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Via email: Planning@cgrc.nsw.gov.au

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Dear Ms Langman

## Subject: Tumblong Waste Facility (Landfill) SEAR 1321 – Response to Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Report, Environmental Impact Statement

Thank you for your submission via the Concurrence and Referrals portal about the above project of which the Biodiversity and Conservation Division of the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (the Department) was notified on 27 November 2019. We understand that you were seeking comments from the Biodiversity and Conservation Division on the Aboriginal cultural heritage component of the Environmental Impact Statement.

The Biodiversity and Conservation Division has statutory responsibilities relating to biodiversity (including threatened species, populations, ecological communities, or their habitats), Aboriginal cultural heritage and flooding. For matters relating to national parks estate matters please refer these to the National Parks and Wildlife Service.

We have reviewed the Aboriginal cultural heritage (ACH) report supplied, 'Aboriginal Archaeological Impact Assessment Bangus Quarry Landfill', prepared by OzArk (October 2019).

The report satisfactory meets the SEAR 1321 requirements in relation to ACH issued by Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) on 2 April 2019 and the requirements recommended by the Office of Environment and Heritage in correspondence to DPE on 26 March 2019.

The report documents that no ACH values were identified during the desktop assessment, search of the Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System (AHIMS) and archaeological field assessment for the area of the proposal. Based on the results of the assessment for the current proposal, an Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit (AHIP) is not required. Protocols have been prepared in the report for the discovery of unanticipated finds (Appendix 3) and skeletal remains (Appendix 4).

If you have any questions about this advice, please contact me on via rog.southwest@environment.nsw.gov.au or 02 6022 0623.

Yours sincerely

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