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# Aboriginal Heritage Due Diligence Assessment

Perisher Views Ski Lodge

Lot 1, DP1192372

Burramys Road, Perisher Valley



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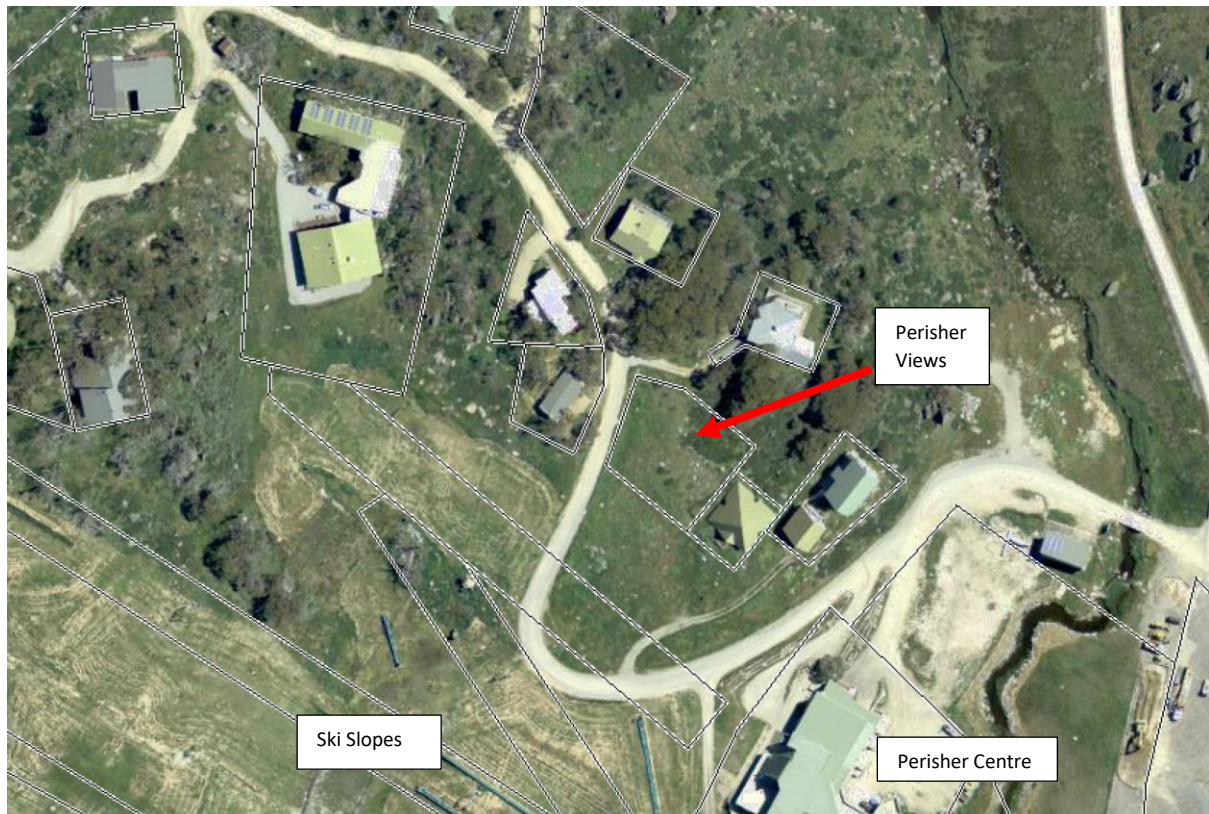
# 1. Introduction

This assessment has been undertaken by Geoanalysis Pty Ltd in accordance with the *Due Diligence Code of Practice for the Protection of Aboriginal Objects in New South Wales (2010)*.

## 2. Site description and analysis

### 2.1 Location and property description

Perisher Views is located on Burramys Road, Perisher Valley, Lot 1 DP 1192372. The lot is 1424m<sup>2</sup> in size and slopes gently in a south-easterly direction, with views across Perisher Front Valley. It is one of the few undeveloped lots within Perisher Valley and provides direct ski-in, ski-out access to Front Valley.



**Location Map**





## 3. Assessment

This assessment has been undertaken in accordance with the *Due Diligence Code of Practice for the Protection of Aboriginal Objects in New South Wales (2010)*.

### Step 1. Will the activity disturb the ground surface?

Yes

### Step 2a. Search the AHIMS database and use any other sources of information of which you are already aware.

The AHIMS database search identified that there are no known sites within 50 metres of Lot1, DP 1192372.

### Step 2b. Activities in areas where landscape features indicate the presence of Aboriginal objects.

The property is located approximately 120 metres from 'waters' as defined in the Due Diligence Code of Conduct. However the lot has largely been cleared and subject to previous disturbance.

Investigations of the Alpine Areas by Navin Officer Heritage Consultants (2000) found that whilst artefacts could occur almost anywhere, known sites are exclusively located on flat, well-drained ground. Flood (1980) found that most campsites were located within 100 metres of water, on easterly or northerly aspects for warmth and close to food resources. This assessment is supported by predictive models for the high country that indicate small artefact scatters representing transitory movement maybe present in saddles and along ridgelines, associated with summer visits to harvest bogong moths (Feary & Niemoeller, 2017).

Feary & Niemollar (2017) report that Barber (2002) undertook an assessment of the proposed chairlift upgrade on Perisher's front valley. No sites were found. Similarly Grinbergs (1997) assessment for the Perisher Valley Sewerage Treatment Plant found no sites and the potential or subsurface deposits was considered low due to previous disturbance.

NGH Environmental (2006) undertook an assessment of a proposed carpark upgrade at Smiggin Holes and Pipers Gap. No sites were found with the study areas and no areas of high archaeological potential were identified.

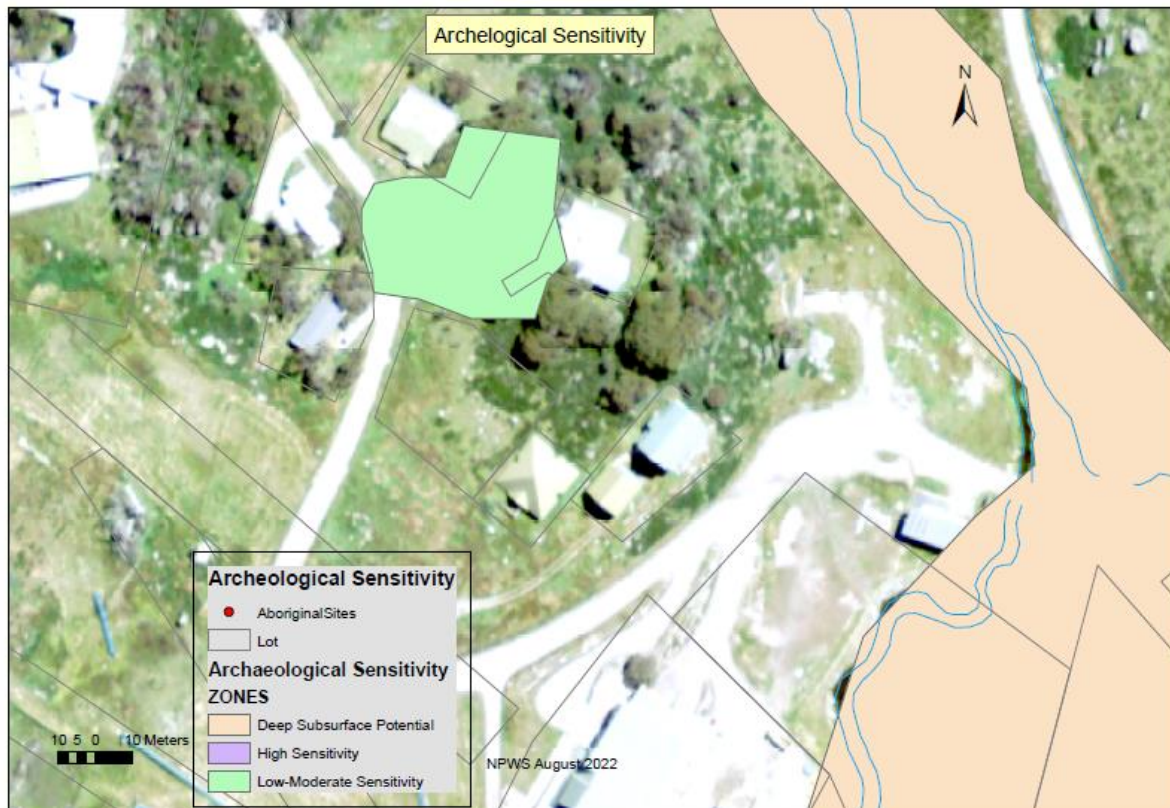
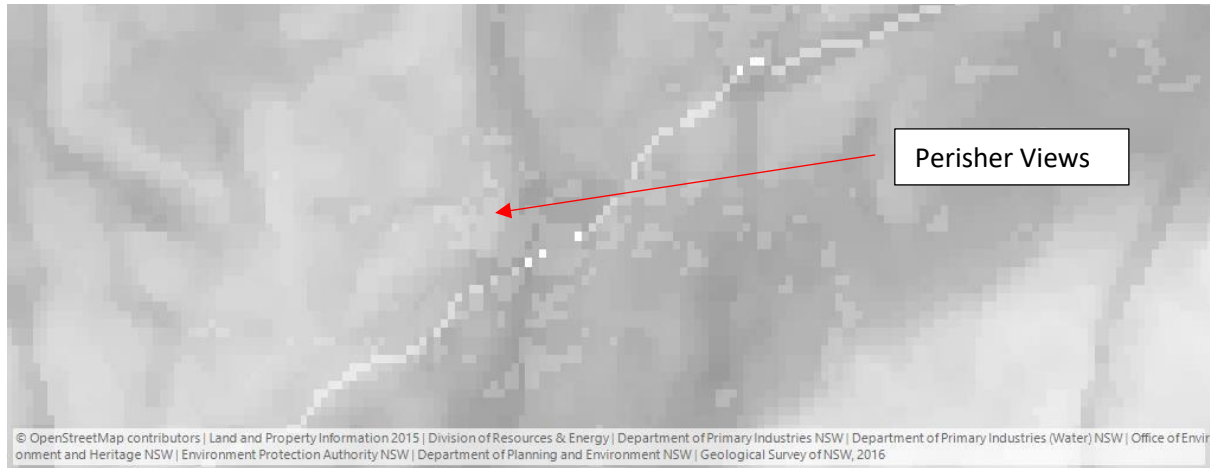
Whilst the proposed development is within 200 metres of the 'water' landscape feature, this disturbed site is located on a gently sloping south-easterly facing slope. It is not in a location that would be useful for movement, and being on the southerly slope it is sheltered from the sun and would be exposed to cooler southerly winds. With a lack of rock outcrops, caves or



crevices within or in close proximity to the site, there is unlikely to be suitable Bogong moth aestivation sites, a main food source.

The low likelihood and low sensitivity of the site is support by mapping contained in the Aboriginal Sites Decision Support Tool (ASDST) and NPWS mapping of Archaeological Sensitivity Zones (see maps below).

**ASDST mapping; Light colours indicate low likelihood of artefact occurrence**



**NPWS Archaeological Sensitivity Mapping**

## **4. Conclusion**

Existing data, modelled sensitivity and previous studies all indicate that this disturbed site is of low sensitivity and there is a low likelihood of archaeological sites to be found. It is recommended that the development occur without an Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit, however an isolated finds protocol should be prepared as a condition of consent.

## 5. References

Barber (2002). *Perisher Front Valley lift upgrade*. (cited in Feary & Niemollar, 2017).

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Grinbergs (1997). *Aboriginal Heritage Assessment of Perisher Sewer Augmentation* (cited in Feary & Niemollar, 2017).

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# Appendix 1 – AHIMS Search



## AHIMS Web Services (AWS) Search Result

Purchase Order/Reference : Perisher Views

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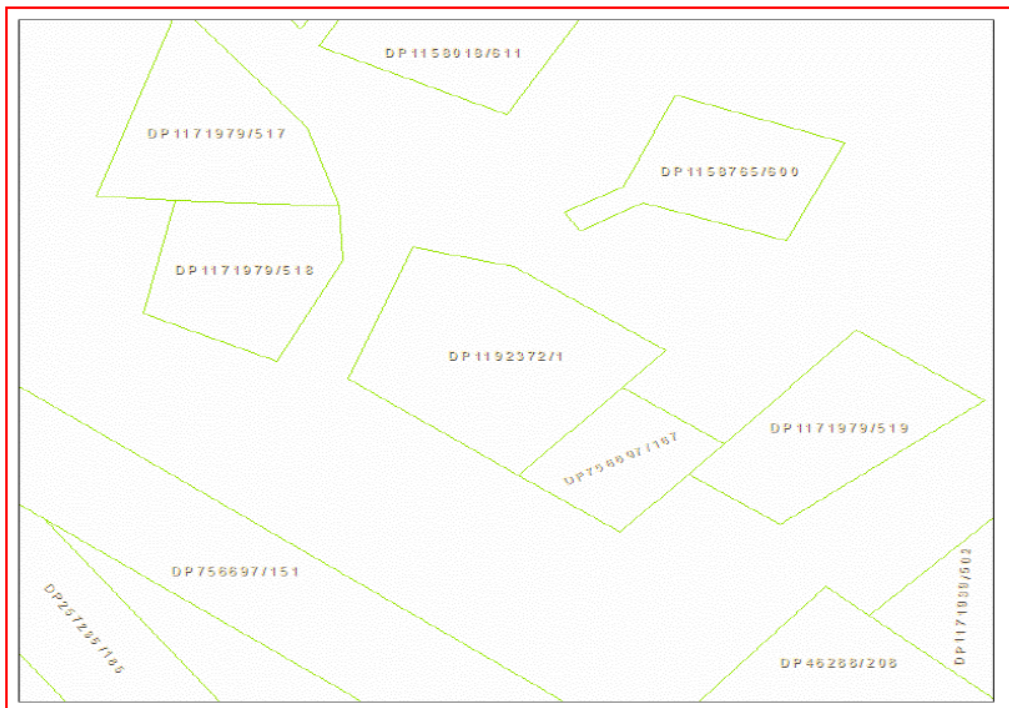
Steven House  
9 Boyce Ave  
Austinmer 2515  
Attention: Steven House  
Email: stevenhouse@gmail.com

Date: 17 December 2020

Dear Sir or Madam:

AHIMS Web Service search for the following area at Lot : 1, DP:DP1192372 with a Buffer of 50 meters, conducted by Steven House on 17 December 2020.

The context area of your search is shown in the map below. Please note that the map does not accurately display the exact boundaries of the search as defined in the paragraph above. The map is to be used for general reference purposes only.



A search of the Office of the Environment and Heritage AHIMS Web Services (Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System) has shown that:

0	Aboriginal sites are recorded in or near the above location.
0	Aboriginal places have been declared in or near the above location. *