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**Our ref: 1947 Inyadda Drive, Manyana – Coastal Engineering Advice relating to Aboriginal Cultural Heritage**

Dear Ben,

It is understood that Shoalhave City Council have identified the potential for the development application for Inyadda Drive, Manyana, to result in impacts on the opening and closing regime of the intermittently closing and opening lake/lagoon (ICOLL) that drains onto the beach to the east of the site, and requires clarification as to whether any impact on the ICOLL would result in impacts to Aboriginal cultural heritage matters.

Apex Archaeology prepared an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment (ACHA) for the project and considered known Aboriginal sites in the area, including AHIMS site 58-2-0241, 'Manyannah Beach', which was recorded as a shell deposit on the banks of 'Manyannah Creek' and extended over an area of approximately 180 x 2m along an existing easement on the northern side of the lagoon.

Figure 21 (attached below) from the Apex Archaeology August 2023 report shows the extent of this site. It is contained to the area around the eastern boundary of the Inyadda Drive development site. Although not formally assessed as part of the ACHA prepared by Apex Archaeology, the area of the ICOLL which opens and closes would be unlikely to have been utilised by Aboriginal people, or to have retained any intact evidence of any such use due to the constantly shifting nature of the area.

The coastal engineering advice provided by Horton Coastal Engineering (2023) regarding the potential impact of the proposed development on the ICOLL concludes that the "proposed development would not be expected to significantly affect freshwater inflows reaching the entrance, and thus would not significantly affect how often breakouts occur and their duration. The opening and closing regime of the ICOLL would thus not be expected to change as a result of the proposed development" (HCE 2023). It is considered unlikely that the opening and closing of the ICOLL would impact on Aboriginal cultural heritage matters. Any impact to site 58-2-0241 has been addressed in the ACHA prepared for the project.



I hope that answers your questions; however, please feel free to contact me if you wish to discuss further or if you have any queries.

Kind regards,

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