandjalang Native Title Claimants	<p>I've had a last-minute cancellation for next week, and there's a possibility for us to do a quick survey of a potential ancillary area near a women's site near New Italy, I was wondering if there might be a possibility to arrange to get Veronica Wilson and/or Kim Wilson, and/or another female member of Bandjalang People out to look at this area next week (17-21 September) sometime? I realise this is before the preferred date of the FRG meeting you mentioned on the 26th, but thought I'd check. At this stage we're pretty flexible with timing next week, just not Wednesday morning, but we could do pretty much any time Monday, Tuesday, Weds afternoon, Thursday or Friday. We also need to invite Bogal LALC, so timing may be somewhat constrained depending on their availability too.</p> <p>I haven't heard back from First Sun yet, but another possibility we could explore for getting Bandjalang People site officers paid would potentially be through Bogal LALC – I'm speaking to Lance Manton (CEO) this afternoon and could run this by him.</p>	

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13 September 2012	2:40 pm	Joseph Brook	Email	Tori Edwards	Bandjalang Native Title Claimants	NTSCORP has spoken to Kim & Bonnie Wilson, and to Aunty Gwen Hickling, who have given their consent for us to pass on their contact details to you to facilitate this work next week at a suitable time. If you could contact them directly, we would appreciate it. Their details are: Kim Wilson – 0466 905 561 Bonnie Wilson – 0477 950 373 Gwen Hickling – 0412 581 203 If you need anything further, please don't hesitate to give me a call	
13 September 2012	2:47 pm	Joseph Brooke	Email	Tori Edwards	Bandjalang Native Title Claimants	Great, thanks for this Tori, much appreciated!	
13 September 2012	3:44 pm	Joseph Brooke	Email	Tori Edwards	Bandjalang Native Title Claimants	Thanks for this Tori, I've managed to get onto Kim and Bonnie and they're available to come out on Thursday morning, meeting at 10am at New Italy. I can't get through to Gwen yet at this stage – Annika , I just thought I'd double check with you that the number below was correct? Thanks for your assistance with this.	
13 September 2012	3:54 pm	Joseph Brooke	Email	Annika Rotumah	Bandjalang Native Title Claimants	I spoke to Aunty Gwen on this number earlier today. She maybe just busy with work at the moment but you should definitely be able to get in contact with her on this number.	
13 September 2012	3:56 pm	Joseph Brooke	Email	Annika Rotumah	Bandjalang Native Title Claimants	Thanks very much Annika, I'll keep trying.	

E.2 Current documentation

Table 5 Consultation log for the invitation process of Aboriginal stakeholders to AFG1

Registered stakeholder group	Name	Position	Address	Phone	Email	Notes 10 August 2010	Notes 12-13 August 2010	Invite Notes AFG	Attendance AFG1
Richmond Valley Council							Left message with community programs officer Joanne Petrovic		
Bandjalang Aboriginal Corporation	Simone Barker		31 Belmore St Coraki NSW 2471		NA		Found a number in white pages - different address but left message to call back	Post Letter	

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Registered stakeholder group	Name	Position	Address	Phone	Email	Notes 10 August 2010	Notes 12-13 August 2010	Invite Notes AFG	Attendance AFG1
Bandjalang People	Ross Wall	C/- Wall and Company Lawyers	43 Stuart St (cnr Tincogan St) Mullumbimby NSW 2482	6684 1991	wwall@mullum.com.au	10/08 LJ left msg with receptionist. She'll check with solicitor and get back to me with contact for representative.	Receptionist has passed message on to Ross Wall who is the solicitor for the Byron Bay Bandjalang - she suggested that I send an email with the details		
Birrigan Gargle Local Aboriginal Land Council	Norma Collins	Coordinator	PO Box 62 Yamba NSW 2464	6646 1664	bjlalc@internode.on.net	10/08 LJ called, Norma Collins asked that I send her an email so she could present it to meeting on Thursday and discuss who should attend meeting, bglalc@internode.on.net	Send email	Send letter by email to Norma Collins	
Birrigan Gargle Local Aboriginal Land Council	Ken Laurie		PO Box 62 Yamba NSW 2464	6646 1664	bjlalc@internode.on.net				19 August 2010 morning
Bogal Local Aboriginal Land Council	Lance Manton		156 Bridge Street Coraki NSW 2471	6683 2510	bogallalc@bigpond.com	10/08 LJ called. Was advised that Tim and Lorraine no longer work there. Best person would be Lance Manton CEO	No answer - send email	Send letter by email	
Bunjum Aboriginal Cooperative	Bertha Kapeen		52 Kerr St Ballina NSW 2478	6681 6847	berthakapeen@yahoo.com	10/08 LJ spoke to Bertha. She wasn't keen to attend meetings as she doesn't drive much anymore. She suggested contacting the Jali Land Council or Arthur Ferguson.	Spoke to daughter Thelma who advised email address	Send letter by email	
Bunjum Aboriginal Cooperative	Nancy Walke	Director	44 Tamar Street Ballina NSW 2478	0428 296 509	fundedervices@bunjum.com		Updated detailed provided by Tammy	Send letter by email	
Bunjum Aboriginal Cooperative	Nita Roberts	CEO	44 Tamar Street Ballina NSW 2478	0428 118 784	generalmanager@bunjum.com	10/08 LJ spoke to Bertha. She wasn't keen to attend meetings as she doesn't drive much anymore. She suggested contacting the Jali Land Council or Arthur Ferguson.	Updated detailed provided by Tammy	Send letter by email	
Jali Local Aboriginal Land Council	Veronica Williams	CEO	PO Box 1677 Ballina NSW 2478	6686 7055 or 0438 668 344	jaliceo@bigpond.com (veronica)	10/08 LJ left msg.	Updated as advised by Joanne - Office Manager	Send letter by email	

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Registered stakeholder group	Name	Position	Address	Phone	Email	Notes 10 August 2010	Notes 12-13 August 2010	Invite Notes AFG	Attendance AFG1
Jali Local Aboriginal Land Council	Veronica Williams	CEO	PO Box 1677 Ballina NSW 2478	6686 7055 or 0438 668 344	jaliceo@bigpond.com (veronica)	10/08 LJ left msg.	Rang mobile - spoke to Veronica King new CEO - Gavin no longer with Jali LALC. VK suggested i speak to Joanne in the office tomorrow 6686 7055	Send letter by email	
Jali Local Aboriginal Land Council	Emma Walke	Acting Chair	PO Box 1677 Ballina NSW 2478	6686 7055 or 0438 668 344	emmaw_bullinah@internode.on.net	10/08 LJ left msg.	Updated as advised by Joanne - Office Manager	Send letter by email	
Jali Local Aboriginal Land Council	Arti Ferguson		PO Box 1677 Ballina NSW 2478	6683 4413		10/08 LJ called. No ans. Refer to notes for Bandjalung	Updated as advised by Joanne - Office Manager	Post Letter	
Jali Local Aboriginal Land Council	Marcus Ferguson		1/30 Simpson Ave Wollongbar NSW 2477	0427 039 389	jalialc@bigpond.com	10/08 LJ left msg with receptionist. 10/08 Barry advised has retired. Veronica King is new Chair. Office in Ballina. Joanne Bolt is office mgr. 10/08 Receptionist advised that Veronica is on leave, but that Marcus Ferguson usually deals with heritage stuff anyway 0427039389	Attendance confirmed at W2B and IR2W	Post letter	20 August am/pm
Ngulingah Local Aboriginal Land Council	Tracey King	Aboriginal Community Support Officer	PO Box 981 Lismore NSW 2480	6621 5541	tracey.king@ngulingah.org.au	10/08 LJ call. Got a fax machine.	Left message 12 aug	Send letter by email	
NSW Aboriginal Land Council	Andrew Riley		PO Box 1912 Coffs Harbour NSW 2450	6659 1200	andrew.riley@alc.org.au	09/08 Sam advised of new contacts - Andrew Riley Zone Director and Trent Linwood (Operations Manager)	Spoke to Andrew who asked that we provide details of which land Councils have been invited.	Send letter by email	
NSW Aboriginal Land Council	Diane Randall		PO Box 1912 Coffs Harbour NSW 2450	6659 1200					19 August am/pm,
NSW Aboriginal Land Council	Patricia Laurie		PO Box 1912 Coffs Harbour NSW 2450	6659 1200					20 August am/pm
NSW Aboriginal Land Council	Leon Avuri-Williams		PO Box 1912 Coffs Harbour NSW 2450	6659 1200					19 August am/pm,

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Registered stakeholder group	Name	Position	Address	Phone	Email	Notes 10 August 2010	Notes 12-13 August 2010	Invite Notes AFG	Attendance AFG1
NSW Aboriginal Land Council	Craig Craigie		PO Box 1912 Coffs Harbour NSW 2450	6659 1200	craig.craigie@alc.org.au	09/08 Sam advised of new contacts - Andrew Riley Zone Director and Trent Linwood (Operations Manager)	Spoke to Leon who provided updated contact details - suggested I send emails and note which land councils I have been in touch with	Send letter by email	
NSW Aboriginal Land Council	Tina Williams		PO Box 1912 Coffs Harbour NSW 2450	6659 1200	tina.williams@alc.org.au	09/08 Sam advised of new contacts - Andrew Riley Zone Director and Trent Linwood (Operations Manager)	Spoke to Leon who provided updated contact details - suggested I send emails and note which land councils I have been in touch with	Send letter by email	
Ulgundahi Elders			PO Box 321 Maclean NSW 2463	02 6645 1837	ulgundahl@internode.om.net		Called 12 aug - no answer		
Yaegl Local Aboriginal Land Council	Michael Randall	Coordinator	PO Box 216 Maclean NSW 2463	6645 3676	yaegl@internode.on.net		Called 12 aug - no answer	Send letter by email	
The Yaegl People	Deidre Randall	C/- NTSCORP	PO BOX 156 Coffs Harbour NSW 2450				Called 12 aug - office closed	Post letter	
Yaegl Local Aboriginal Land Council	Lionel Gardiner		PO Box 216 Maclean NSW 2463	6645 3676	yaegl@internode.on.net	10/08 LJ left msg	Called 12 aug - no answer	Send letter by email	
Yaegl Local Aboriginal Land Council	Neoline Kapeen		PO Box 216 Maclean NSW 2463	6645 3676	yaegl@internode.on.net	10/08 LJ left msg	Called 12 aug - no answer	Send letter by email	
Yaegl Local Aboriginal Land Council	Ferlin Laurie		PO Box 216 Maclean NSW 2463	6645 3676	yaegl@internode.on.net	10/08 LJ left msg	Called 12 aug - no answer	Send letter by email	19 August morning
Yaegl Local Aboriginal Land Council	Eileen McLeay		PO Box 216 Maclean NSW 2463	6645 3676	yaegl@internode.on.net	10/08 LJ left msg	Called 12 aug - no answer	Send letter by email	
Yaegl Local Aboriginal Land Council	Zane Purcell		PO Box 216 Maclean NSW 2463	6645 3676	yaegl@internode.on.net	10/08 LJ left msg	Called 12 aug - no answer	Send letter by email	
Yaegl Local Aboriginal Land Council	William Walker		PO Box 216 Maclean NSW 2463	6645 3676	yaegl@internode.on.net	10/08 LJ left msg	Called 12 aug - no answer	Send letter by email	
Yaegl Local Aboriginal Land Council	Daryl Mercy		PO Box 216 Maclean NSW 2463	6645 3676	yaegl@internode.on.net				19 August morning

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Table 6 Consultation log for the invitation process of Aboriginal stakeholders to AFG2

Registered Stake Holder Group	First name	Position	Address Line 1	Phone	Email	NOTES 10 August 2010	Notes 12 – 13 August 2010	Invite Notes AFT 1	Attendance AFG 1	Invite Notes AFG 2
Richmond Valley Council					council@richmondvalley.nsw.gov.au		Left message with community programs officer Joanne Petrovic			Email sent
Bandjalang Aboriginal Corporation	Simone Barker	C/- Wall and Company Lawyers	PO Box 646 43 Stuart St (cnr Tincogan St)		NA		Found a number in white pages - different address but left message to call back	Post Letter		
Bandjalang People # 1	Ross Wall	C/- Wall and Company Lawyers	PO Box 646 43 Stuart St (cnr Tincogan St) Mullumbimby NSW 2482	6684 1991	wwall@mullum.com.au					Message from Ross Wall: "There is in reality only one claim group. I suggest that you contact Tony Wilson on 0266825685 and Simone Barker on 0266832894"
Bandjalang People # 2	Ross Wall	C/- Wall and Company Lawyers	PO Box 646 43 Stuart St (cnr Tincogan St)Mullumbimby NSW 2482	6684 1991	wwall@mullum.com.au	10/08 LJ left msg with receptionist. She'll check with solicitor and get back to me with contact for representative.	Receptionist has passed message on to Ross Wall who is the solicitor for the Byron Bay Bandjalang - she suggested that I send an email with the details			
Bandjalang People # 3	Ross Wall	C/- Wall and Company Lawyers	PO Box 646 43 Stuart St (cnr Tincogan St) Mullumbimby NSW 2482	6684 1991	wwall@mullum.com.au					
Birrigan Gargle Local Aboriginal Land Council	Norma Collins	Coordinator	PO Box 62 Yamba NSW 2464	6646 1664	bglalc@internode.on.net	10/08 LJ called, Norma Collins asked that I send her an email so she could present it to meeting on Thursday and discuss who should attend meeting, bglalc@internode.on.net	Send email	Send letter by email to Norma Collins		Email sent
Birrigan Gargle Local Aboriginal Land Council	Ken Laurie	Senior Aboriginal Sites Officer	PO Box 62 Yamba NSW 2464	6646 1664	bglalc@internode.on.net				19 Aug morning & 20 Aug am/pm	Email sent
Bogal Local Aboriginal Land Council	Lance Manton		156 Bridge Street Coraki NSW 2471	6683 2510	bogallalc@bigpond.com	10/08 LJ called. Was advised that Tim and Lorraine no longer work there. Best person would be Lance Manton CEO	No answer - send email	Send letter by email		Email sent
Bunjum Aboriginal Cooperative	Bertha Kapeen		52 Kerr St Ballina NSW 2478	6681 6847	berthakapeen@yahoo.com	10/08 LJ spoke to Bertha. She wasn't keen to attend meetings as she doesn't drive much anymore. She suggested contacting the Jali Land Council or Arthur Ferguson.	Spoke to daughter Thelma who advised email address	Send letter by email		Email sent

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Registered Stake Holder Group	First name	Position	Address Line 1	Phone	Email	NOTES 10 August 2010	Notes 12 – 13 August 2010	Invite Notes AFT 1	Attendance AFG 1	Invite Notes AFG 2
Bunjum Aboriginal Cooperative	Nancy Walke	Director	44 Tamar Street Ballina NSW 2478	0428 296 509	fundedservices@bunjum.com		Updated detailed provided by Tammy	Send letter by email		Email sent
Bunjum Aboriginal Cooperative	Nita Roberts	CEO	44 Tamar Street Ballina NSW 2478	0428 118 784	generalmanager@bunjum.com	10/08 LJ spoke to Bertha. She wasn't keen to attend meetings as she doesn't drive much anymore. She suggested contacting the Jali Land Council or Arthur Ferguson.	Updated detailed provided by Tammy	Send letter by email		Email sent
Jali Local Aboriginal Land Council	Veronica Williams	CEO	PO Box 1677 Ballina NSW 2478	6686 7055 or 0438 668 344	jaliceo@bigpond.com	10/08 LJ left msg.	Updated as advised by Joanne - Office Manager	Send letter by email		Email sent
Jali Local Aboriginal Land Council	Veronica Williams	CEO	PO Box 1677 Ballina NSW 2478	6686 7055 or 0438 668 344	jaliceo@bigpond.com	10/08 LJ left msg.	Rang mobile - spoke to Veronica King new CEO - Gavin no longer with Jali LALC. VK suggested i speak to Joanne in the office tomorrow 6686 7055	Send letter by email		Email sent
Jali Local Aboriginal Land Council	Emma Walke	Acting Chair	PO Box 1677 Ballina NSW 2478	6686 7055 or 0438 668 344	emmaw_bullinah@internode.on.net	10/08 LJ left msg.	updated as advised by Joanne - Office Manager	Send letter by email		Email sent
Jali Local Aboriginal Land Council	Arti Ferguson		PO Box 1677 Ballina NSW 2478	6683 4413		10/08 LJ called. No ans. Refer to notes for Bandjalung	Updated as advised by Joanne - Office Manager	Post letter		Email sent thru Veronica Williams
Jali Local Aboriginal Land Council	Marcus Ferguson	Senior Aboriginal Sites Officer	1/30 Simpson Ave Wollongbar NSW 2477	0427 039 389	jalilalc@bigpond.com	10/08 LJ left msg with receptionist. 10/08 Barry advised has retired. Veronica King is new Chair. Office in Ballina. Joanne Bolt is office mgr. 10/08 Receptionist advised that Veronica is on leave, but that Marcus Ferguson usually deals with heritage stuff anyway 0427039389	Attendance confirmed at W2B and IR2W	Post letter	20 Aug am/pm	Email sent
Ngulingah Local Aboriginal Land Council	Tracey King	Aboriginal Community Support Officer	PO Box 981 Lismore NSW 2480	6621 5541	tracey.king@ngulingah.org.au	10/08 LJ call. Got a fax machine.	Left message 12 aug	Send letter by email		Email sent
NSW Aboriginal Land Council	Andrew Riley		PO Box 1912 Coffs Harbour NSW 2450	6659 1200	andrew.riley@alc.org.au	09/08 Sam advised of new contacts - Andrew Riley Zone Director and Trent Linwood (Operations Manager)	Spoke to Andrew who asked that we provide details of which land Councils have been invited.	Send letter by email		Email sent
NSW Aboriginal Land Council	Diane Randall		PO Box 1912 Coffs Harbour NSW 2450	6659 1200	diane.randall@alc.org.au				19 Aug am/pm,	Email sent
NSW Aboriginal Land Council	Patricia Laurie		PO Box 1912 Coffs Harbour NSW 2450	6659 1200	patricia.laurie@alc.org.au				20 Aug am/pm	No longer connected with NSW ALC
NSW Aboriginal Land Council	Leon Avuri-Williams		PO Box 1912 Coffs Harbour NSW 2450	6659 1200	andrew.riley@alc.org.au				19 Aug am/pm,	Email sent

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Registered Stake Holder Group	First name	Position	Address Line 1	Phone	Email	NOTES 10 August 2010	Notes 12 – 13 August 2010	Invite Notes AFT 1	Attendance AFG 1	Invite Notes AFG 2
NSW Aboriginal Land Council	Craig		PO Box 1912 Coffs Harbour NSW 2450	6659 1200	craig.craigie@alc.org.au	09/08 Sam advised of new contacts - Andrew Riley Zone Director and Trent Linwood (Operations Manager)	Spoke to Leon who provided updated contact details - suggested I send emails and note which land councils I have been in touch with	Send letter by email		Email sent
NSW Aboriginal Land Council	Tina Williams		PO Box 1912 Coffs Harbour NSW 2450	6659 1200	tina.williams@alc.org.au	09/08 Sam advised of new contacts - Andrew Riley Zone Director and Trent Linwood (Operations Manager)	Spoke to Leon who provided updated contact details - suggested I send emails and note which land councils I have been in touch with	Send letter by email		Email sent
Ulgundahi Elders			PO Box 321 Maclean NSW 2463	02 6645 1837	ulgundahl@internode.om.net		Called 12 aug - no answer			Email sent
Yaegl Local Aboriginal Land Council	Michael Randall	Coordinator	PO Box 216 Maclean NSW 2463	6645 3676	yaegl@internode.on.net		Called 12 aug - no answer	Send letter by email		Email sent
The Yaegl People	Deidre Randall		C/- NTSCORP Suite 15, 245 Chalmers St Redfern NSW 2016	9310 3188	yaegl@internode.on.net		Called 12 aug - office closed	Post letter		Email sent
Yaegl Local Aboriginal Land Council	Lionel Gardiner		PO Box 216 Maclean NSW 2463	6645 3676	yaegl@internode.on.net	10/08 LJ left msg	Called 12 aug - no answer	Send letter by email		Email sent
Yaegl Local Aboriginal Land Council	Noeline Kapeen		PO Box 216 Maclean NSW 2463	6645 3676	yaegl@internode.on.net	10/08 LJ left msg	Called 12 aug - no answer	Send letter by email		Email sent
Yaegl Local Aboriginal Land Council	Ferlin Laurie		PO Box 216 Maclean NSW 2463	6645 3676	yaegl@internode.on.net	10/08 LJ left msg	Called 12 aug - no answer	Send letter by email	19 Aug morning	Email sent
Yaegl Local Aboriginal Land Council	Eileen Mcleay		C/- NTSCORP Suite 15, 245 Chalmers St Redfern NSW 2016	9310 3188	yaegl@internode.on.net	10/08 LJ left msg	Called 12 aug - no answer	Send letter by email		Email sent
Yaegl Local Aboriginal Land Council	Zane Purcell		PO Box 216 Maclean NSW 2463	6645 3676	yaegl@internode.on.net	10/08 LJ left msg	Called 12 aug - no answer	Send letter by email		Email sent
Yaegl Local Aboriginal Land Council	William Walker		C/- NTSCORP Suite 15, 245 Chalmers St Redfern NSW 2016	9310 3188	yaegl@internode.on.net	10/08 LJ left msg	Called 12 aug - no answer	Send letter by email		Email sent
Yaegl Local Aboriginal Land Council	Daryll Mercy		PO Box 216 Maclean NSW 2463	6645 3676	yaegl@internode.on.net				19 Aug morning	Email sent
Malera Bandjalan Tribe	Kevin Foley	Foleys Lawyers	41 Gurwood St Wagga Wagga NSW 2650							

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A team consisting of RTA, SKM and Aurecon



Purpose of Meeting Woolgoolga to Ballina Planning Alliance – Aboriginal Focus Group Meeting

Original project	Iluka Road to Woodburn	Project No	EN02829
Place of Meeting	CWA Rooms, Woodburn	Date/Time	20 August 2010 9:00 – 11:00 am

Present	Adam Cameron (RTA) Vanessa Edmonds (W2B Alliance) Mary-Lou Buck (RTA) Kate Wiggins (RTA) Scott Smith (RTA)	Ken Laurie (Birrigan Gargle LALC; Yaegl NT Claimants) Diane Randall (NSW ALC) Councillor Patricia Laurie (NSWALC) Marcus Ferguson (Jali LALC) Toby Heys (ARUP)
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Apologies

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- 1. Welcome to Country**
Welcome to Country given by Councillor Patricia Laurie.
- 2. Welcome**
Welcome to the meeting given by Adam Cameron.
- 3. Introductions**
- 4. Overview of Woolgoolga to Ballina Planning Alliance project**
4.1 Overview and update of project given by Adam Cameron.
- 5. Ongoing consultation – next steps**
5.1 Process for consultation outlined by Vanessa Edmonds.
5.2 Approximately 4 days survey is estimated across the IR2W and W2B sections.
5.3 Exact locations, times and days need to be confirmed for site officers.
- 6. Draft Methodology for Aboriginal Heritage Assessment**
5.1 Identify and record any sites located during the survey.
5.2 Areas for sub-surface testing to be identified during survey including boundaries and methodology.
- 7. Aboriginal field assistants appointed**

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7.1 Site officers for survey available next Wednesday. Survey to commence at 9am.

7.2 Additional site officers can be made available if it is required to survey Shark Creek alternative alignment and IR2W sections at the same time.

8. Other matters

8.1 Councillor Laurie requested project information for the area between Corrindi and Tweed Heads to be forwarded to the NSW ALC.

8.2 Councillor Laurie requested report format as per PACCHI document to be forwarded to the NSW ALC.

8.3 The Alliance has forwarded information to Bogal LALC and contacts will be forwarded to Bogal/Ngulingah.

8.4 Councillor Laurie will forward map showing Land Council boundaries to the Alliance to update prior information.

8.5 PACCHI document. Concerns raised over the restrictions placed on pay rates.

8.6 Adam Cameron to provide Land Councils with current rates.

8.7 Any political issues should be handled through the NSW ALC.

9. Next meeting

9.1 Next AFG meeting to be held after field surveys have been completed.

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Memo

To	Aboriginal Focus Group No. 2	Project No	EN02829
From	Vanessa Edmonds and Joseph Brooke	Date	31 August 2010
Subject	Iluka Road to Woodburn Fieldwork Summary		

Introduction

This Statement of Findings reports on the survey undertaken 23 – 27 August 2010 for the Iluka Road to Woodburn section of the Woolgoolga to Ballina Pacific Highway upgrade project. Please note that this statement is only to discuss the results of the current investigation and **does not** include the results of any previous survey.

Aims

The main aim of the fieldwork was to survey those areas along the project corridor which had not been previously surveyed for Aboriginal sites.

Another aim of the survey was to undertake consultation with the registered Aboriginal stakeholders through involvement in the survey. This was to:

- Discuss information relating to cultural heritage sites (archaeological and non-archaeological) along or next to the project corridor
- Understand Aboriginal significance of sites or areas of potential archaeological deposit (PAD) located during the field survey
- Discuss preliminary recommendations for further archaeological assessment Aboriginal sites and PADs located within the project corridor during the survey

Timing and Personnel

The fieldwork program was undertaken on the 24 and 27 August 2010. The field team comprised five SKM archaeologists (see Table 1) and representatives of registered Aboriginal stakeholders (see Table 2). A mix of male and female archaeologists was incorporated into the field team to allow for potential Aboriginal stakeholder preferences when sharing information regarding gender-specific cultural sites.

In the Unincorporated Local Aboriginal Land Council area to the north of the section, Jali, Yaegl, Birrigan Gargle, Bogal and Ngulingah LALCs have joint responsibility over the country. As Ngulingah LALC had no representatives available at the time of survey, they stated they were happy for Jali Local Aboriginal Land Council to speak on their behalf (Tracey-Ann Hicks, pers. comm.).

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■ **Table 1: List of archaeologists comprising field team.**

Company	Name	Role
SKM	Vanessa Edmonds	Team Leader-Cultural heritage and archaeological assessment
SKM	Andrew Costello	Senior Archaeologist
SKM	Joseph Brooke	Project Archaeologist
SKM	Robyn Jenkins	Project Archaeologists
SKM	Rani Attwood	Graduate Archaeologist

■ **Table 2: List of Aboriginal stakeholder representatives participating in the field survey.**

Organisation	Name	Role	Dates of Participation	Approximate Section
Jali LALC	Marcus Ferguson	Senior Aboriginal Sites Officer	24 August	Unincorporated LALC lands
Jali LALC	Dean Bolt	Senior Aboriginal Sites Officer	24 & 25 August	Unincorporated LALC lands
Birrigan Gargle LALC (also Yaegl People native title claim)	Fox Laurie	Senior Aboriginal Sites Officer	24-27 August	Unincorporated LALC and Yaegl lands
Yaegl LALC (also Yaegl People Native Title claim)	Lee Laurie	Senior Aboriginal Sites Officer	24-27 August	Unincorporated LALC and Yaegl lands
Birrigan Gargle LALC (also Yaegl People Native Title claim)	Ronald Williams	Trainee Aboriginal Sites Officer	25-27 August	Unincorporated LALC and Yaegl lands
Yaegl LALC (also Yaegl People Native Title claim)	Mark Laurie	Trainee Aboriginal Sites Officer	25 August	Unincorporated LALC and Yaegl lands
Yaegl LALC (also Yaegl People Native Title claim)	Mark Laurie	Trainee Aboriginal Sites Officer	26-27 August	Unincorporated LALC and Yaegl lands
Bogal LALC	Steven Williams	Senior Aboriginal Sites Officer	27 August	Unincorporated LALC and Bogal lands

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Methodology

Survey areas were defined on the basis of landholder information. The field survey was undertaken on foot. Where there was no property access permission an assessment of the project corridor was made from the adjacent property based on field observations in field consultation and topographic data.

Where property access was possible, the locations of all Aboriginal sites and areas of potential archaeological deposit (PAD) were recorded using a differential GPS.

Survey Coverage

Approximately 90% of the previously unsurveyed portions of concept corridor were surveyed or assessed from the road/property boundaries. Constraint to survey included property access permission, and vegetation cover, such as sugar cane plantation and swampy properties; however, such properties were still able to be assessed either from the road or an adjacent property.

Results

A total of one previously unidentified area of PAD (Table 3), and no new Aboriginal archaeological sites or Aboriginal Cultural Places were identified as a result of the survey.

Based on discussions in the field, this PAD should be subject to archaeological sub-surface testing during future project stages.

Yours sincerely

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- Yaegl Local Aboriginal Land Council (LALC)
- Bandjalang People #1 Native Title Group
- Bandjalang People #2 Native Title Group
- Birrigan Gargle LALC
- Jali LALC
- Ngulingah LALC
- Bunjum Aboriginal Cooperative
- Bogal LALC
- NSW ALC
- Ulgundahi Elders
- Bandjalang Aboriginal Corporation

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■ **Table 3: Summary of PADs identified during current survey within the project corridor.**

Site Number	PAD Name	Associated with Site?	Potential Archaeological Sensitivity	Aboriginal Significance	Investigation	Impacted by Proposal	Further Investigation Required during future project stages?
NA	Bolger PAD	-	Low-moderate	Low-moderate	SKM Survey	Direct Impact	Shovel test-pits and hand sieving

Notes of meeting

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Purpose of Meeting	Woolgoolga to Ballina Planning Alliance – Aboriginal Focus Group Meeting		
Original project	Iluka Road to Woodburn	Project No	EN02829
Place of Meeting	CWA Rooms, Woodburn	Date/Time	21 October 2010 10:00am – 12:00 pm
Present	Vanessa Edmonds (W2B Alliance) Kate Wiggins (RTA) Scott Smith (RTA) Lewis Cook (Burabi Aboriginal Corporation) Lois Cook (Burabi Aboriginal Corporation)	Marcus Ferguson (Jali LALC) Lance Manson (Bogal LALC) Russell Kapeen (Bogal LALC) Veronica Williams (Jali LALC) Dean Bolt (Jali LALC)	
Apologies	Yaegl LALC Tina Williams (NSW ALC)		
Distribution	As above Jo Moss (W2B alliance)		

Item

1. **Welcome**
Welcome to the meeting given by Kate Wiggins.
2. **Introductions**
3. **Welcome to Country**
Welcome to Country given by Lewis Cook.
4. **Discussion of findings from field survey**
 - 4.1 Vanessa Edmonds gave a summary of the findings of the field survey undertaken in August. 90% of the targeted areas were covered by the survey.
 - 4.2 No sites were identified; one area of potential aboriginal deposit was identified.
 - 4.3 Two artefact scatters and one PAD were identified in the previous survey undertaken by Jacky Collins and all recommendations from this previous report had been carried forward to this current project.
 - 4.4 Lance Manson asked how items of cultural significance were identified. Vanessa stated that a cultural assessment was undertaken during the previous investigation.
 - 4.5 Lance Manson will write a report based on the statement of findings on behalf of the Bogal LALC. Lance will research amongst his community for further knowledge on significant sites or areas in this

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section.

5. Draft Methodology for Aboriginal Heritage Assessment

5.1 Vanessa Edmonds outlined the methodology proposed for the sub-surface testing. This would involve test pits approx 1m x 1m followed by shovel test pits.

5.2 Lance Manson asked how the test pit sites were selected. Vanessa stated that it was decided by agreement from the archaeologist and the sites officers.

5.3 Lance Manson and Russell Kapeen will take the draft methodology to the Bogal LALC Board for discussion and endorsement.

6. Ongoing consultation – next steps

5.1 Sub-surface testing at PADs on early works sites will be undertaken in the next few months.

5.2 The RTA is in the process of seeking formal registration of aboriginal stakeholders for the Woodburn to Ballina section of the project. An AFG will be held once the registration period has closed.

7. Other Matters

7.1 Lois Cook stated her concern with the route north of Woodburn passing through the Cooks Hill area as this is an area of high importance to the local aboriginal community. The route has a direct impact on a massacre site. Lois was of the understanding from discussions with the RTA during route selection that there would be further consultation with aboriginal stakeholders prior to announcement of the route.

7.2 The representatives from Jali LALC stated their opposition to the route north of Woodburn passing through Cooks Hill and around the back of the Wardell Heath. Kate Wiggins stated that there will be the opportunity to state their concerns when the Woodburn to Ballina AFG is held following the formal registration of stakeholders for this section of the project.

7.3 There is a publication stating the names and locations of several significant sites. Marcus Ferguson requested that Vanessa Edmonds forward this on to him.

7.4 Lois Cook requested that there be separate reports for each language group in order to protect the confidentiality of each group's knowledge. Kate Wiggins stated that the alliance will discuss how this information is distributed in the future.

7.3 Devils Pulpit project.

Scott Smith informed the AFG that the Devils Pulpit project will be calling for tenders within the next few weeks. The project was previously assessed and no sites or areas of aboriginal significance were recorded.

There is an opportunity on this project for aboriginal employment. LALCs will be contacted separately and asked to nominate people for positions.

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Name of meeting:	Aboriginal Focus Group Iluka Rd to Woodburn		
Location of meeting:	Woodburn Memorial Hall, Woodburn		
Meeting facilitator:	Woolgoolga to Ballina Planning Alliance		
Date:	6 October 2011	Time:	9.00am
Attendees:	<p>Noeline Kapeen, Yaegl LALC and Yaegl Native Title Claimant (NK) Eileen McLeay, Yaegl LALC and Yaegl Native Title Claimant (EM) Erica Wilson, Bandjalang LALC. (EW) Daniel Wilson, Bandjalang LALC (Daniel W) Doug Wilson, Bandjalang LALC (Doug W) Bill Drew, Bandjalang LALC (BD) Warren Williams, Bunjum Aboriginal Cooperative (WW) Kellie Wilson, Bogal LALC. (KW) Marcus Ferguson, Jali LALC. (MF) Leonie Watson, Jali LALC. (LW) Dean Bolt, Jali LALC. (DB) Cedrick Hinton, Ngulingah LALC. (CH) Vanessa Edmonds, Alliance archaeologist (VE) Jospeh Brooks, Alliance archaeologist (JB) Chris Gorman, Alliance project manager (CG) Graham Purcell, RTA Aboriginal Programs Coordinator (GP) Rowena Mitchell, RTA Environmental Advisor. (RM)</p>		
Apologies:	Garry McPherson, RTA Project Development Manager		

Item	Action
<p>Welcome</p> <p>VE welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made.</p>	
<p>Project update</p> <p>CG provided an update on the project. He explained that the four previous projects (Woolgoolga to Wells Crossing, Wells Crossing to Iluka Road, Iluka Road to Woodburn and Woodburn to Ballina) have been combined into one project, referred to as Woolgoolga to</p>	

<p>Ballina. CG explained that funding has been provided to progress the project towards project approval, with an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to be developed. It is hoped we will get project approval in 2013. The RTA has formed an Alliance with SKM and Aurecon to progress this project. The concept design is being publicly displayed from this week onwards. It can also be viewed on the RTA's website.</p>	
<p>Sub-surface testing methodology</p> <p>JB said that previous survey undertaken in the Iluka Road to Woodburn section was done by Jacqui Collins. Last year the Alliance undertook more survey to fill in the gaps, so the whole alignment has now been covered. PADs were identified after discussions with site officers and AFG attendees and survey.</p> <p>JB explained that the next stage is to do sub surface testing.</p> <p>JB then described the locations of the different PADs, including the Bolger PAD, IR2W 2 and IR2W 4) and pointed to them on a map on the table. He described how the land comes off the floodplain into the rises and there's a lot of State Forest around.</p> <p>JB then explained that sub surface testing is required to determine the size of the PADs. Following testing we would let the group know the results and what the recommendations are and this will feed into the project environmental assessment.</p> <p>The meeting then paused as some arrivals joined the meeting.</p> <p>For the benefit of the new arrivals JB gave a brief overview of what we're planning to do with the survey results. He then described the sub surface testing methodology. This will be done by hand excavations, (using trowels etc) only within the PADs in the project corridor. The test pits will be about 50 metres x 50 metres, about 10 metres apart. They will excavate down in depth units of about 5-10cm. Soil will be sieved to ensure they don't miss any artefacts. They will excavate down to archaeologically sterile soil (base clay, rock).</p> <p>They will be limited in excavation by the Office of Environment & Heritage's Code of Practice, until we receive the Director General's Requirements.</p> <p>They can't excavate more than 0.5% of the PAD. But JB said that was still pretty good coverage.</p> <p>JB said that during the excavations they would take regular recordings, drawings and photos of soil. They will finish in each of the PAD areas once they've characterised what the significance of the contents is.</p> <p>They will backfill digging and if they identify any artefacts they will register them through AHIMs.</p>	

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<p>If there's any aboriginal objects (stone artefacts) found they'll aim to analyse them in the field or take them back to hotel and analyse. According to the OEH, they need to rebury them in a secure place.</p> <p>BD said that they can't take them away - that's desecration.</p> <p>Daniel W agreed that they can't take them away.</p> <p>Doug W said that would be like digging up one of your ancestors and taking them away.</p> <p>VE said that there'll be no burials sites tested. She then confirmed that they could just look at any artefacts on site.</p> <p>CH asked if there was any chance that the RTA could move the road around the sites?</p> <p>JB said that the reason for the survey work is finding out what's significant and advising the RTA.</p> <p>Daniel W said there was another burial site just off the highway, out the back of the soccer fields. He said we don't want the road to go too close to the site.</p> <p>CH said that we don't want to tell people exactly where these sites are because people can go and vandalise them.</p> <p>VE confirmed that this information is not given out to the public.</p> <p>Daniel W said he doesn't want works close to that site.</p> <p>JB said we're aware of it and it's actually 600 – 700 metres away and appears to be far away from the alignment. But he said that they should make sure it's the same spot we're talking about.</p> <p>Daniel W said you might flints all along there.</p> <p>VE said the survey has been undertaken and areas have been marked as PADs.</p> <p>The group looked at the map again to show where the PADs are.</p> <p>Doug W asked if we have come across registered sites, eg in the National Park?</p> <p>JB said that yes there are some, but the alignment's not going through there or we're investigating further. In this section there were 2 sites that the alignment was moved to avoid. They were registered sites (a scar tree and a burial site).</p> <p>CG said that if a burial site was suspected there would be opportunity to refine the design. That process is still ongoing.</p>	
<p>BD asked if the Alliance got a letter regarding their Native Title Claim. He said his understanding was that it's been sent. He said their claim is all in that area.</p> <p>VE said that we would have contacted whoever was on your native title claim as the contact person.</p> <p>BD said it was probably Ross Walker.</p>	

VE confirmed that it was T. Lawrence from NTS Corp. She said that we've always sent AFG information or statements of findings to T. Lawrence.

JB said he now has Gemima's email address, so in future we can send it through to her.

BD said we can provide you with email addresses.

Daniel W asked if they would be walking through the area?

JB said it's already been surveyed and the RTA doesn't do monitoring during construction.

VE said that Jacqui Collins did some survey in 2007 and she would've invited representatives from the Aboriginal stakeholders. VE said that Jacqui would have invited whoever the registered stakeholders were at the time. She explained that we did survey to fill in the gaps and held AFGs and sent out invitations. Now we're up to the stage of doing sub-surface testing from identified artefacts.

BD said that they'd been kept in the dark about all of this.

VE said that she has a whole email trail of the correspondence.

EW asked who went out last year?

JB said site officers from Jali, Yaegl, Birrigangagal, Bogal and Ngulingah were invited but some ended up not being available. He confirmed that we went through the same process as always. He said it sounds like the message hasn't got through from NTS Corp somehow.

VE said that in 2007 the original survey was done. The contact person was Lawrence Wilson.

Doug W said that's our father, he passed away.

VE said she was sorry to hear about that. She said there were also Bandjalang Elders.

BD asked if Roddy Erin (?) would have been involved in that?

VE said his name's not on the list.

BD asked if he was notified.

VE said that if he was a stakeholder he would have been. She explained that you have to register your interest as a stakeholder. Ads are put in the paper, letters are sent to land councils. NTS Corp was notified. Gemima's secretary was emailed.

JB said that he spoke to Jennifer who works with Gemima and she said that somehow the wrong contact details were passed on to us. They said information shouldn't have been going to T Lawrence. JB confirmed that it's now going to Gemima.

BD clarified that they were all here now and were keen to get involved and participate. He said we also want to work in with our other mob and get involved as well. We need our people on the

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ground in there.

JB said there's a nomination process for site officers.

BD said it doesn't work that way with us. It's got to be our people working in that area.

JB asked what area they cover?

VE said it's mapped. She said whatever PADs that fall in that area you'll be contacted about. She said GP can let you know about a contract with the RTA and nomination forms.

GP said it has always been that wherever your boundaries are that's where you can do site work.

VE said there might be other people that want to be involved (LALCs).

BD said it doesn't work like that.

NK said that Bandjalang and Yaegl have an agreement on the boundary.

GP said this is a consulting group. At the end of the day, the RTA will to consider any application from Aboriginal people. They don't necessarily have to be from this country. It's based on merit. The RTA is conforming to OEH regulations.

BD said they're overriding our rules. He said it doesn't work that way.

GP stated that he was just informing you that that's what the policy is. The situation may not arise. It may be that Bandjalang are the only people that apply.

BD said priority should be given to Bandjalang.

GP said we give you a contract and site officer forms. We view you as an organisation. If there's not enough roles for everyone then you can rotate roles. GP said he just wanted to inform you about the fact that they have to consider all applications. He said at this stage he doesn't know of any other interests in this part of highway.

VE said that she thinks Bogal may have participated previously.

BD said there's one or two claims, down near Lawrence.

GP said there's no argument that your organisation will be given opportunity.

BD asked who decides on who gets the roles?

GP said me and the archaeologists.

BD asked how do you define experience?

VE said it's like a job application for a truck driver. You need experience in archaeology.

BD said no we're different. It's about a connection to the land.

VE said they need to have done sieving.

Daniel W said that he has done that already.

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<p>VE said that's good and to make sure to put it in your application.</p> <p>GP talked about the various things you might put in your application, including whether you've done the OEH course and any other projects you've worked on.</p> <p>BD said the Alliance has also got to understand respect for boundaries.</p> <p>DB said if your Bandjalang claim is in Jali area, then Jali will want to have site officers there.</p> <p>Noelene said we have an MOU with Bandjalang so we can work together.</p> <p>BD said we'll work together with Jali.</p> <p>CH asked how big is their native title area?</p> <p>Doug W said it encompasses Comara Creek, Busby Flats, Black Rocks.</p> <p>He said that the native title people said if any government wants to do anything on our land they've got to contact us.</p> <p>GP said the RTA contacts LALCs and successful claimants.</p> <p>BD said we're in the process of getting our determination.</p> <p>GP clarified that until it's been granted we will talk to LALCs.</p> <p>BD asked if he could have the names and positions of the Alliance people before leaving.</p> <p>The Alliance attendees agreed.</p> <p>JB confirmed that part of this meeting is to identify appropriate stakeholders. He said it sounds like there's been a communication breakdown.</p> <p>BD said he got a letter from you guys saying it's on today. And that's how I know it's on. Got to respect blackfellas way of doing things.</p> <p>Daniel Wilson said that each individual clan has got their own code.</p> <p>VE clarified that the Native title claims are Bandjalang 1 and 2.</p> <p>GP explained that the RTA has a contract with each organisation and each organisation must have public liability insurance and workers compensation insurance. He confirmed that we engage the organisation. We pay the organisation and they pay the site officers. The RTA doesn't negotiate with site officers, only the organisations. To become an officer the organisation must have those insurances. If you don't have insurances, we can try to organise you to work through a skill hire company.</p> <p>BD asked why can't we go with SKM under their insurance?</p> <p>JB said you'd have to be on salary to be covered by SKM insurance. He said we need to make sure anyone working out there is covered by insurance.</p> <p>BD said Blackfellas way, some of us our qualified in some areas and others qualified in other areas. Surely common sense would prevail in</p>	<p>VE to send BD previous correspondence and statement of findings that were sent to NTS Corp.</p>
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judging applications, even if they're not fully qualified. You know us and we'd do a good job because of our cultural knowledge. There must be some discretion for you to allow our site officers to be there?

GP said we're not going to question your organisation. If you nominate site officers, I won't be questioning your site officers.

JB said there's two levels in the application form - trainee and senior site officer. So less experienced people could be a trainee.

VE said if you nominate 6 officers, we may not necessarily use them all the time.

BD said that's OK, we're doing that with national parks already.

VE said she would send BD previous correspondence and statement of findings that were sent to NTS Corp.

CH left the meeting at 10.45am.

NK also left the meeting. As she left she said she was happy with the sub-surface testing methodology as it's the same as discussed yesterday (at Wells Crossing to Iluka Road AFG).

JB asked if everyone happy with methodology for excavations? He said that would not remove artefacts overnight to analyse.

BD reiterated that you need to put our people there on the ground so we can advise you where to put it.

JB said any items uncovered during test excavations should be put in a secure storage location (reburied) as soon as possible, pending assessment.

Daniel W said that you can't move a knife because it was put there for the owner in the spirit world. He won't be able to find it if you move it. A midden site should not be touched whatsoever.

JB asked that if it was a small scatter of shells, not a multi-layered midden, would that be different?

Daniel W said yes if it was small like this sheet of paper (held up A4 sheet of paper) then not a site.

JB said that we want to make sure that we pick up stuff, no matter how small.

VE said we'll need to do sub-surface testing.

Daniel W said yeah do that, but there's going to be more underneath that main one. If you come across a camping spot we will definitely not let you touch that. You will have to move the road. Our ancestors definitely come back to that spot.

BD said our ancestors come back to us. We've got to respect them. We don't know if there's women business there or not.

Daniel W said that's why the sisters have got to talk about that.

BD said that we've got to take all this into consideration. Our spiritual connection is part of who we are.

JB to let group know what date testing is due to start.

<p>Daniel W said when we want to go find ourselves, we go bush, until we feel better. We get the vibes from my ancestors. I can tell if he's in an area that he's not supposed to be in.</p> <p>BD asked when the Alliance is looking at doing all this stuff?</p> <p>JB said that he's asked for access to property owners and he's waiting to hear about that in the next few days. That's for the whole Woolgoolga to Ballina alignment. That will determine where we can work. He said he's hoping to start testing 24-25 October until mid December. Hopefully next week I'll be able to let you know when we want to start.</p> <p>BD asked if we could have another meeting? I think Jali have people you need to contact.</p> <p>VE said we have those names. It'll also depend on how quickly you can get the contract sorted out.</p> <p>JB said the next meeting (Woodburn to Ballina AFG) from Woodburn up to Teven Junction will fall in some of Bandjalang claim area. He showed it on the map and the group looked at where the boundary of the native title claim is. JB pointed out the PADs. A total of 12 PADs are in the Bandjalang native title area. Generally a PAD will take 1-2 days to test. Some PADs that are a bit deeper will take longer. It would probably take 2-3 weeks for all the PADs.</p> <p>VE explained that at the next meeting today they will discuss the next section which Bandjalang will go into a bit. It'll be the same methodology. The LALCs will be involved in that too.</p> <p>JB thanked people for their comments. He asked if there were any other matters? Specifically from south of channel up to Iluka Road. There were no comments.</p> <p>GP said they need to determine which company will cover Bandjalang's insurances. They only need 1 contract from the organisation.</p> <p>WW said they think they have an organisation that can cover it.</p> <p>GP said he also needs the forms back, preferably by 24 October.</p>	
<p>Meeting closed 11.10am.</p>	

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Name of meeting:	Aboriginal Focus Group Iluka Rd to Woodburn		
Location of meeting:	Woodburn Memorial Hall, Woodburn		
Meeting facilitator:	Woolgoolga to Ballina Planning Alliance		
Date:	14 December 2011	Time:	9.30am
Attendees:	<p>Marcus Ferguson, Jali LALC (MF) Leonie Watson, Jali LALC (LW) Rosemarie Vesper, Birrigan Gargle LALC (RV) Veronica Wilson, Bandjalang Native Title claimant (VW) Billy Walker, Birrigan Gargle LALC and Yaegl Native Title claimant (BW), Vanessa Edmonds, Alliance archaeologist (VE) Joseph Brooke, Alliance archaeologist (JB) Graham Purcell, RTA Aboriginal Programs Coordinator (GP) Rowena Mitchell, RTA Environmental Advisor. (RM) Garry McPherson, RTA Project Development Manager (GM) Ken Robinson, Alliance Project Manager (KR) Lindsay Nash, RMS Senior Project Manager (LN) Rob Ticknor, RMS Geotechnical Scientist (RT) David Groth, RMS Geotechnical Scientist (DG)</p>		
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Item	Action
<p>Welcome</p> <p>The meeting opened at 10.00am.</p> <p>GM welcomed everyone and introductions were made. GM said the primary purpose of the meeting is to talk about results of testing in PADs. The second purpose is to talk about geotechnical investigations required along the route to get project ready for when funding is available. The other thing to cover is that there's probably additional works that we want to do along the length. The Alliance has done a review to work out what additional land is needed for ancillary facilities, like site compounds, stockpiles etc.</p>	
<p>Sub surface testing</p> <p>VE said we'll run through the PADs that we've excavated according to the</p>	

methodology run through at the last AFG. Until recently we've been restricted to sticking to the Archaeological Code of Practice, but now we have the Director General's Requirements.

JB said that Jacqui Collins did the original survey for this section. Only 3 PADs were identified in this section. Most of this area is floodplain and uninhabitable. Not until you get closer to Woodburn are there more distinctive landforms. The first PAD (Bolger's PAD) is at White's Road. It's right on the boundary of Bogal LALC, the unincorporated area, as well as the Bandjalang Native Title claim. It's on a low, flattish sandy rise. Sediments were only about 30 cm deep for archaeological purposes. We got down to clay which we'd consider sterile. We did 15 shovel test pits, 50cm by 50cm, 10 metres apart. No artefacts were found. We plan to go back and do a small amount more – maybe another 10 test holes. We are not really expecting to find too much. The area is a bit disturbed, and has been levelled out.

The next PAD is further north of Wandawee Way. It was identified by Jacqui Collins and a few artefacts were identified (15). They dug 20 test pits on either side of the road. A further 2 artefacts were identified. Artefacts were coarsed-grain silcrete, and cherty material – found on the western side of highway.

RV asked what artefacts are we looking for?

JB said all sorts.

RV said we should be looking for waterholes, shell middens, burial sites, stone artefacts, carved trees, ceremonial sites etc.

JB said we have looked for those and have identified some of those, but not in this section.

RV said there's a huge midden site at Woombah.

VW said at New Italy there's a woman's site.

JB said we are aware of those and the highway will avoid it. Also a burial site will be avoided.

JB explained that we filled the survey gaps from when Jacqui Collins did her survey. We also spoke to the community.

RV asked if they involved Uncle Ronny?

JB yes he was involved early on. He said he personally hasn't met him. He did some work around the Cooks Hill area.

RV said that they've done a tourism course and he taught us some sites. He

<p>does quite a lot of work for National Parks and Wildlife Service too.</p> <p>JB said the other PAD is at Woodburn. There was some concern that there was a woman's site in the area, so the male site officers didn't want to work there. So we didn't do any work in that area. JB said he would like to talk to the group about whether there's a woman's site in that area. We'll go back there with all female officers. That will happen on Monday. 1 artefact was identified by Jacqui Collins.</p> <p>JB said that is it for the archaeological testing.</p> <p>VE said 1 PAD, the Bolger PAD will be removed as a PAD. The next PAD seems to be of low archaeological significance, so we'd probably recommend a site salvage and then rebury artefacts as close to the site as possible after construction.</p> <p>RV said you can't touch those. She referred to an incident where they tried to move a reef in the Clarence River. My father told me that you're not allowed to move that stuff. She said she believes her father and she doesn't want stuff to happen to her or her people. She said her aunty and cousins died after stepping on a midden site.</p> <p>GP said we need to work out a way of dealing with it with all stakeholders.</p> <p>VE said we'll provide everyone with a statement of findings and what the recommendations are and we'll provide options. You can get back to us.</p> <p>RV said they removed artefacts from the village in Yamba for the Beachside development. It's now starting to crack.</p> <p>JB pointed out where the artefacts were found in the third PAD.</p>	
<p>Design changes</p> <p>VE said there have been some design changes since the route went on public display.</p> <p>BW joined the meeting.</p> <p>GM explained that we've joined 4 previous projects together and we put this on display. We got feedback from the community and as a result we are making refinements to the concept design. There's one in this section, a re-arrangement in the New Italy area, but the boundary of project doesn't change. There's one further north that we'll talk about at this afternoon's meeting.</p> <p>VE said she has one design change for the ancillary facility at Gap Road.</p> <p>GM said that stays within the boundary, but he will check it. At CH 127300</p>	

<p>the boundary been adjusted further west by about 10-20 metres. (GM later clarified that the boundary has been moved to the east there to avoid a spring-fed dam on the owner's property. So the boundary area has been reduced and there's probably no need to carry out survey work because it is staying within the boundary).</p> <p>VE said it's not close to any PADs, it's unlikely to be sensitive, but it's up to you whether you want to survey that bit.</p> <p>JB said that if they need a design change or ancillary facility change they would resurvey if outside corridor.</p> <p>MF said he'd like to go out and have a look.</p> <p>GM asked when that will happen?</p> <p>VE said probably early next year.</p> <p>VE said it's in the unincorporated area so it would need to involve Jali, Bogal, Birrigan-Gargle and Bandjalang Native Title claimants.</p>	
<p>Ancillary areas</p> <p>VE we're now talking about areas that the Alliance has identified for stockpiles and laydown areas etc. Some are within the corridor, but some are outside the corridor.</p> <p>The first one is just south of Mororo Rd, inside the corridor. There are no PADs nearby, so we recommend no further action. It's at CH98200 on the eastern side.</p> <p>The next one is Section 6, site 2, CH100300. It's all within the corridor, between the old highway and new highway.</p> <p>The next one is at CH114300, near Serendipity Rd, between the old highway and new highway. It's not near any PADs.</p> <p>GM said it's important to note that this is under review, so this can be discussed.</p> <p>VE said because we don't know where all the ancillary works are located yet we'll come up with a strategy. If the works fall outside the corridor then it needs to be surveyed, does everyone agree to that?</p> <p>MF said yes.</p> <p>VE said if it's inside the boundary and it's not near any PADs then we'll do no further survey.</p>	

<p>If it's the inside boundary and near a PAD or on a PAD, then further survey/testing will be required. VE asked if that sounds fair?</p> <p>GM said there's going to be discussion required, because facilities will be required and a lot of the area is heavily vegetated.</p> <p>VE said that further survey work would be done in January. GM asked if everyone is happy with that?</p> <p>BW asked how many sites have been identified?</p> <p>JB said 50-60 sites, some in the corridor and some slightly outside. He said they have already surveyed along the whole alignment and identified potential sites with site officers. He said that BW had probably missed that discussion earlier. We've also talked to the community about cultural sites, burials etc.</p> <p>BW said he's concerned about the machinery.</p> <p>JB said if something unknown is found then work would stop and we would have to discuss with the community what to do with it.</p> <p>MF said there are some mythological sites that may not have been covered by the reports so far.</p> <p>VE asked if there's someone she could talk to about this?</p> <p>MF said when the new areas come in we should talk to them about cultural areas and whether survey needed.</p> <p>RV said we also need to think about the animals.</p>	
<p>Geotechnical investigations</p> <p>DG said tenders for the geotechnical investigations close tomorrow. We may have crews on the ground by March next year. DG went through his presentation.</p> <p>The presentation covered cuttings, fill embankments and bridges. DG explained that there are not a lot of bridges in this section. He said we look for information on groundwater and what kind of materials are there.</p> <p>DG talked about the main activities, mapping, test pitting, bore holes and cone penetrometer testing (CPT). He said seismic surveys are only required near the Woodburn interchange. We're not expecting too many access tracks to be needed as it follows the existing alignment here. He said CPT holes don't really require a backfill as they're 5cm in diameter and because in soft soil they close up themselves.</p>	

GM asked about timing? DG said they would be aiming to finish by July 2012. LN clarified that this will depend on access.

DG said for the first 2 we can avoid the PADs. GM said 1 PAD could change in its size. LN asked if there was potential for them to increase in size? JB said this is not likely in this section.

VE said PADs will be flagged off and a 10 metre buffer zone placed around them.

LN said there are three sections for Geotech. In this section there'll be 2 contractors.

BW asked if conservation areas will be flagged off?

RM and GM confirmed that yes things like threatened species, EEC and wetlands will be demarcated.

VE asked if there are any waterways in this section? DG said not in this section.

GM said we don't normally don't do these activities at the same time, so there are risks we have to manage.

VE said there's no recorded cultural places in this section.

RV said what about the animals? We should reduce road kill.

GM said there's a proposed fauna crossing near Tabbimoble Swamp Nature Reserve. RM said key corridors etc are considered as part of the assessment, fauna fencing will be erected near culverts.

VE said updated information will be available early next year.

GM said let's look at the PAD at Woodburn interchange.

DG described the testing sites here as shown on the web tool on screen.

RT said bore holes would be along bridges and along the cutting (deepest cutting). Also seismic lines will be along the cutting, as well as test pitting.

The geotech done for Gap Road found that rock could be rippable, but it turned out to be harder and they had to do blasting. So we're trying to do more detailed investigations to avoid those situations.

LN asked how long is the cutting? RT said about 500 metres. LN asked if you could remove the seismic lines?

RT said it would be risky.

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GM said that's the constraint on the geotech work in this area.	
Next meeting GM thanked everyone for attending. He said the next AFG meeting would most likely be held in February 2012.	

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Name of meeting:	Iluka Road to Woodburn Aboriginal Focus Group		
Location of meeting:	Macleay RSL		
Meeting facilitator:	Woolgoolga to Ballina Planning Alliance		
Date:	26 June 2012	Time:	3.00 pm
Attendees:	Noeline Kapeen, Yaegl LALC (NK) Eileen McLeay, Yaegl LALC (EM) Norma Collins, Birrigan Gargle LALC (NC) Lance Manton, Bogal LALC (LM) Vanessa Edmonds, Alliance Archaeologist (VE) Joseph Brooke, Alliance Archaeologist (JB) David Collard, Alliance Archaeologist (DC) Graham Purcell, RMS (GP) Simon Wilson, RMS (SW) Chris Clarke, RMS (CC)		
Apologies:	Ken Laurie, Birrigan Gargle LALC Lee Laurie, Birrigan Gargle LALC		

Item	Action
<p>VE welcomed attendees.</p> <p>VE discussed the distribution of the Cultural Heritage Assessment Report (CHAR) that had just been distributed to the relevant stakeholders and stressed that there were 28 days for review and comment.</p> <p>JB presented site recommendations from the Wells Crossing to Iluka Road (WC-IR) section to representatives of Yaegl LALC (NK and EM).</p> <p>VE discussed the difficulty of making recommendations for Aboriginal Cultural Places due to their intangible nature.</p> <p>GP suggested that signage educating people about these places could be installed at rest areas. This may be something that consultants prepared.</p> <p>JB and VE thanked Yaegl and Birrigan Gargle LALCS for their help with fieldwork and the excellent organisation of site officers.</p> <p>JB stressed that Alliance archaeologists were open to discuss any issues or concerns that communities had with the recommendations made in the CHAR.</p>	

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<p>CC explained the approval process in relation to the CHAR and the community's comments on the recommendations.</p> <p>LM raised concerns about whether the community's views had any effect on the planning process and stated that the Cultural Heritage Act does little to assist with this.</p> <p>CC and VE explained that total avoidance of aboriginal cultural heritage was virtually impossible.</p> <p>JB added that the most significant aboriginal sites are avoided with the current project corridor alignment.</p> <p>LM expressed a desire for monitoring along the project corridor.</p> <p>NK stated that Yaegl LALC was satisfied with the amount of Cultural heritage assessment conducted in the WC-IR section.</p> <p>NK asked about the proposed acquisition of land owned by Yaegl LALC by RMS for the project.</p> <p>VE offered to send a copy of the survey report for the Iluka Road to Woodburn (IR-W) section (Collins 2008) to Bogal LALC.</p> <p>JB presented site recommendations from the IR-W section.</p> <p>LM stressed the significance of burials and that many of the burials found are actually the result of massacres. He also described the importance of initiation ceremonies with regard to the transfer of knowledge about important spiritual sites.</p> <p>VE stated that the Alliance is only aware of one Aboriginal Cultural Place in the IR-W section.</p> <p>LM stated that unfortunately much of the knowledge about spiritual sites is now lost.</p> <p>JB emphasised that significant sites have been avoided where they are known of.</p> <p>VE stated that the Alliance was happy to receive from knowledge holders any further information concerning Aboriginal Cultural Places.</p> <p>VE emphasised that comments made on the CHAR recommendations will be valuable and acted upon.</p> <p>LM asked why monitoring was not a recommendation in the CHARs despite the fact that it was requested by communities.</p> <p>GP explained that the RMS Procedure for Aboriginal cultural heritage consultation and investigation (PACHCI) was designed along Office for Environment and Heritage (OEH) guidelines which stipulate that monitoring is not to be conducted. The process of monitoring had often been abused in the past.</p> <p>GP also explained that RMS was doing as much as it possibly could to avoid impacts to significant Aboriginal cultural heritage within OEH</p>	<p>SW to follow up enquiry.</p> <p>VE/JB to send report to LM</p>
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<p>guidelines.</p> <p>CC explained that planning approval for the project was contingent upon the approval of the CHAR, with consultation an important component of this report.</p> <p>LM stated that signage was important to make the public aware of Aboriginal cultural heritage.</p> <p>LM and EM stated that the recommendations presented in the CHAR would need to be considered by the relevant LALC boards.</p> <p>JB thanked the communities for their input and complimented the competence of their site officers.</p> <p>GP asked at which stage of the project salvage would occur.</p> <p>JB answered that salvage would occur after approval of the Environmental Assessment.</p>	
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Name of meeting: Bandjalang Native Title claimants
Location of meeting: Chill Café, Evans Head
Meeting facilitator: Woolgoolga to Ballina Planning Alliance
Date: 16 August 2012 **Time:** 9.30am

Attendees: Kim Wilson, Bandjalang (KW)
 Doug Wilson, Bandjalang (DW)
 Kesha Wilson, Bandjalang (KW)
 Veronica Wilson, Bandjalang (VW)
 Annika Rotumah, Community Facilitator, NTSCORP (AR)
 Tori Edwards, Senior Solicitor, NTSCORP (TE)
 Vanessa Edmonds, Alliance Archaeologist (VE)
 Joseph Brooke, Alliance Archaeologist (JB)
 Barry Gunther, Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Advisor, Roads and Maritime Services (BG)
 Iesha Timmins, Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Advisor, Roads and Maritime Services (IT)
 Garry McPherson, Project Development Manager, Roads and Maritime Services (GM)
 Rowena Mitchell, Environmental Advisor, Roads and Maritime Services (RM)

Item	Action
<p><u>Welcome and introduction</u></p> <p>VE welcomed everyone and introductions were made. GM provided an overview of the Pacific Highway Upgrade program and the Woolgoolga to Ballina project.</p> <p>VE explained how previously the Woolgoolga to Ballina project was divided into four projects and the archaeological assessment was done in these four sections.</p>	
<p><u>Cultural Heritage Assessment Report recommendations</u></p> <p>JB talked about the Cultural Heritage Assessment Report (CHAR). He said the assessment involved the investigation of visible objects and artefacts, as well as talking to knowledge holders about spiritual or cultural places. Sites have been registered on AHIMS. He explained that the sub-surface testing methodology was discussed with registered stakeholders first.</p> <p>DW asked to look at a map with the sites marked. He said that the maps were wrong as Bandjalang country was marked as Jali country. He said they are Bandjalang artefacts.</p> <p>VE explained that until the Native Title claim goes through the artefacts</p>	

<p>would get re-buried.</p> <p>DW said that would mean that other blackfellas would get our artefacts. He said he's going out to get the blue rock.</p> <p>VE explained how there are other registered stakeholders who responded to our advertisement.</p> <p>The group agreed to move on to talk about Lang Hill as it seemed to hold the most importance to the group.</p>	
<p><u>Lang Hill</u></p> <p>VE described the different options being presented by the Alliance at Lang Hill (these were clarified later).</p> <p>JB explained how the salvage process would work.</p> <p>AR asked what would happen to the artefacts?</p> <p>VE said that artefacts salvaged would be taken back to the lab for testing and after construction they would be re-buried on site somewhere. She said that if the Native Title has been determined by then, then Bandjalang would get first choice of what to do with the artefacts.</p> <p>BG confirmed that once the Native Title is determined, Roads and Maritime Services only has to consult with Bandjalang on Aboriginal heritage within the Native Title claim area.</p> <p>Break for 10 minutes</p> <p>VE clarified the options presented in the addendum letter to the CHAR for Lang Hill. These included:</p> <p>Option 1: Keep the road alignment but don't use the hill as a source of fill.</p> <p>Option 2: Keep the road alignment and only use part of the hill (where the presence of artefacts is likely to be less dense) as a source of fill.</p> <p>The base case scenario (included in the draft CHAR): Keep the road alignment and use the whole hill as a source of fill.</p> <p>Using a map, JB explained where the various artefacts were found at Lang Hill and where the artefacts were more dense. He also explained that there were other constraints to the south east of the alignment, including reported scarred trees and Oxylean Pygmy Perch (and endangered fish) habitat.</p> <p>VE mentioned that possible management measures included potentially transferring the land to the community when the project is finished and/or making a contribution to a keeping place.</p> <p>DW asked if RMS takes the material, can Bandjalang people re-bury the artefacts?</p> <p>VE explained that one stakeholder was in favour of Option 2 and one was unclear.</p>	

<p>DW asked who the other stakeholders are?</p> <p>VE read out a number of stakeholders.</p> <p>BG said it would be good if we could get comments today as the deadline for CHAR comments has already passed.</p> <p>RMS and Alliance people left the room for 10 minutes to give stakeholders time to discuss.</p> <p>TE confirmed that the group had decided Option 2 was their preferred option.</p> <p>BG and GM asked to get this response in writing (email OK).</p>	<p>TE to provide email response to GM.</p>
<p><u>Other sites</u></p> <p>JB showed where IR2W4 is located on the map. He said it is 100 per cent impacted by the road corridor. It contains 14 artefacts. Salvage excavation by machine is proposed as the artefacts are not dense.</p> <p>JB showed IR2W3 on the map. He said it is 100 per cent impacted. There is only 1 artefact which is a silcrete flake.</p> <p>DW said he was happy with the recommendation to collect the artefact.</p> <p>JB showed IR2W2 on the map. He said it is 20 per cent impacted. There are seven artefacts, about three of them are within the corridor.</p> <p>DW asked where the artefacts would get buried?</p> <p>VE said they would be buried within the project corridor but outside of the impact zone. They would be registered as a site.</p> <p>JB said the artefacts at IR2W4 were mainly silcrete, river cobble.</p> <p>DW said just move them out of the corridor.</p> <p>VE explained that a care and control agreement would be made at the time of salvage, so if the Native Title agreement comes Bandjalang people can do what they want with them.</p> <p>BG asked if there had been any analysis of the artefacts for retouch work?</p> <p>JB said that hasn't been done, although there was evidence of retouching on some of them.</p> <p>BG asked the group if they would like dating of the artefacts done?</p> <p>The group agreed.</p> <p>VE confirmed that the Alliance could do that.</p> <p>DW asked what's going on at Cook's Hill at the quarry?</p> <p>JB said they found about 1000 artefacts there. They are proposing to excavate the artefacts.</p> <p>BG confirmed that Bandjalang can still comment on sites outside their</p>	<p>VE to include in CHAR that artefacts are to be dated where possible.</p>

<p>Native Title claim boundary.</p> <p>DW said he only wants to speak for country.</p> <p>JB asked how DW felt about the area at Cook's Hill?</p> <p>DW said it's not in his country.</p> <p>JB said their proposal is to undertake hand excavation to remove artefacts there. There is a good possibility for dating material.</p> <p>VE explained that it is a very dense site, but only partially impacted so they'd only salvage where it is impacted.</p> <p>JB said the salvage would involve 20 metres by hand and 100 metres by machine.</p>	
<p><u>Other management measures</u></p> <p>BG said another idea is that trees can be provided to the Aboriginal community to make didgeridoos, boomerangs etc.</p> <p>VE said we can add it to the CHAR as a management measure.</p> <p>GM said that at Banora Point they did it pre-clearing.</p> <p>AR asked if scarred trees near Lang Hill will be impacted?</p> <p>JB confirmed that there would be no scarred trees impacted at Lang Hill. One further north would be impacted.</p> <p>DW asked if they could get some signage installed at the entrance to Evans Head, 'Welcome to Bandjalang country', or something like that.</p> <p>VE said we can include that in the recommended management measures.</p> <p>BG suggested that the sign could say 'You are travelling through Bandjalang Country'. He said another option is that the group gets involved in suggestions for bridge names.</p> <p>GM said it is something that is considered at detailed design phase. He said there are lots of bridges on this project.</p> <p>BG talked about the Aboriginal Participation in Construction policy.</p> <p>GM talked about his experience at the Banora Point upgrade where there were numerous Aboriginal people employed.</p> <p>RM said there are also a number of Aboriginal people employed at the Devils Pulpit upgrade.</p> <p>On request from DW a recap of the day's discussion was given to ensure that the group understood the options, impacts and management mitigations presented.</p> <p>Meeting closed 12.30pm</p>	<p>VE to add to CHAR management measures about provision of trees, signage and participation in bridge naming.</p>

E.4 Comments and responses

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Attn: Tori Edwards
Bandjalang Native Title Claimants
C/O NTSCORP Limited
Level 1, 44-70 Rosehill Street
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Dear Tori,

Upgrading the Pacific Highway: Woolgoolga to Ballina Planning Alliance Aboriginal consultation meeting

As a registered Aboriginal stakeholder for the Iluka Road to Woodburn and the Woodburn to Ballina sections, we are inviting the Banjalang Native Title Claimants Family Representative group (FRG) to attend a consultation meeting where we will discuss their recommendations for the cultural heritage assessment reports (CHARs) and archaeological assessments as requested by yourself.

Please advise the FRG that the closing period for comments for the Iluka Road to Woodburn section were on Wednesday 25 July and that responses have been received from most of the registered stakeholders. The closing period for the Woodburn to Ballina section is Friday 3 August. As the consultative meeting will take place after the review period (28 days) has expired for both CHARs, the Woolgoolga to Ballina Planning Alliance can only accept feedback regarding the CHARs and archaeological assessments on this day; attendance of this meeting is vital in order for their feedback to be received and incorporated into the final CHARs.

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The details for the consultation meeting are:

Section of Pacific Highway	Date	Meeting time	Venue
Iluka Road to Woodburn Woodburn to Ballina	16 August 2012	9:00 am -1:00 pm (lunch provided)	Chill Cafe 45 Woodburn St Evans Head

Please call Josephine Basilio, Community Liaison Officer on the project information line (freecall) **1800 778 900** by **10 August 2012** to confirm your attendance.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely,

Garry McPherson
Project Development Manager

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From: Tori Edwards [mailto:tedwards@ntscorp.com.au]
Sent: Friday, 17 August 2012 3:43 PM
To: Garry.McPherson@rms.nsw.gov.au
Cc: Edmonds, Vanessa (SKM); Brooke, Joseph (SKM)
Subject: Bandjalang People - response to Pacific Highway Woolgoolga to Ballina Upgrade CHAR

Dear Garry

I refer to your previous correspondence of 4 June 2012, 5 June 2012, 18 June 2012 and 5 July 2012, and to the meeting with Bandjalang People convened on 16 August 2012.

With reference to the Gittoes Jali (Lang Hill) site, and the mitigating opportunities presented in the letter dated 5 July, I note that Bandjalang People yesterday expressed their preference for Option 2. Further, I note that there was some discussion of the possibility of transfer of a part of the site to the Traditional Owners following the sourcing of the fill. Bandjalang People are eager to continue the discussion of this opportunity with RMS.

Several items, being IR2W2, IR2W3 and IR2W4 were discussed, and I note that Bandjalang People were in agreement with the management recommendations for these cultural heritage items set out in the draft CHAR.

Bandjalang People also expressed their interest in having access to some of the trees that might be removed from various sites within the claim area, for use for production of tools, cultural artworks or in the garden at Minyumai. Please let me know how we can best progress the logistics of this happening.

The issue of signage and the naming of bridges was also discussed. I note that Bandjalang People have expressed their desire for the erection of a sign at one of the turn-offs within the claim area to acknowledge the site as Bandjalang Country. They are also keen to explore the possibility of applying for one of the bridges on the Highway within the claim area to be named after a senior Bandjalang Elder who has passed away. Any further information that you can provide regarding how best to address these aspirations would be much appreciated.

Should you require clarification on any aspect of the discussion at yesterday's meeting, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards,

Tori

Tori Edwards | Senior Solicitor



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Vanessa Edmonds
Lead Archaeologist
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27 August 2012

Dear Vanessa,

In response to the draft CHARs for Woolgoolga to Ballina – specifically the Wells Crossing to Iluka Road to Woodburn sections.

We acknowledge that site officers have participated in the fieldwork for the assessments of Wells Crossing to Iluka and Iluka Road to Woodburn and recommendations provided in Section 9 of both CHARs.

Yours Truly,

Robert McLeay
Acting Chief Executive Officer
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Table 7 Comments and responses table

Date	Time	Alliance contact	Method	Contact person	Organisation	Subject
14 August 2012	2: 40pm	Vanessa Edmonds	Phone	Norma Collins	Birrigan Gargle LALC	<p>I asked if she had any comments on CHAR. I said we had sent through a copy of the CHAR to Ken Laurie and received comments back from him and that he had been happy with the CHAR and only had one query re the road alignment going through a swamp but we had confirmed that the road didn't go through the swamp.</p> <p>She said she was very happy with the CHAR. She had presented it to the Board and they were satisfied with CHAR. Norma said that she told the Board she had been to most of the AFGs and the 'boys' had participated in the fieldwork and they were satisfied with the outcomes. From a Birrigan perspective Ken Laurie had been involved.</p>

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E.5 Statement of findings

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Memo

To	Chris Gorman	Project No	EN02829.721
From	Joseph Brooke	Date	14 October 2011
Copy	Vanessa Edmonds Graham Purcell Rowena Mitchell		
Subject	October 2011 Aboriginal heritage survey results		

1. Introduction

This memo summarises the results of the field survey undertaken on 4 – 7 October 2011.

2. Aims

The survey was undertaken to fill gaps in previous survey coverage within the project corridor where there was potential for Aboriginal objects to occur. These gaps were due to previous access issues or project corridor modifications, and occurred on the boundary of the Iluka Road to Woodburn and Woodburn to Ballina sections, the Wells Crossing to Iluka Road section and the Woolgoolga to Wells Crossing section.

3. Personnel

Survey was undertaken by Andrew Costello (Alliance Senior Archaeologist), Erica Weston (Alliance Graduate Archaeologist), Joseph Brooke (Alliance Archaeologist), and Site Officers representing the relevant Aboriginal stakeholder groups. Site Officers who took part in survey are included in Table 1.

■ **Table 1: Survey dates and Aboriginal site officers present.**

Date	Aboriginal Site Officers
4/10/2011	Marcus Fergusson (Jali LALC) Dean Bolt (Jali LALC) Daryl Knight (Bogal LALC) Shane McLeay (Yaegl LALC) Dale Mercy (Yaegl LALC) Lee Laurie (Yaegl LALC) Malcolm Brown (Birrigan-Gargle LALC) Kurtis Laurie (Birrigan-Gargle LALC) Fox Laurie (Birrigan-Gargle LALC)

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Date	Aboriginal Site Officers
5/10/2011	Shane McLeay (Yaegl LALC) Dale Mercy (Yaegl LALC) Lee Laurie (Yaegl LALC) Malcolm Brown (Birrigan-Gargle LALC) Kurtis Laurie (Birrigan-Gargle LALC)
6/10/2011	Shane McLeay (Yaegl LALC) Dale Mercy (Yaegl LALC) Lee Laurie (Yaegl LALC) Malcolm Brown (Birrigan-Gargle LALC) Kurtis Laurie (Birrigan-Gargle LALC)
7/10/2011	Milton Duroux (Yarrowarra Aboriginal Corporation) Anthony Dootson (Yarrowarra Aboriginal Corporation) Wes Fernando (Grafton-Ngerrie LALC) Rodney Duroux (Grafton-Ngerrie LALC) Mark Fergusson (Garlambirla Guuyu-girrwaa Corporation) Mark Flanders (Coffs Harbour LALC)

4. Methodology

The methodology for the survey followed a standard approach:

- Survey areas were defined on the basis of landholder information; a survey area was constituted by a block of land with unique property information in a previously unsurveyed area within the project corridor.
- Survey teams walked over survey areas spaced approximately 5 m – 10 m apart.
- Particular attention was given to areas where ground surface visibility was possible or where the sub-surface was exposed.
- PADs were identified through a combination of desktop landform analysis and onsite landform and geomorphological analysis, in conjunction with Aboriginal sites officers.
- Where a block of land was not physically traversable, specifically un-harvested cane paddocks, an assessment of the survey area was made for Aboriginal heritage potential. All such areas were determined to have no Aboriginal heritage potential.
- Ground surface visibility and any sub-surface exposures were noted for each survey area, along with other observations of the area, such as vegetation type, previous modification/disturbance, landform and land-use.
- The locations of all Aboriginal sites and areas of PAD were recorded using a differential Global Positioning System (GPS) unit.

5. Results

One Aboriginal heritage site was identified, Sherwood North, which comprises an isolated artefact found mid-lower slope on a track, and a PAD component further up-slope on the upper slopes and crest of a spur (Figures 1 and 2). The artefact is thought to have been washed or graded from further up-slope. Recommendations for this PAD were to manually test off the track, and mechanically scrape back overburden on sides of the track to see if additional material exists there. The location of the site is shown in Figure 3.

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■ **Figure 1: Location of Sherwood North (artefact); PAD is in rear of shot. Scale interval is 20cm.**



■ **Figure 2: Artefact at Sherwood North; scale bar is 20 cm.**

Additionally, PAD 14 and Tuckombil Canal PAD, which were previously identified from property boundaries, were decided by Aboriginal Site Officers and Archaeologists that they were no longer PADs.

Also, Parkers Road Scarred Tree was inspected with representatives of the relevant registered Aboriginal stakeholders. It was the opinion of these representatives, who are traditional

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owners of the area, and Joseph Brooke and Andrew Costello (Alliance Archaeologists) that this was not an Aboriginal scarred tree. The site record for this site should be updated and submitted to AHIMS and it is recommended that this site no longer provides a constraint to the project.

Yours sincerely

Joseph Brooke

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Memo

To	Jali Local Aboriginal Land Council Bandjalang People #2 Native Title Applicants Yaegl Local Aboriginal Land Council Bogal Local Aboriginal Land Council Ngulingah Local Aboriginal Land Council Birrigan-Gargle Local Aboriginal Land Council Burra:way Wa:jad Traditional Owners Group	Project No	EN02829
From	Vanessa Edmonds	Date	29/02/2012
Copy	W2B Project Team		
Subject	Woolgoolga to Ballina Planning Alliance - Cultural heritage sub-surface testing statement of findings – Iluka Road to Woodburn		

1. Introduction

This memo reports on the findings of the cultural heritage sub-surface test excavations between Iluka Road and Woodburn, undertaken as part of the Woolgoolga to Ballina Pacific Highway Upgrade. The work has been undertaken by the Woolgoolga to Ballina Alliance on behalf of Roads and Maritime Services NSW.

2. Sub-surface Testing

2.1. Aim

The aim of the investigation was to undertake archaeological sub-surface testing in areas of potential archaeological deposits (PAD) within the project corridor between Iluka Road and Woodburn.

The sub-surface testing aimed:

- To undertake sub-surface testing in/around sites with PAD, to determine the depth, extent and significance of the site.
- To undertake sub-surface testing in areas of PAD to determine the presence of Aboriginal objects, and if present the depth, extent and significance of any those objects.
- To undertake sub-surface testing in a small sample of areas predicted not to contain archaeological deposits (also called control areas) to ensure that we are targeting the right areas.

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- To consult with Aboriginal stakeholders in regards to this work and the sites being tested.

2.2. Timing and personnel

Sub-surface testing within the Iluka Road to Woodburn section was undertaken between 12 December 2011 and 23 December 2011 (Weeks 8 and 9).

- Table 1 Timing and personnel involved in sub-surface testing.

Week Number	SKM Supervisors	SKM Personnel	Sub-consultants	Aboriginal Stakeholders
Week 8 (12 December – 18 December 2011)	Joseph Brooke	Rebecca Andrews Amanda Goldfarb	Shoshanna Grounds Jonathan Minter Tristan Minter Annabelle Minter	Jali LALC Marcus Ferguson Burabi Aboriginal Corporation Anthony Cook Dwayne Cook Yaegl LALC and Native Title Claim Gilbert Laurie Bandjalang Native Title Group Doug Wilson Daniel Wilson Bogal LALC Daryl Knight Grant Wilson
Week 9 (19 December – 23 December 2011)	Vanessa Edmonds Robyn Jenkins	Jared Brindley Amanda Goldfarb	Jonathan Minter Shoshanna Grounds Tristan Minter Morgan Wilcox	Jali LALC Marcus Ferguson Dean Bolt

2.3. Methodology

Sub-surface testing was undertaken at 3 sites/PADs identified within the project corridor between Iluka Road and Woodburn, these are detailed in Table 2.

- Table 2: PAD and sites located within Iluka Road to Woodburn survey.

Name / AHIMS ID	Type (s)	Description
Bolger PAD	PAD	Low, flat sandy rise adjacent swamp.
IR2W-2 13-1-0112	Site - Artefact scatter and PAD	Nine stone artefacts of a range of materials located on a 120 m long and two m wide section of track that extends across the northern upper slope and crest of an undulating a ridgeline
IR2W-4 13-1-0115	Site - Isolated artefact and PAD	Pebble tool located on the northern upper slopes of a ridge

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The methodology used to test the locations for sub-surface Aboriginal cultural heritage material involved the hand excavation of 0.5 m x 0.5 m test pits, removing soils with horizontal control in excavation units of 50 mm. The following hand tools were used: trowel, spade, shovel and mattock. In test pits where potential *in situ* Aboriginal cultural heritage material was encountered hand tools such as trowels and straight-edged spades were used. These 0.5 m x 0.5 m test pits were employed to investigate the sub-surface character of soil deposits and to define the extent of sites. Test pits were aligned in either transects or placed on a grid pattern, to systematically sample the investigation areas. Test pits were spaced at 10 m or 20 m intervals, depending on the observed disturbance of the area and the predicted sensitivity of the landforms of interest.

Soil deposits were sieved using 3 mm and 5 mm hand-held sieves. The location of the excavation sub-surface test pits were recorded using a mobile Geographic Information System (GIS) Unit (Trimble® GeoXH™ GeoExplorer® or the Trimble® Nomad). This allowed for the spatial datasets collected in the field to be post-processed to sub-metre level accuracy once the Global Positioning System coordinates were differentially corrected.

All Aboriginal cultural material, features and other non-cultural inclusions were recorded according to their excavation unit. Records were kept of the provenance and cultural material of excavated soil in relation to the estimated volume of soil removed. Changes in the deposit, stratigraphy and any unusual features were recorded on context sheets related to photographic records. Stratigraphic profiles of representative test pits were drawn for all investigation areas. Descriptions of sediment colour were achieved with reference to a Munsell Soil Colour Chart and pH values were determined through a colorimetric test. All test pits were back-filled following completion of excavation and recording. Sub-surface testing only ceased when enough information had been recovered to adequately characterise the objects present with regard to their nature and significance.

The analysis of all Aboriginal cultural material was undertaken in the field. All artefacts retrieved during sub-surface testing were bagged and labelled with appropriate contextual information. Analysis was then undertaken which included all measurements, identification of material, depth and test pit locations and photos. Following detailed analysis in the field, all artefacts were left *in situ* or in reburied in one location on the site.

All excavations were backfilled with the original soil, where possible ground cover was retained for reinstatement of the test pits following backfilling. Any residual soil was scattered within the vicinity of the site at a low density.

2.4. Constraints

Wet weather was a major constraint to this fieldwork. This caused the cancellation of some fieldwork days. Property access was also a constraint to the fieldwork.

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2.5. Results

The sub-surface testing undertaken during the field investigation resulted in the definition of two artefact scatters (IR2W2 and IR2W4). Following sub-surface testing the Bolger PAD remains a PAD as no cultural material was found at this location, however the potential exists for cultural material within this area outside the project corridor. Details area provided in Table 3 below).

Findings of the sub-surface testing included:

- three artefacts from IR2W2 PAD, from one test pit excavation; and
- 11 artefacts from IR2W4 PAD, from seven test pit excavations.

3. Mitigation of impacts

Impacts to the sites in Table 3 are not likely to be avoided by the Pacific Highway Upgrade. One of the purposes of this statement of findings is to seek input from registered Aboriginal stakeholders in regards to impact mitigation measures. This will help RMS to develop recommendations on the management of these Aboriginal cultural heritage sites within the project corridor.

To facilitate your input, basic draft recommendations are included in Table 3 for your comment. These recommendations have been developed based on the following general approach:

- For sites where there are 5 or less stone artefacts recorded, collection of the recorded artefacts is recommended to be undertaken prior to construction of the upgrade.
- For sites where there are more than 5 artefacts recorded, machine salvage excavation is recommended.

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Table 3 Summarised results of cultural heritage sites (Iluka Road to Woodburn) following sub-surface testing

Project section	Name / AHIMS ID	Type(s)	Landscape Description	New Name	New Site Type(s)	Results of sub-surface testing	Total number of artefacts	Recommendations
6	IR2W 1 13-1-0114	Site – Isolated artefact	Creek flat south of Tabbimoble Creek.	IR2W 1	Site – Isolated artefact	No test pit excavations undertaken	1	Recommended to collect prior to construction. Further consultation with LALC to develop management recommendations for this site.
7	Bolger PAD	PAD	Low, flat sandy rise adjacent swamp.	Bolger PAD	Not a site	25 (0.5 m x 0.5 m) test pit excavations No artefacts found	N/A	No further investigation required. No cultural heritage site within project corridor.
8	IR2W-2 13-1-0112	Site – Artefact scatter and PAD	Nine stone artefacts of a range of materials located on a 120 metre long and two metre wide section of track that extends across the northern upper slope and crest of an undulating a ridgeline.	IR2W 2	Site – Artefact scatter	25 (0.5 m x 0.5 m) test pit excavations 3 artefacts (silcrete and chalcedony) found from one STP (15)	12	Update AHIMS record. Recommended to salvage by machine prior to construction. Further consultation with LALC to develop management recommendations for this site.
8	IR2W-3 13-1-0113	Site – Isolated artefact	Level crest of undulating ridge.	IR2W 3	Site – Isolated artefact	No test pit excavations undertaken	1	Recommended to collect prior to construction. Further consultation with LALC to develop management recommendations for this site.

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Project section	Name / AHIMS ID	Type(s)	Landscape Description	New Name	New Site Type(s)	Results of sub-surface testing	Total number of artefacts	Recommendations
8	IR2W-4 13-1-0115	Site – Isolated artefact and PAD	Pebble tool located on the northern upper slopes of a ridge	IR2W 4	Site – Artefact scatter	2 (0.5 m x 0.5 m) test pit excavations 11 artefacts (chalcedony, fine grained siliceous and silcrete, with silcrete the most common) found from seven STPs	12	Update AHIMS record. Recommended to salvage by machine prior to construction. Further consultation with LALC to develop management recommendations for this site.

Yours sincerely

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Appendix F Ancillary works assessment matrix

Table 8 Summary of ancillary works areas

Section	STN	Site no	Proposed use (eg site compound, batch plant)	Approx.site area (ha)	Approx area outside road corridor (ha)	Approx area inside road corridor (ha)	Aboriginal site within ancillary area?	Cultural place within ancillary area?	Site within 25 m?	Cultural place within 25 m?	Land system	Landform (from predictive model)	PAS (L, M, H)	Investigation recommended? (survey, survey and sub-surface?)
6	98250 - 98450 RHS	1	Stockpile site	1.60	0.00	1.60	-	-	-	-	Tabbimoble Rises	Low hills and undulating rises	M	No further investigation
6	100200 - 100700 RHS	2	Materials processing and stockpile site	2.66	0.00	2.66	-	-	-	-	Tabbimoble Rises	Low hills and undulating rises	M	No further investigation
6	103100 to 103850 RHS	3a	Main site compound (1ha), batch plant (0.5ha), workshop (0.5ha)	15.58	13.58	2.00	-	-	-	-	Tabbimoble Rises	Low hills and undulating rises	M	Survey
6	102900 to 103700 LHS	3b	Stockpile site	7.83	1.20	6.63	-	-	-	-	Tabbimoble Rises	Low hills and undulating rises	M	Survey
6	105600 - 106000 RHS	4	Satellite compound and stockpile site	2.25	0.00	2.25	-	-	-	-	Tabbimoble Rises	Low hills and undulating rises	M	No further investigation
6	108600 to 109050 LHS	5	Site compound (1ha), workshop (0.5ha)	1.99	0.00	1.99	-	-	-	-	Tabbimoble Rises	Low hills and undulating rises	M	No further investigation
7	110000 to 110250	1	Main site compound (1ha), batch plant (0.5ha), workshop (0.5ha)	12.07	12.07	0.00	-	-	-	-	Tabbimoble Rises	Lowland areas	M	Survey
7	114250 to 114450	2a	Site compound and stockpile area	1.96	0.00	1.96	-	-	-	-	Tabbimoble Rises	Low hills and undulating rises	M	No further investigation
7	114200 - 114450 LHS	2b	Site compound and stockpile area	0.72	0.00	0.72	-	-	-	-	Tabbimoble Rises	Low hills and undulating rises	M	No further investigation

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Section	STN	Site no	Proposed use (eg site compound, batch plant)	Approx.site area (ha)	Approx area outside road corridor (ha)	Approx area inside road corridor (ha)	Aboriginal site within ancillary area?	Cultural place within ancillary area?	Site within 25 m?	Cultural place within 25 m?	Land system	Landform (from predictive model)	PAS (L, M, H)	Investigation recommended? (survey, survey and sub-surface?)
7	121300 - 121800 RHS	3	Site compound (1ha), batch plant (0.5ha), workshop (0.5ha).	7.85	6.85	1.00	-	-	-	-	Tabbimoble Rises	Lowland areas	M	Survey
7	125300 - 125600 LHS	4	Satellite compound, workshop (0.5ha) and stockpile site	8.60	8.60	0.00	-	-	-	-	Tabbimoble Rises	Lowland areas	M	Survey

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Appendix G Predictive model maps

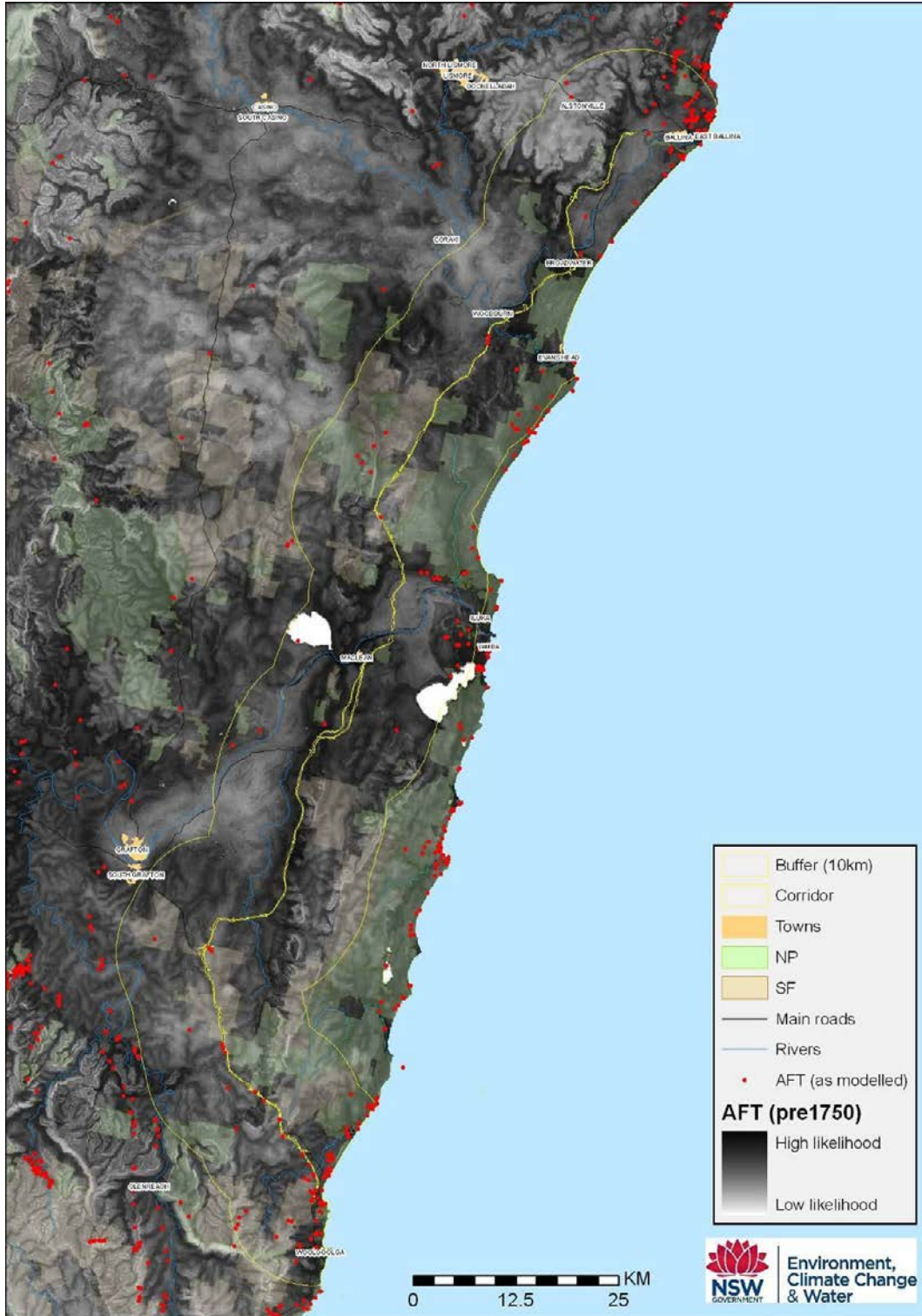


Figure 1 Pre-1750 predicted likelihood of artefact scatters

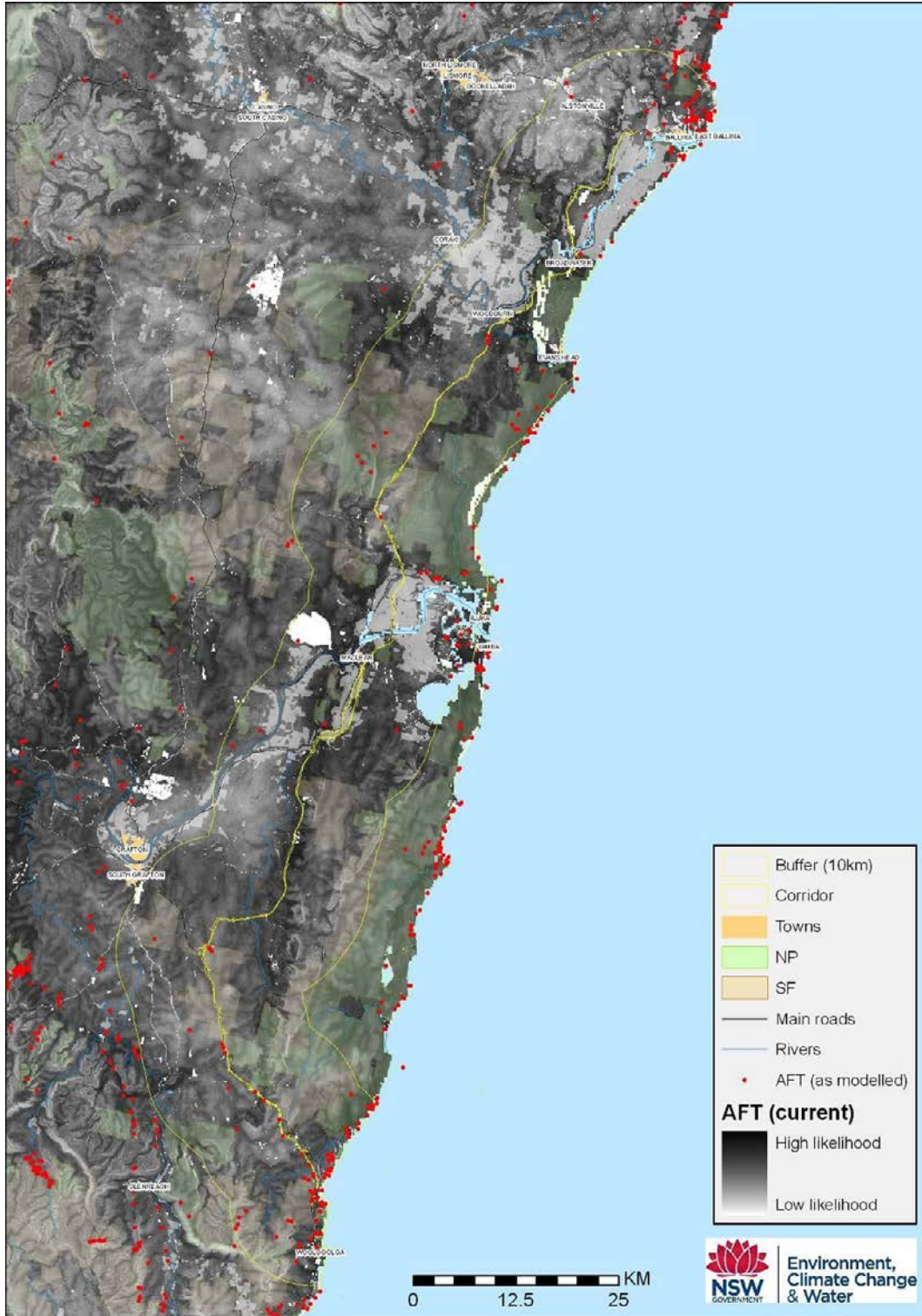


Figure 2 Current predicted likelihood of artefact scatters

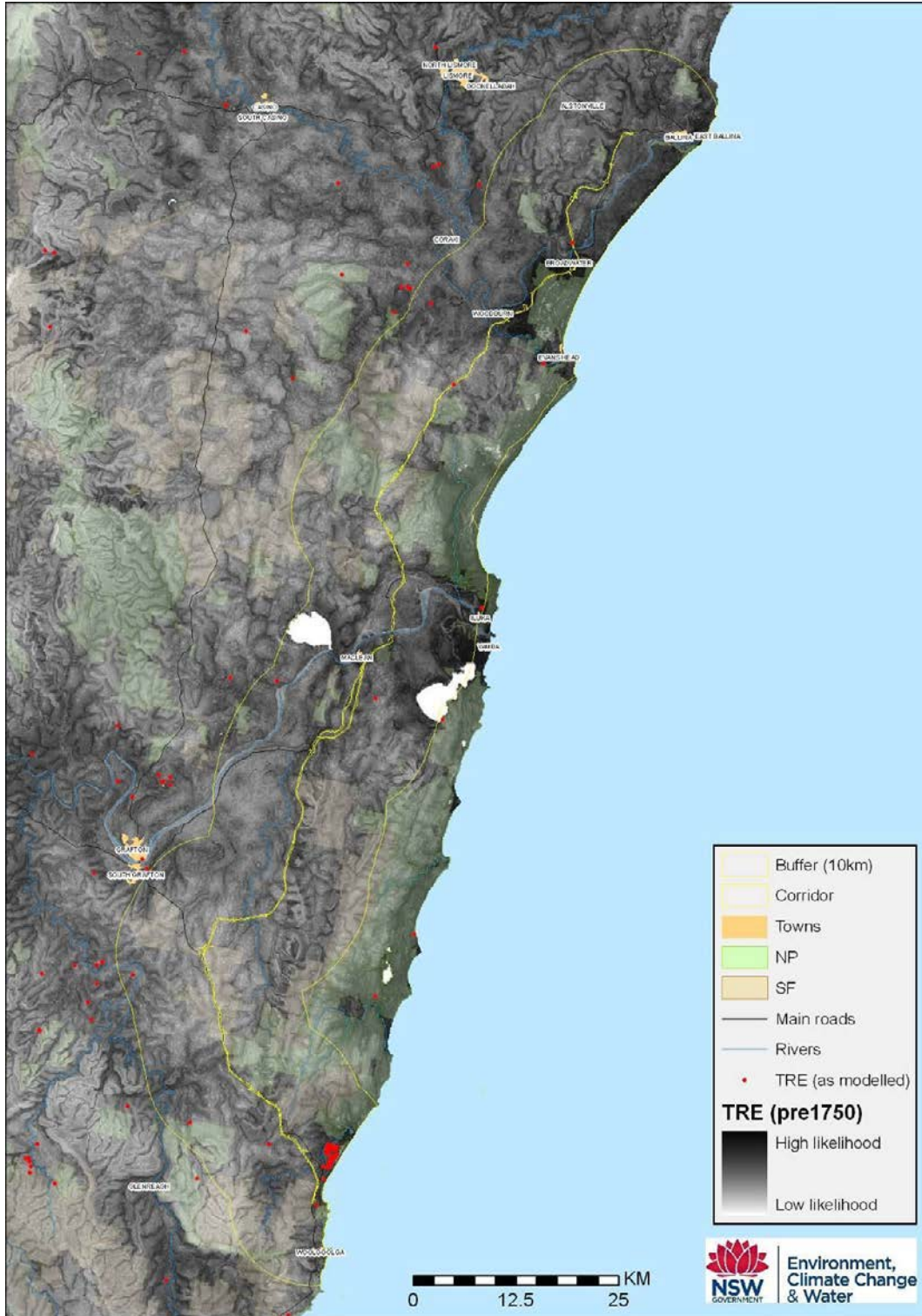


Figure 3 Pre-1750 predicted likelihood of scarred trees

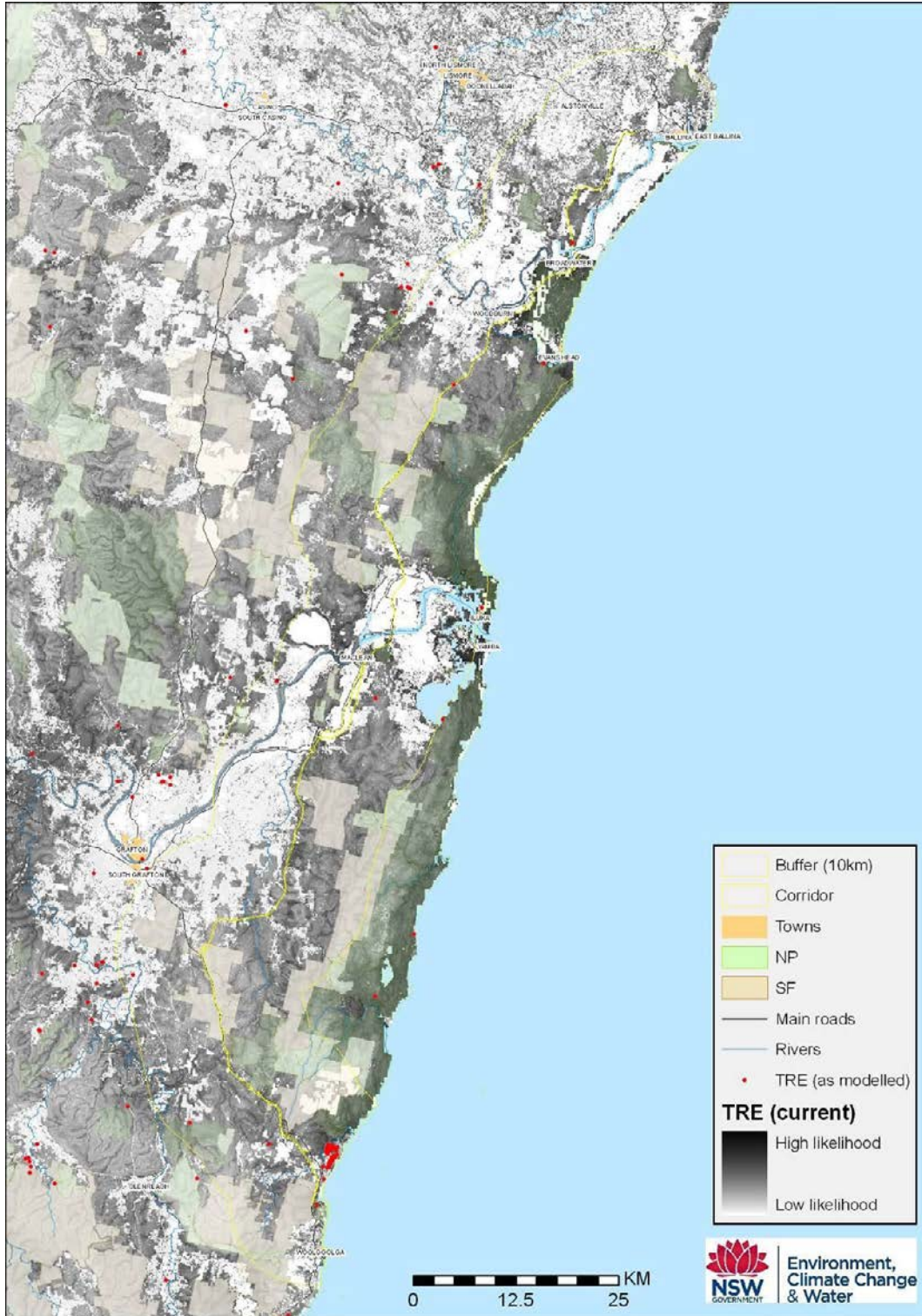


Figure 4 Current predicted likelihood of scarred trees

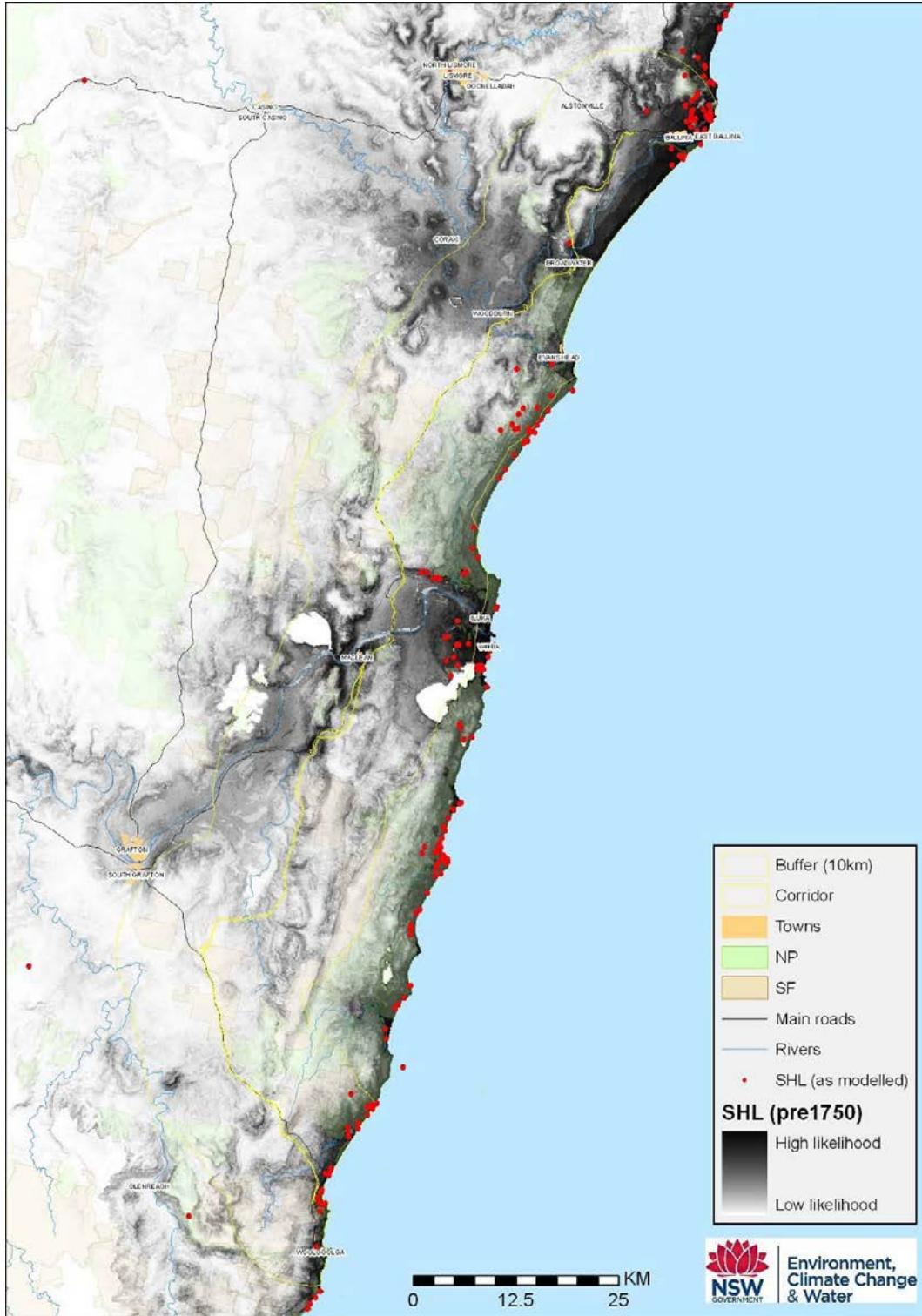


Figure 5 Pre-1750 predicted likelihood of shell middens

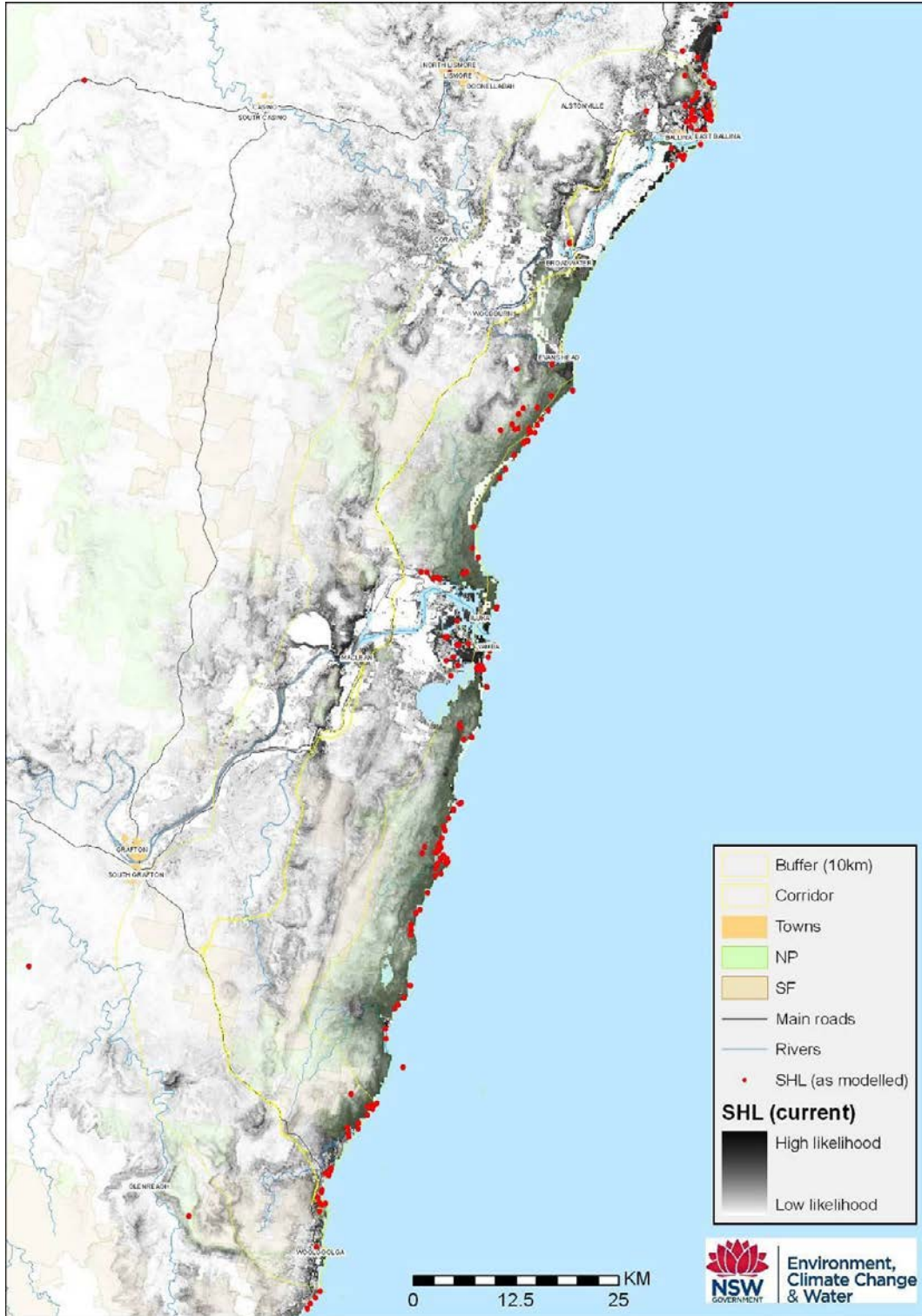


Figure 6 Current predicted likelihood of shell middens

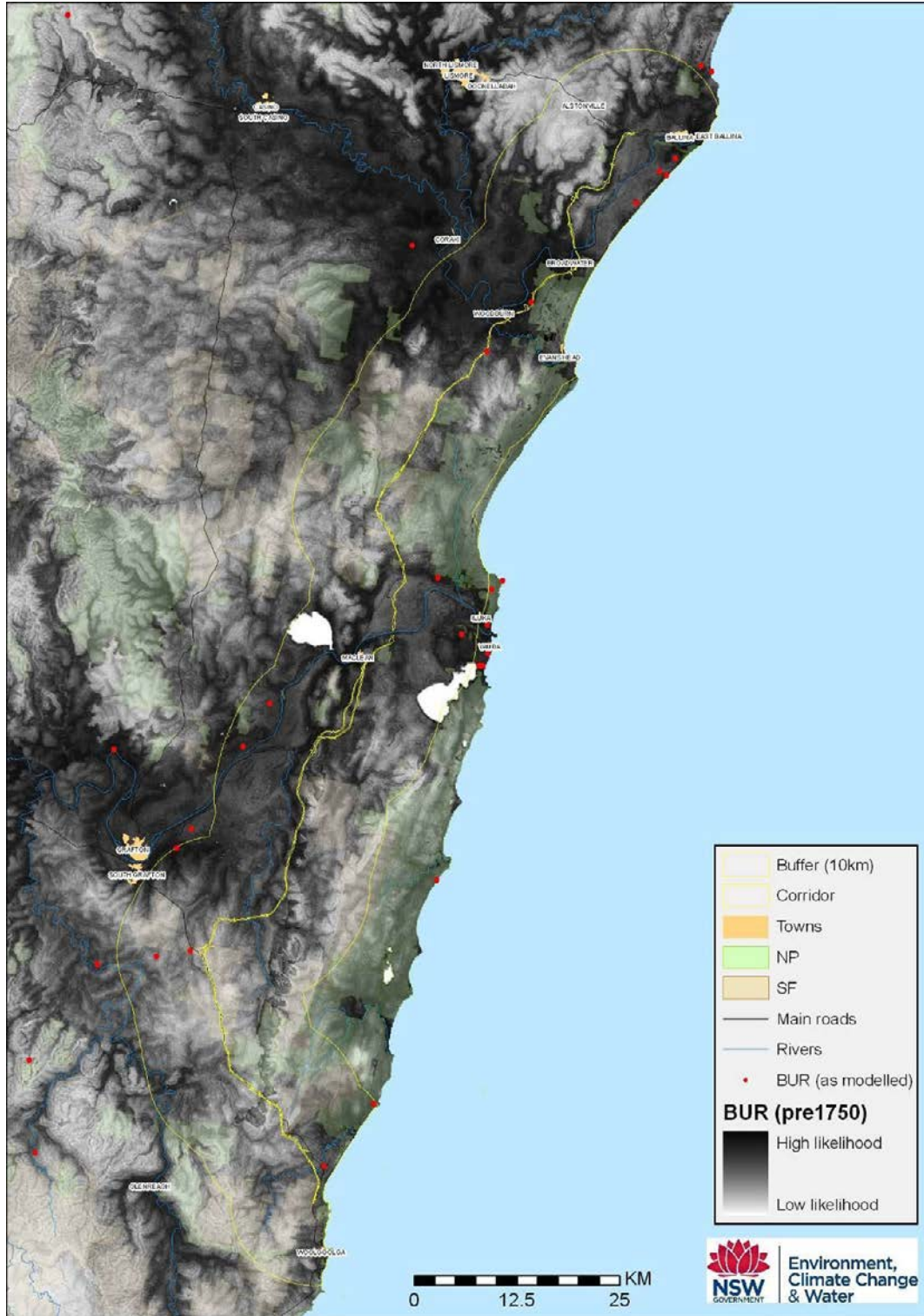


Figure 7 Pre-1750 predicted likelihood of burials

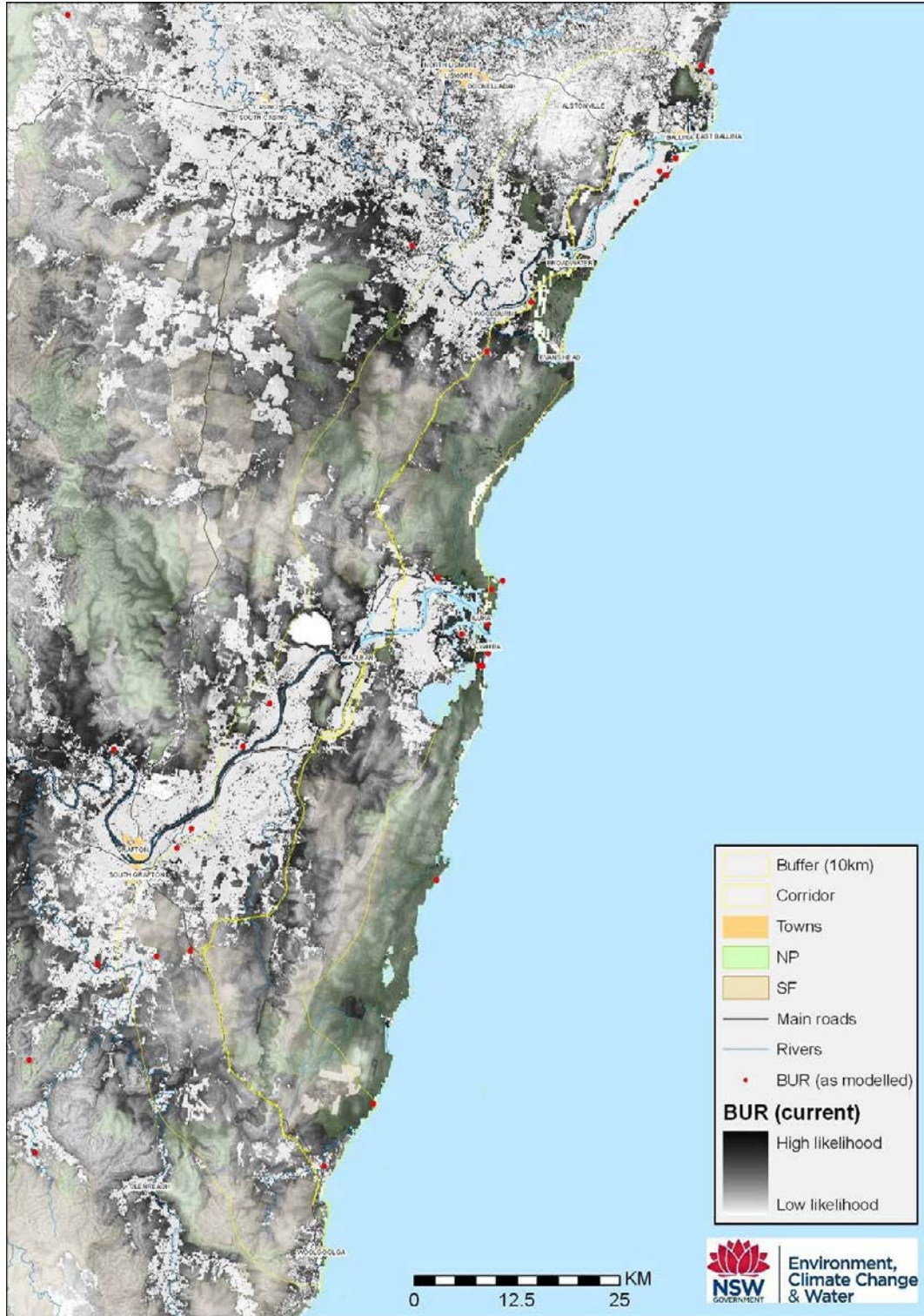


Figure 8 Current predicted likelihood of burials

Appendix H Survey coverage and priority

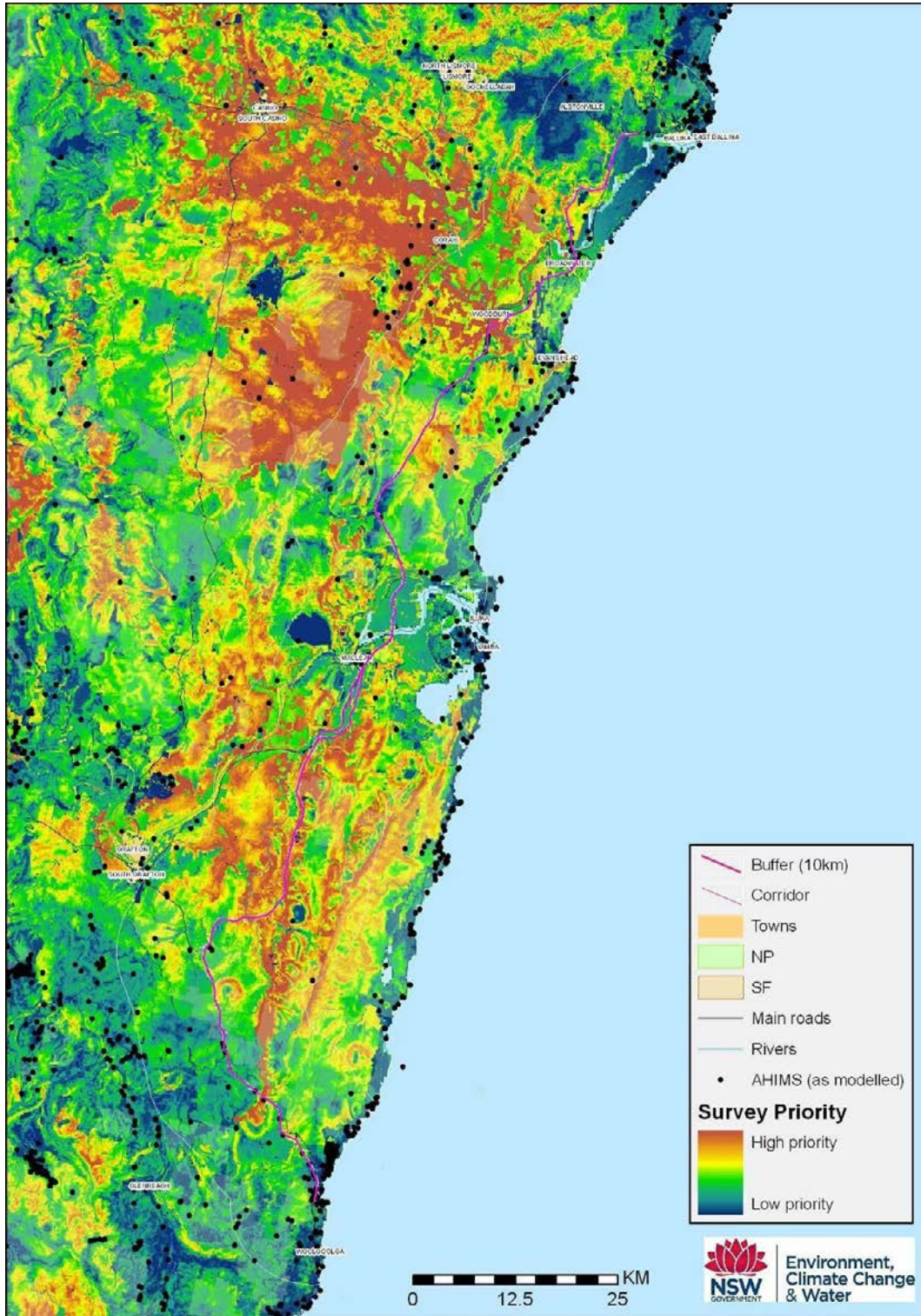


Figure 9 Survey coverage and priority


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Appendix I Survey coverage



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Table 9 Survey summary

Property	Project section	PAD name (AHIMS Site ID)	Landform	Ground surface visibility	Subsurface exposure	Disturbance	Image
Lot 32 DP716639	6		Plain	55	35	Highway construction	 <p>North along Old Pacific Highway (Photo by Robyn Jenkins, 27 August 2010).</p>



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Property	Project section	PAD name (AHIMS Site ID)	Landform	Ground surface visibility	Subsurface exposure	Disturbance	Image
Lot 8 DP755629	6		Plain	55	35	Highway construction	 <p>North along Old Pacific Highway (Photo by Robyn Jenkins, 27 August 2010).</p>
Lot 23 DP836263	6		Undulating plain	10	2	Old road construction, animal disturbance, uprooted trees, water infrastructure	 <p>View north-east towards the channel drain (Photo by Rani Attwood, 26 August 2010).</p>



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Property	Project section	PAD name (AHIMS Site ID)	Landform	Ground surface visibility	Subsurface exposure	Disturbance	Image
Lot 87 DP716639	6		Plain	15	15	Farming, cleared	 <p>View across site (Photo by Rani Attwood, 26 August 2010).</p>
Lot 24 DP836263	6		Plain	10	2	Clearance, roads	 <p>View through trees (Photo by Rani Attwood, 26 August 2010).</p>

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Property	Project section	PAD name (AHIMS Site ID)	Landform	Ground surface visibility	Subsurface exposure	Disturbance	Image
Lot 16 DP864108	8		Plain	15	5	Pastoral / grazing	 <p>View north across site (Photo by Rani Attwood, 27 August 2010).</p>
Lot 17 DP864108	8		Plain	15	5	Pastoral / grazing	 <p>View across the site showing some subsurface exposure (Photo by Rani Attwood, 27 August 2010).</p>

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Property	Project section	PAD name (AHIMS Site ID)	Landform	Ground surface visibility	Subsurface exposure	Disturbance	Image
Lot 18 DP864108	8		Plain	15	5	Pastoral / grazing	 <p>View north into the forested area of the site (Photo by Rani Attwood, 27 August 2010).</p>
Lot 19 DP864108	8		Plain	15	5	Pastoral / grazing	 <p>View north into the forested area of the site (Photo by Rani Attwood, 27 August 2010).</p>

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Property	Project section	PAD name (AHIMS Site ID)	Landform	Ground surface visibility	Subsurface exposure	Disturbance	Image
Lot 12 DP864108 Lot 13 DP864108	8	Tuckom bil Canal PAD (AHIMS Site ID: 09-1- 0207)				Site unable to be inspected due to access issues	Photo unavailable

Appendix J Summary of sub- surface test results


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Table 10 Summary of sub-surface testing results

Site name (AHIMS site ID)	Easting/northing (MGA Zone 56)	Number of excavations	Cultural material identified (Y/N)	Site type	Site description	Images
Bolger PAD (AHIMS Site ID: 13-1-0186)	530679 E / 6776102 N	25 (0.5 m x 0.5 m)	No		The site is located on a low, flat sandy rise. Currently a paddock and grassed, with some trees present. The land is currently grazed by kangaroos and experiences semi-rural land use. There was evidence of burning near STP 15.	 <p>View north of the site, overlooking treed area, towards the Pacific Highway (Photo by Robin Jenkins, 20 December 2011).</p>

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Site name (AHIMS site ID)	Easting/northing (MGA Zone 56)	Number of excavations	Cultural material identified (Y/N)	Site type	Site description	Images
IR2W 2 PAD (AHIMS Site ID: 13-1-0112)	533027 E / 6780070 N	25 (0.5 m x 0.5 m)	Yes	3 artefacts (silcrete, chalcedony)	<p>The site is located on a slight sandy rise. Area is grassed (up to knee height on eastern side), while the western side had a service road running through it. Area is located adjacent to the current Pacific Highway.</p> <p>Artefacts were found on the surface of STP 15 and down to 150 mm (in STP 15). They were all flakes (both complete and broken).</p>	 <p>View north of STP 1 (Photo by Rebecca Andrews, 12 December 2011).</p>

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Site name (AHIMS site ID)	Easting/northing (MGA Zone 56)	Number of excavations	Cultural material identified (Y/N)	Site type	Site description	Images
IR2W 4 PAD (AHIMS Site ID: 13-1-0115)	533060 E / 6780837 N	20 (0.5 m x 0.5 m)	Yes	11 artefacts (chalcedony, fine grained siliceous, silcrete)	<p>The site is located on a slope and crest of a rise. The area seems cleared and burnt (possibly by forestry), with pockets of trees. There is also a track running through the site, adjacent to the Pacific Hwy.</p> <p>Artefacts were found in seven STPs, with silcrete being the most common raw material. Artefact types consisted of flakes, flaked pieces and flaked cobbles.</p>	 <p>View north along the transect (Photo by Vanessa Edmonds, 19 December 2011).</p>

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Appendix K Summary of all excavations

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Table 11 Summary of all excavations

Date	MGA Zone 56		Site / PAD name	Excavation number	Excavation type	Dimension of excavation (m)	End depth (mm)	Landscape unit (landform)	Number of artefacts	Artefact materials	Site condition
	Easting	Northing									
12/12/2011	530679.0	6776102.0	Bolger PAD	STP 1	Shovel Probe	0.5 x 0.5	450	Low, flat sandy rise	0	-	-
12/12/2011	530688.0	6776104.0	Bolger PAD	STP 2	Shovel Probe	0.5 x 0.5	380	Low, flat sandy rise	0	-	-
12/12/2011	530694.0	6776114.0	Bolger PAD	STP 3	Shovel Probe	0.5 x 0.5	250	Low, flat sandy rise	0	-	-
12/12/2011	530698.0	6776121.0	Bolger PAD	STP 4	Shovel Probe	0.5 x 0.5	350	Low, flat sandy rise	0	-	-
12/12/2011	530696.0	6776071.0	Bolger PAD	STP 5	Shovel Probe	0.5 x 0.5	320	Low, flat sandy rise	0	-	-
12/12/2011	530701.0	6776081.0	Bolger PAD	STP 6	Shovel Probe	0.5 x 0.5	400	Low, flat sandy rise	0	-	-
12/12/2011	530705.0	6776088.0	Bolger PAD	STP 7	Shovel Probe	0.5 x 0.5	420	Low, flat sandy rise	0	-	-
12/12/2011	530711.0	6776097.0	Bolger PAD	STP 8	Shovel Probe	0.5 x 0.5	400	Low, flat sandy rise	0	-	-
12/12/2011	530717.0	6776106.0	Bolger PAD	STP 9	Shovel Probe	0.5 x 0.5	400	Low, flat sandy rise	0	-	-
12/12/2011	530720.0	6776066.0	Bolger PAD	STP 10	Shovel Probe	0.5 x 0.5	300	Low, flat sandy rise	0	-	-
12/12/2011	530726.0	6776073.0	Bolger PAD	STP 11	Shovel Probe	0.5 x 0.5	300	Low, flat sandy rise	0	-	-
12/12/2011	530732.0	6776083.0	Bolger PAD	STP 12	Shovel Probe	0.5 x 0.5	370	Low, flat sandy rise	0	-	-
12/12/2011	530741.0	6776099.0	Bolger PAD	STP 13	Shovel Probe	0.5 x 0.5	370	Low, flat sandy rise	0	-	-
12/12/2011	530738.0	6776090.0	Bolger PAD	STP 14	Shovel Probe	0.5 x 0.5	350	Low, flat sandy rise	0	-	-
12/12/2011	530747.0	6776105.0	Bolger PAD	STP 15	Shovel Probe	0.5 x 0.5	220	Low, flat sandy rise	0	-	-
20/12/2011	530687.2	6776079.6	Bolger PAD	STP 1a	Shovel Probe	0.5 x 0.5	500	Crest of low hill	0	-	-
20/12/2011	530692.3	6776087.7	Bolger PAD	STP 2a	Shovel Probe	0.5 x 0.5	300	Crest of low hill	0	-	-
20/12/2011	530697.2	6776093.9	Bolger PAD	STP 3a	Shovel Probe	0.5 x 0.5	300	Crest of low hill	0	-	-
20/12/2011	530700.0	6776102.7	Bolger PAD	STP 4a	Shovel Probe	0.5 x 0.5	300	Crest of low hill	0	-	-
20/12/2011	530708.2	6776110.5	Bolger PAD	STP 5a	Shovel Probe	0.5 x 0.5	400	Crest of low hill	0	-	-
20/12/2011	530724.4	6776107.9	Bolger PAD	STP 6a	Shovel Probe	0.5 x 0.5	200	Crest of low hill	0	-	-

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Date	MGA Zone 56		Site / PAD name	Excavation number	Excavation type	Dimension of excavation (m)	End depth (mm)	Landscape unit (landform)	Number of artefacts	Artefact materials	Site condition
	Easting	Northing									
20/12/2011	530718.3	6776091.5	Bolger PAD	STP 7a	Shovel Probe	0.5 x 0.5	500	Crest of low hill	0	-	-
20/12/2011	530714.6	6776084.7	Bolger PAD	STP 9a	Shovel Probe	0.5 x 0.5	350	Crest of low hill	0	-	-
20/12/2011	530712.5	6776076.8	Bolger PAD	STP 9a	Shovel Probe	0.5 x 0.5	600	Crest of low hill	0	-	-
20/12/2011	530708.6	6776068.9	Bolger PAD	STP 10a	Shovel Probe	0.5 x 0.5	500	Crest of low hill	0	-	-
19/12/2011	533037.2	6780746.2	IR2W 4	STP 1	Shovel Probe	0.5 x 0.5	300	Slight rise	0	-	-
19/12/2011	533039.9	6780756.8	IR2W 4	STP 2	Shovel Probe	0.5 x 0.5	300	Slight rise	0	-	-
19/12/2011	533040.1	6780766.2	IR2W 4	STP 3	Shovel Probe	0.5 x 0.5	250	Slight rise	0	-	-
19/12/2011	533042.2	6780776.4	IR2W 4	STP 4	Shovel Probe	0.5 x 0.5	300	Slight rise	0	-	-
19/12/2011	533042.1	6780784.5	IR2W 4	STP 5	Shovel Probe	0.5 x 0.5	300	Slight rise	0	-	-
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19/12/2011	533046.9	6780802.1	IR2W 4	STP 7	Shovel Probe	0.5 x 0.5	300	Slight rise	1	Silcrete	-
19/12/2011	533052.4	6780814.4	IR2W 4	STP 8	Shovel Probe	0.5 x 0.5	330	Slight rise	1	Silcrete	-
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19/12/2011	533052.6	6780835.4	IR2W 4	STP 10	Shovel Probe	0.5 x 0.5	450	Slight rise	0	-	-
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19/12/2011	533024.5	6780822.1	IR2W 4	STP 14	Shovel Probe	0.5 x 0.5	350	Slight rise	0	-	-
19/12/2011	533028.5	6780810.0	IR2W 4	STP 15	Shovel Probe	0.5 x 0.5	300	Slight rise	0	-	-
19/12/2011	533030.9	6780796.1	IR2W 4	STP 16	Shovel Probe	0.5 x 0.5	300	Slight rise	2	Silcrete	-
19/12/2011	533004.0	6780809.3	IR2W 4	STP 17	Shovel Probe	0.5 x 0.5	300	Slight rise	1	Silcrete	-
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Date	MGA Zone 56		Site / PAD name	Excavation number	Excavation type	Dimension of excavation (m)	End depth (mm)	Landscape unit (landform)	Number of artefacts	Artefact materials	Site condition
	Easting	Northing									
19/12/2011	532969.1	6780819.4	IR2W 4	STP 20	Shovel Probe	0.5 x 0.5	450	Slight rise	2	Fine grained siliceous, chalcedony	-
12/12/2011	533028.9	6780071.1	IR2W 2	STP 1	Shovel Probe	0.5 x 0.5	300	Plain	0	-	-
12/12/2011	533027.7	6780061.0	IR2W 2	STP 2	Shovel Probe	0.5 x 0.5	250	-	0	-	-
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12/12/2011	533016.3	6780004.2	IR2W 2	STP 8	Shovel Probe	0.5 x 0.5	150	-	0	-	-
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12/12/2011	533011.8	6779985.9	IR2W 2	STP 10	Shovel Probe	0.5 x 0.5	250	-	0	-	-
12/12/2011	533011.5	6779976.9	IR2W 2	STP 11	Shovel Probe	0.5 x 0.5	200	-	0	-	-
12/12/2011	533009.3	6779964.2	IR2W 2	STP 12	Shovel Probe	0.5 x 0.5	250	-	0	-	-
12/12/2011	533008.4	6779956.1	IR2W 2	STP 13	Shovel Probe	0.5 x 0.5	100	-	0	-	-
12/12/2011	532934.4	6779942.1	IR2W 2 Trans 2	STP 14	Shovel Probe	0.5 x 0.5	200	-	0	-	-
12/12/2011	532940.2	6779972.9	IR2W 2 Trans 2	STP 15	Shovel Probe	0.5 x 0.5	100	-	2	Chalcedony	-
12/12/2011	532936.7	6779952.4	IR2W 2 Trans 2	STP 16	Shovel Probe	0.5 x 0.5	150	-	0	-	-
12/12/2011	532940.4	6779981.3	IR2W 2 Trans 2	STP 18	Shovel Probe	0.5 x 0.5	200	-	0	-	-
12/12/2011	532938.4	6779969.5	IR2W 2 Trans 2	STP 17	Shovel Probe	0.5 x 0.5	200	-	0	-	-

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Date	MGA Zone 56		Site / PAD name	Excavation number	Excavation type	Dimension of excavation (m)	End depth (mm)	Landscape unit (landform)	Number of artefacts	Artefact materials	Site condition
	Easting	Northing									
12/12/2011	532942.7	6779990.5	IR2W 2 Trans 2	STP 19	Shovel Probe	0.5 x 0.5	200	-	0	-	-
12/12/2011	532943.1	6780001.7	IR2W 2 Trans 2	STP 20	Shovel Probe	0.5 x 0.5	200	-	0	-	-
12/12/2011	532943.3	6780011.1	IR2W 2 Trans 2	STP 21	Shovel Probe	0.5 x 0.5	200	-	0	-	-
12/12/2011	532944.2	6780021.8	IR2W 2 Trans 2	STP 22	Shovel Probe	0.5 x 0.5	200	-	0	-	-
12/12/2011	532947.3	6780031.5	IR2W 2 Trans 2	STP 23	Shovel Probe	0.5 x 0.5	250	-	0	-	-
12/12/2011	532946.0	6780044.3	IR2W 2 Trans 2	STP 24	Shovel Probe	0.5 x 0.5	300	-	0	-	-
12/12/2011	532948.8	6780056.6	IR2W 2 Trans 2	STP 25	Shovel Probe	0.5 x 0.5	350	-	0	-	-

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Appendix L Stratigraphic drawings

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Pacific Highway Upgrade - Woolgoolga to Ballina: Cultural Heritage Sub-Surface Testing

AHIMS Site ID: 13-1-0186

Site Name: Bolger PAD

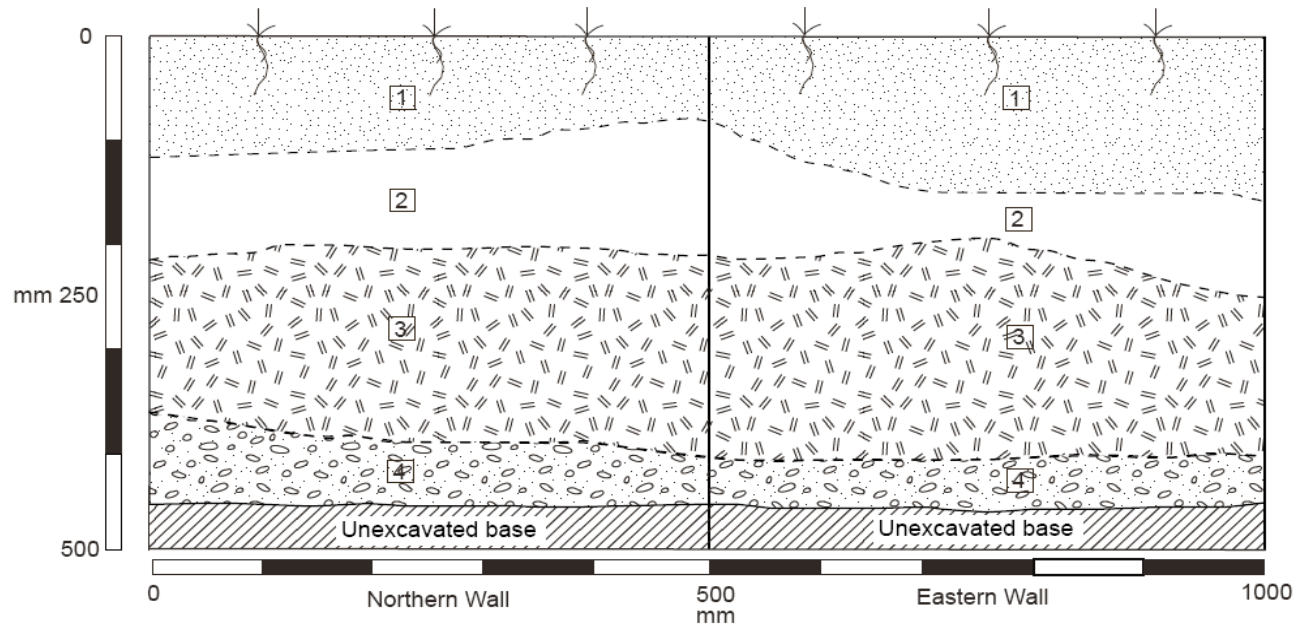
Shovel Test Pit 1 (0.5 metre x 0.5 metre)

550679E / 6776102N (GDA 94, MGA Zone 56)

Stratigraphic Profile: Northern and Eastern Walls

Drawn by: Amanda Goldfarb

Excavation Date: 12 December 2011



Stratigraphic Components

1	Dark grey-brown, lightly compacted silty sand with humic content. Contained rootlets, charcoal and iron oxide inclusions.	3	Light yellow-grey silty sand with rootlets, charcoal and iron oxide inclusions.
2	Transition layer between grey-brown silty sand and yellow-grey silty sand. Contained iron oxide inclusions.	4	Yellow clayey sand base with degrading sandstone and charcoal inclusions.

Figure 10 Stratigraphic drawing: Bolger PAD, shovel test pit 1

Pacific Highway Upgrade - Woolgoolga to Ballina: Cultural Heritage Sub-Surface Testing

AHIMS Site ID: 13-1-0112

Site Name: IR2W2

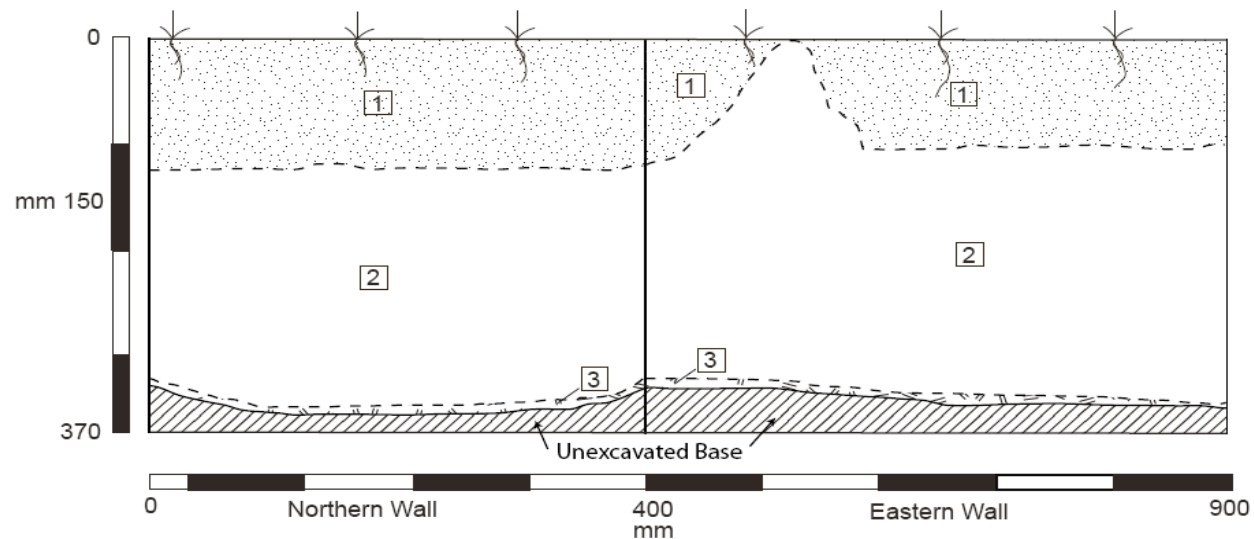
Shovel Test Pit 1 (0.4 metre x 0.5 metre)

533027E / 6780070N (GDA 94, MGA Zone 56)

Stratigraphic Profile: Northern and Eastern Walls

Drawn by: Rebecca Andrews

Excavation Date: 12 December 2011



Stratigraphic Components

1	5YR 2.5/1 (colour from Munsell), pH 6. Black, loosely compacted silty sandy clay. Dense rootlet inclusions present.
2	5YR 2.5/1 (colour from Munsell), pH 6. Black, loosely compacted silty sandy clay. Rootlet inclusions present.
3	7.5YR 5/6 (colour from Munsell), pH 5.5. Mottled, grey-brown clay. Rootlet inclusions present.

Figure 11 Stratigraphic drawing: IR2W 2, shovel test pit 1

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AHIMS Site ID: 13-1-0112

Site Name: IR2W2

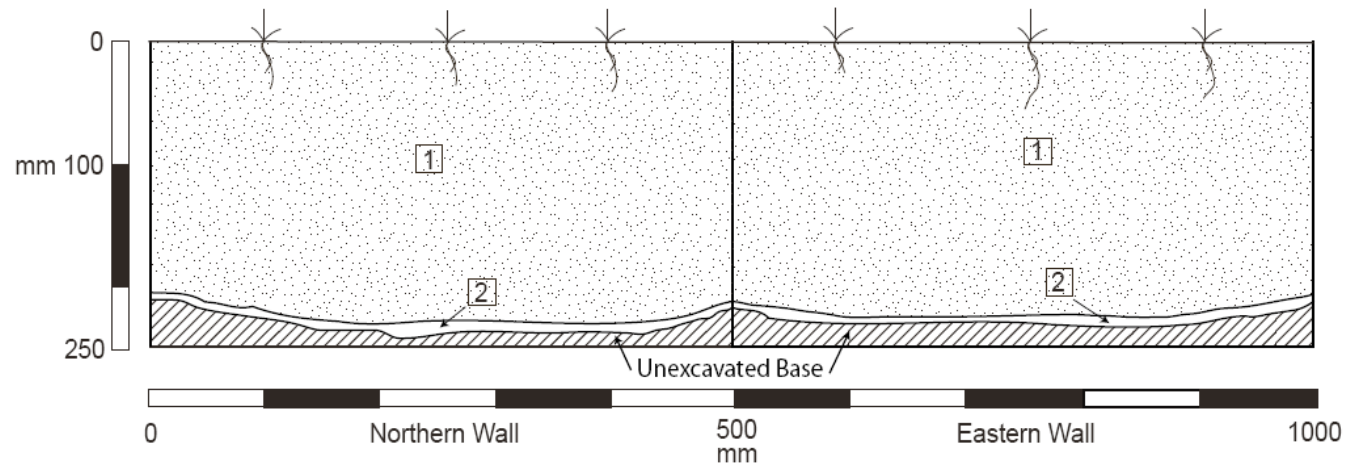
Shovel Test Pit 14 (0.5 metre x 0.5 metre)

532934E / 6779940N (GDA 94, MGA Zone 56)

Stratigraphic Profile: Northern and Eastern Walls

Drawn by: Rebecca Andrews

Excavation Date: 12 December 2011



Stratigraphic Components

1	7.5YR 4/2 (colour from Munsell). Grey-brown clayey sand with occasional charcoal flecks. Rootlets, insect and worm disturbance.
2	10YR 5/1 and 10YR 7/8 (colour from Munsell). Mottled grey and yellow sandy clay.

Figure 12 Stratigraphic drawing: IR2W 2, shovel test pit 14

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Appendix M Site photos



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Table 12 Artefact photos Iluka Road to Woodburn (from south to north)

Site name (AHIMS Site ID)	Number of artefacts	Photos	
IR2W 2 PAD (AHIMS Site ID: 13-1-0112)	3 artefacts (silcrete, chalcedony)	 <p>Complete chalcedony flake with a flaked platform, step termination and banding. Distal chalcedony flake with a feather termination, heat damage and 30% weathering. Artefacts found in STP 15 at 100-150 mm (Photo by Shoshanna Grounds, 12 December 2011).</p>	

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Site name (AHIMS Site ID)	Number of artefacts	Photos	
IR2W 4 PAD (AHIMS Site ID: 13-1-0115)	11 artefacts (chalcedony, fine grained siliceous, silcrete)	 <p>Complete silcrete flake with a flaked platform, hinge termination and a double bulb of percussion on platform. Artefact found in STP 7 at 100-150 mm (Photo by Vanessa Edmonds, 19 December 2011).</p>	 <p>Complete silcrete redirection flake with a broad cortical platform and plunge termination. Complete silcrete flake with a flaked platform, feather termination and negative flake scar on the ventral side. Silcrete flaked piece. Artefacts found in STP 18 between 50-100 mm (Photo by Vanessa Edmonds, 19 December 2011).</p>

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Appendix N Artefact analysis

Table 13 Summary of artefact analysis

Date	Site name	STP number	Depth (mm)	Artefact type	Raw material	Length (mm)	Width (mm)	Thickness (mm)	Maximum dimension	Platform type	Platform width	Platform thickness	Termination type	Cortex (%)	Comments
12/12/2011	IR2W2	15	Surface	Longitudinally Split Flake	Silcrete	44.45	33.10	8.20	44.50	Flaked	12.20	2.50	Hinge	0	Left side
12/11/2011	IR2W2	15	100-150	Complete Flake	Chalcedony	11.30	8.20	1.10	16.10	Flaked	9.20	3.00	Step	0	Banded
12/11/2011	IR2W2	15	100-150	Distal Flake	Chalcedony	-	3.20	-	19.10	-	-	-	Feather	0	Heat damage, 30% weathering
19/12/2011	IR2W4	6	200-250	Complete Flake	Silcrete	37.10	28.28	9.06	41.27	Focal, Flaked	26.59	2.53	Feather	0	2 bulbs, possible cortex on platform. Medium grained
19/12/2011	IR2W4	8	50-100	Flaked Fragment	Silcrete	-	-	-	22.85	-	-	-	-	0	May be heat treated or the veneer of fine grained siliceous after knapping?
19/12/2011	IR2W4	7	50-100	Complete Flake	Silcrete	38.84	43.81	7.32	49.54	Flaked	31.12	9.29	Hinge	15	Cobble, double bulb of percussion on platform
19/12/2011	IR2W4	16	200-250	Core	Silcrete	-	-	-	70.17	-	-	-	-	60	Flaked cobble, broken into 4 pieces during excavation, refitted
19/12/2011	IR2W4	16	300	Flaked Fragment	Silcrete	-	-	-	29.14	-	-	-	-	0	Possible artefact
19/12/2011	IR2W4	17	100-150	Core	Silcrete	-	-	-	72.01	-	-	-	-	50	Flaked cobble
19/12/2011	IR2W4	18	50-100	Complete Flake	Silcrete	44.04	50.06	21.00	51.16	Broad Cortical	16.61	15.82	Plunge	30	Redirectional flake
19/12/2011	IR2W4	18	50-100	Complete Flake	Silcrete	26.69	26.72	3.42	40.42	Flaked	12.95	3.56	Feather	0	Neg flake scar on ventral surface
19/12/2011	IR2W4	18	50-100	Flaked Fragment	Silcrete	-	-	-	29.75	-	-	-	-	35	
19/12/2011	IR2W4	20	150-200	Complete Flake	Fine Grained Siliceous	15.50	24.45	3.74	28.27	Flaked	11.94	6.32	Hinge	0	
19/12/2011	IR2W4	20	150-200	Complete Flake	Chalcedony	16.00	13.00	8.29	19.32	Flaked	4.98	5.16	Plunge	0	2 negative flake scars on dorsal, distal ends of scars on piece