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Dear Ray,

RE: Heritage NSW Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents 2010 – Addendum Cultural Heritage Assessment - Proposed Subdivision at Lochinvar –20 and 20A Cantwell Road.

This addendum relates to the 60 New England Highway, Lochinvar ACHA, dated 26 August 2024, undertaken for the proposed residential development and subdivision of land located at Lot 1 and 2 in DP1299958, known as 20 and 20A Cantwell Road, Lochinvar, respectively, the paper road north of Lot 2 DP1299958, and road widening proposed for Cantwell Road within Lot 2 DP1214402, known as 60 New England Highway, Lochinvar. The above referenced ACHA identified a PAD. Part of the works to enable the adjoining and subject residential development/subdivision include a Waste Water Pump Station (WWPS) and associated water and sewer infrastructure, which extended into the project area.

An additional ACHA was undertaken for the WWPS and associated water and sewer infrastructure that recommended test excavation of the PAD. MCH was engaged to undertake an archaeological test excavation along part of the previously identified PAD within the project area (Figure 1) for the associated WWPS and associated water and sewer infrastructure. The test excavation included the excavation of thirty test pits (Figure 2).

Figure 1 Location and extent of the previously identified PAD



Figure 2 Location of the test pits



No archaeological sites were identified within the project area, which has been extensively altered due to historical land use activities, leaving no undisturbed ground to assess in relation to regional archaeological contexts. The results of test excavations conducted in this study align with findings from previous archaeological investigations along the same creek line. The archaeological evidence consists primarily of low-density artefact scatters and isolated findings within open paddocks adjacent to the creek, all of which were located in previously disturbed contexts. The sparse nature of these findings suggests a minimal, low-intensity utilisation of the creek area and its immediate surrounding landforms.

The results of the test excavation have resulted in the reassessment of the PAD as not a PAD and the updated recommendations are provided:

- 1) The persons responsible for the management of onsite works will ensure that all staff, contractors and others involved in construction and maintenance related activities are made aware of the statutory legislation protecting sites and places of significance. Of particular importance is the National Parks and Wildlife Regulation 2019, under the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974;
- 2) An Unexpected Finds Procedure (Appendix C of the ACHA) will be implemented during all works; and
- 3) Should any Aboriginal objects be uncovered during works, all work will cease in that location immediately, the Unexpected Finds Procedure followed and contact the Environmental Line.



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Yours sincerely,
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