

FJELLHEIM SKI LODGE

CO-OPERATIVE LIMITED PERISHER VALLEY KOSCIUSZKO NATIONAL PARK

ABORIGINAL HERITAGE IMPACT REPORT May 2022

Background

The Directors and Members of Fjellheim Lodge acknowledge that our Lodge is located on the land of its traditional owners the Ngarigo people of the Monaro area and respect that ownership and the cultures of the Aboriginal People who have traditionally used the land.

The Perisher Valley is located in the Koscuisko National Park on the land of the Ngarigo people. The general landscape of the Perisher Valley is alpine shrub and woodland with a main creek, known as Perisher Creek running through the main valley with feeder creeks running into it

Fjellheim Ski Lodge is located on a site to the north of the main valley amongst low alpine shrub and sparse woodland in general proximity to a long valley through which a feeder creek runs. This valley is known as Pretty Valley and is of low alpine shrub and scattered woodland.

The Fjellheim Ski Lodge was founded as a cooperative in 1960 and was granted a lease to this site in the Perisher Valley for a small lodge to be built in 1961 on Lot 1 DP 1153938 at what is now known as **91 Burramys Rd Perisher Valley** (Attachment 1)

The Lodge was renovated in 1998 with the approval of the National Parks & Wildlife Service - Snowy Mountains Region as a 1B rated lodge for occupancy by up to 12 people. This renovation involved excavation of an area of ground adjacent to the newly created lower entry to the lodge and and an area immediately adjacent to that for the installation of an inspection / access point to the existing sewer line (Refer Attachment 4/5/6 & Attachment 7 Photos)

Proposed Development

To conform to current emergency exit regulations and provide improved safety of access and egress during the winter season, a gabled enclosure of the area of the previously excavated ground as described above, adjacent to the lower entry to the Lodge is proposed. (Refer Attachment)

New footings for the proposed walls of the development will be within this area and no further excavation beyond it will be required

Aboriginal Heritage Impact

An examination of the records of the Cooperative from the time of the 1998 renovation did not find any reference to any impact of that development on the Aboriginal Heritage of the area of land within the area leased from the Koscuisko National Park.

To ensure that this proposed small proposed development would not make any impact a review of the requirements of an Aboriginal Heritage Impact Statement as described in the Due Diligence Code of Practice (<u>Due Diligence Code of Practice for the Protection of</u> <u>Aboriginal Objects in New South Wales | NSW Environment, Energy and Science</u>) was undertaken following contact with the **Bega LALC** which has administrative oversight of the lands of the Ngarigo people and which recommended use of this process.

A copy of the Due Diligence Process chart (Attachment 1) requires the following .

Step 1. Will the activity disturb the ground surface or any scarred trees?

The ground surface concerned has been previously disturbed / excavated as referenced above but will be minimally disturbed once again

There are no trees in the area of ground concerned, only low level alpine shrubs immediately adjacent as can be seen in the attached photographs

Step 2. Are there any :

a)relevant confirmed site records or other associated landscape features information on AHIMS ? AND OR

b) landscape features that are likely to indicate presence of Aboriginal objects ?

A review of the AHIMS database was undertaken and the formal response (Attachment 3) advises that at 91 Burramys Rd. Perisher Valley :

a) No Aboriginal sites recorded in or near the above location

b) No Aboriginal places have been declared in or near the above location

As both of these requirements are met, the process indicates that an : *Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit (AHIP) application is not necessary*.

The Directors of the Fjellheim Ski Lodge Co-operative Ltd. request that this proposed development of our Lodge Development Application be permitted .

Ian Alwill President Fjellheim Ski Lodge Co-operative Ltd.,

Attachment 1

Location of Lodge on lease at 91 Burramys Rd Perisher Valley



Fjellheiim Lodge -Burramys Rd Perisher Valley

Attachment 2 Aboriginal Heritage Due Diligence Process



Attachment 3



Your Ref/PO Number : December2021#2 Client Service ID : 646590

Date: 10 December 2021

Ian Alwill 35 Perth Avenue East Lindfield New South Wales 2070 Attention: Ian Alwill

Email: ianalwill@bigpond.com

Dear Sir or Madam:

AHIMS Web Service search for the following area at Address : 91 BURRAMYS ROAD PERISHER VALLEY 2624 with a Buffer of 50 meters, conducted by Ian Alwill on 10 December 2021.

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 Heritage NSW 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. *

Attachment 4 & 5

Approved site plan, and elevations for renovation 1998 including East elevation



Attachment 6

East elevation showing proposed development



Attachment 7 Photos of proposed development area



