

Hi Michael,

Thank you for following up with the applicant. The ACHAR broadly covers the area of the proposed Great River Walk extension, however it needs to be updated to address the following:

1. Updated description of works

While a footprint of the walk has been provided, it is not clear what works will be undertaken in relation to the path. The ACHAR does not currently meet requirement 3.2.6 of the Guide to Investigating, Assessing, and Reporting on Aboriginal cultural heritage in NSW because it requires a description of the proposed activity that:

- Is comprehensive and clear to anyone unfamiliar with either the area or the proposed activity; and
- Clear documentation of what is being proposed in relation to the activity

2. Predictive model

The ACHAR also does not meet requirement 4b of the Code of Practice for Archaeological Investigation of Aboriginal Objects in NSW (the predictive model). In 1981, James Kohen observed two Aboriginal objects (13 and 14) within the land adjacent to the proposed river walk but did not record them as sites. As such, they were not registered on AHIMS. Figure 5 (EcoLogical 2022: 12) shows the land of the walk is within Richmond soils, and not in previously disturbed terrain. Although AHIP 1131345 was issued over part of this land, no impacts appear to have occurred within the area of the proposed walk under this permit. The ACHAR predicts the Richmond Soils have low potential for in situ archaeological deposits (EcoLogical 2022: 11), but Aboriginal objects are protected under the NPW Act regardless of whether they are in situ. Please update this section to estimate how close the Aboriginal objects recorded by Kohen were to the proposed walk, clarify the level of previous disturbance within the area of the proposed walk, and advise whether there is potential for ex situ Aboriginal objects to be present.

Kind Regards,

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I acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land and pay respects to Elders past and present. I also acknowledge all the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander staff working with NSW Government at this time. Please consider the environment before printing this email.