

Due Diligence Statement – Aboriginal Cultural Heritage – Updated October 2025

Development Application: DA 25/4026

Site: Kosciuszko Tourist Park – Lot 30 DP 725492

Proponent: Kosipark Pty Ltd

Date: *Revised October 2025*

1. Nature of the Development

The proposed development comprises the following components:

- Installation of a **boom gate** at the park entrance; and
- Installation of **associated signage and posts** adjacent to the internal access road.

Construction will involve **minor ground disturbance** limited to augering small post holes (approximately **200 mm diameter** to a depth of **~600 mm**) and placing **concrete footings** for boom gate and sign posts. No trenching for services is required. The works are confined to **previously disturbed and compacted surfaces** (bitumen/gravel and narrow grassed verge) within the lease area. This area has been highly modified in the past, being extensively regraded to create the existing access road.

Power connection will utilise **existing electrical infrastructure** located a few metres from the installation point; **no additional ground disturbance** is required for services.

2. AHIMS Search Results

An **Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System (AHIMS)** search was conducted on **4 May 2025**, including a **50-metre buffer** around the site. The search identified three registered Aboriginal sites in the broader area: **Sawpit IF-1; Sawpit Creek Camp Area; KNP Information Centre Site**. None of these sites are located **within or directly adjacent** to the proposed works footprint.

3. Site Context and Visual Inspection

The boom gate and signage will be installed along an **existing compacted roadway** and narrow verge within the operational bounds of the tourist park. A **visual inspection** confirmed **no surface evidence of Aboriginal objects** within or near the proposed works area. The activity footprint has been **previously disturbed** by road and services works and is of **low archaeological sensitivity**.

4. Due Diligence Outcome

Applying the **Due Diligence Code of Practice for the Protection of Aboriginal Objects in NSW** (OEH/DECCW, 2010):

- The activity is **not in an area of high Aboriginal object likelihood**;
- **Known Aboriginal sites** are not within the works area;
- The area is **previously disturbed** and has **low archaeological sensitivity**;
- **Ground disturbance is limited** to minor augered **post footings** within previously disturbed surfaces (no trenching). *(Updated from the original “no ground disturbance” statement.)*

Outcome: The activity is **unlikely to harm Aboriginal objects**, and an **Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit (AHIP)** is **not required** under the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*.

5. Conclusion

Kosipark Pty Ltd has completed the due diligence process in accordance with the **Code of Practice**. The clarification of minor ground disturbance for post footings **does not alter** the original findings:

- The development **will not harm** Aboriginal cultural heritage;
- **No further Aboriginal heritage investigation** is required; and
- The development remains **compliant** with the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*.