

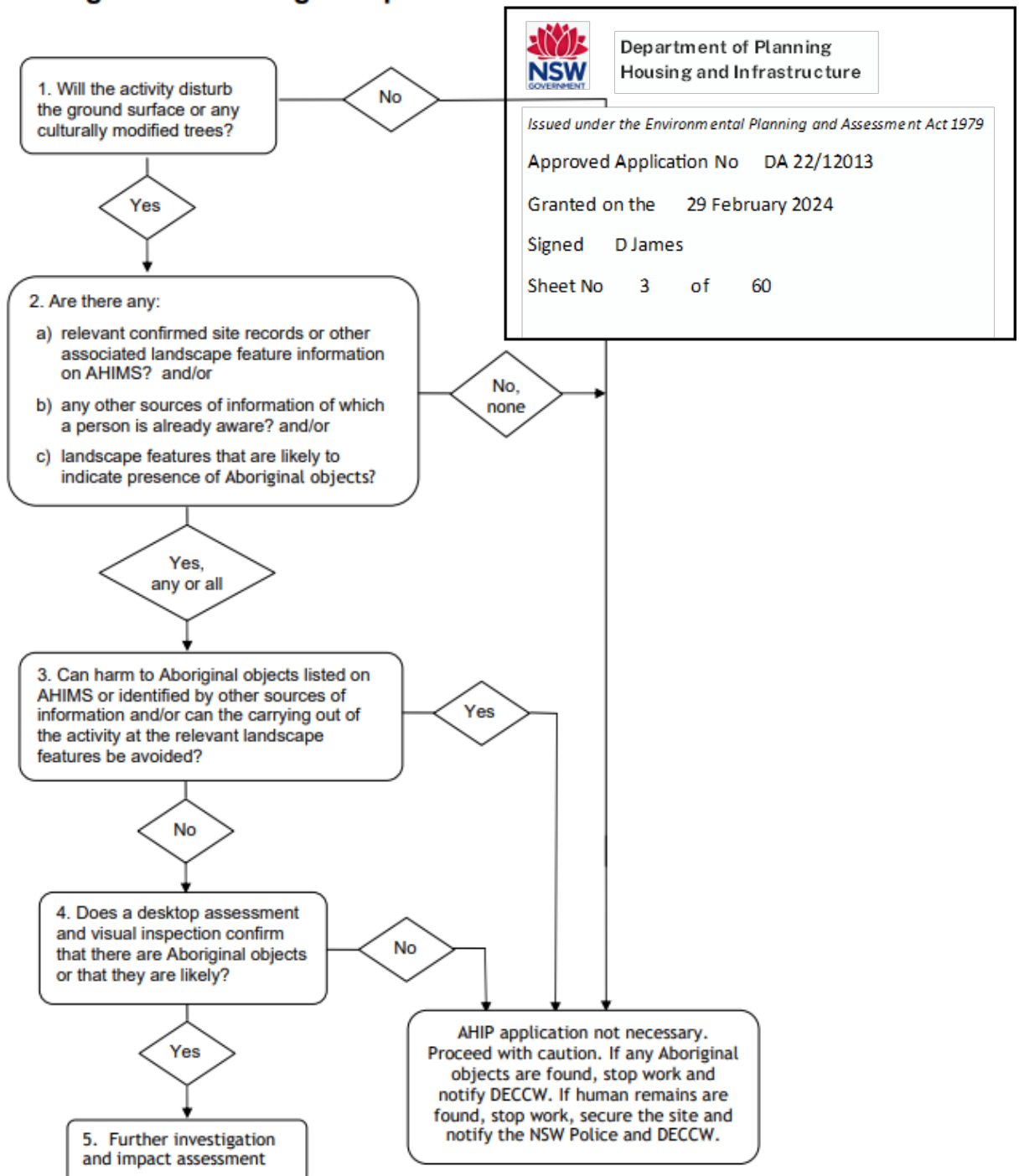
Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment

Generic Due Diligence Process

Guthries Lift Replacement DA

In accordance with the requirements of the *NSW National Parks & Wildlife Service* in their correspondence dated 21st October 2022, the generic due diligence process is completed overleaf.

8 The generic due diligence process



1. Will the activity disturb the ground surface or any culturally modified trees?

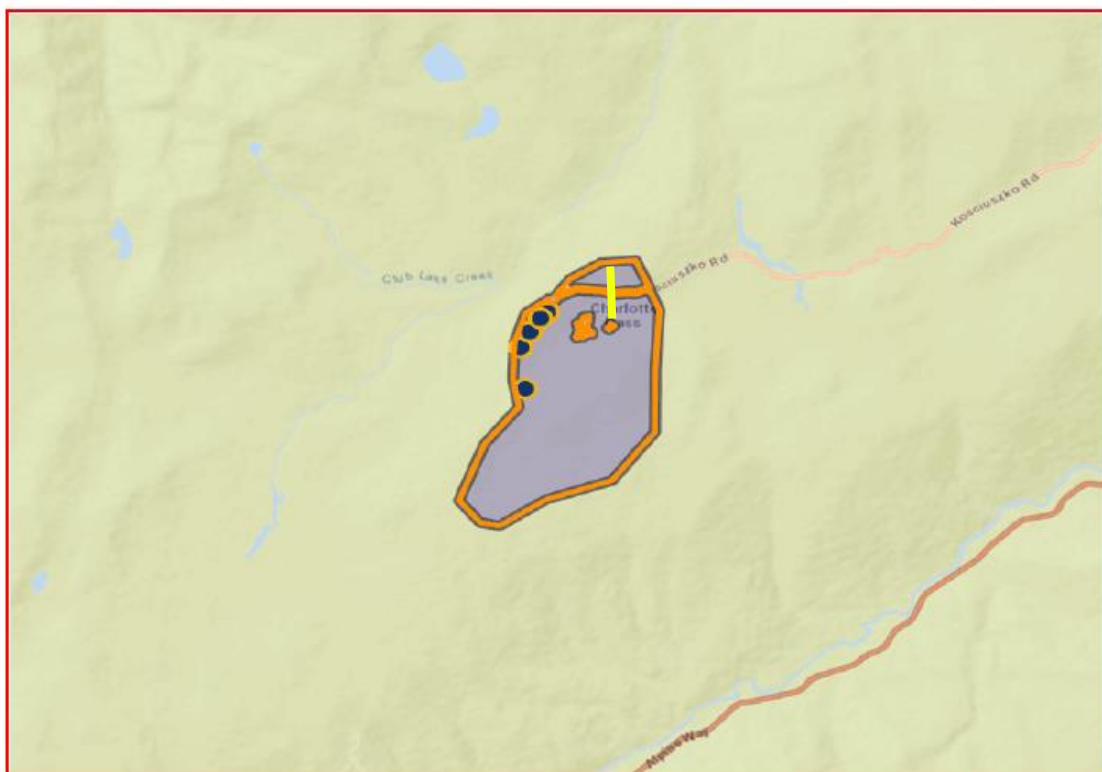
Yes. The works proposed involve ground disturbance through excavation of footings for new lift towers. No trees (culturally modified or otherwise) are proposed to be removed as a result of the works.

2. (a) Is there any relevant confirmed site records or other associated landscape feature information on AHIMS?

No. A search of the Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System (AHIMS) for Charlotte Pass Snow Resort (including the site of the proposed works) was obtained on 15th July 2022. The extract from that search is provided below.

AHIMS Web Service search for the following area at Lot : 100, DP:DP1242013, Section : - with a Buffer of 50 meters, conducted by Matthew Stewart on 15 July 2022.

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:

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

There are no recorded Aboriginal sites within the vicinity of the proposed development works (for reference, the lift alignment has been overlayed on the AHIMS map above in a yellow line).

2. (b) Are there any other sources of information of which a person is already aware (to indicate the likelihood of an Aboriginal object being present)?

Yes. The other sources of information of which *Charlotte Pass Snow Resort Pty Ltd (CPSR)* is aware that address the likelihood of Aboriginal objects being present at Charlotte Pass Snow Resort are listed and summarised in the following reports:

- Charlotte Pass Village Environmental Values Report, Prepared by NGH Environmental & Vantage Environmental Management (May 2008)

While the report makes a reference to a recorded site on Mount Guthrie (Site ID: 61-3-0001 Mt Guthrie; Adams Hut), it also notes that *'Based on the grid reference provided the site is located immediately north east of Mount Guthrie and outside of the Charlotte Pass lease area'*.

The report also notes during the Field Inspection undertaken as part of the preparation of the report, *'No sites were observed on the ridge crest located along the north boundary of the area (Mount Guthrie)'*.

In conclusion, based on the sources of information of which CPSR is aware, there is nothing to suggest that the areas within which work is proposed for the purposes of this Development Application would have any more than low potential for Aboriginal objects to be uncovered.

2. (c) Are there any landscape features that are likely to indicate presence of Aboriginal objects?

Is the proposal on land...	Yes	No
• within 200m of waters*	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• within a sand dune system*	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
• on a ridge top, ridge line or headland*	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• within 200m below or above a cliff face*	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
• within 20m of or in a cave, rock shelter* or a cave mouth.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

The work proposed in this Development Application is not near caves, rock shelters, cliffs or granite tors, (in effect, landscape features that might have historically been utilised by Aboriginal people). Work is proposed within 200m of waters (Spencers Creek) and on the Mount Guthrie ridgeline that forms the Resort. While proximity to water and ridgelines can sometimes be general indicators for greater archaeological potential, the significance of these features was considered and yet the conclusions above re low archaeological potential were drawn.

3. Can harm to Aboriginal objects listed on AHIMS or identified by other sources of information and/or can the carrying out of the activity at the relevant landscape features be avoided?

Yes. As there are no specific aboriginal objects listed on the area in AHIMS or identified by the other sources of information, there is nothing specific for CPSR to need to avoid. However, as part of the resort's protocol outlined below for the project all staff will be trained that should any Aboriginal objects be uncovered during construction then any works impacting the objects are to cease immediately and NPWS contacted for assessment of the site.

Conclusion & CPSR Finds Protocol

This Due diligence process indicates low to very low potential for subsurface cultural material. That due diligence has regard to relevant landscape features within the Charlotte Pass Snow Resort and other sources of information of which CPSR is aware. CPSR considers that this generic due diligence assessment shows that an Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit under the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974* is not necessary for the works.

The proposed works should be able to proceed with caution and if any objects are found works will be stopped and the finds protocol detailed below will be implemented.

CPSR proposes to implement the following finds protocol in association with the works:

- All CPSR personnel and contractors will be made aware of the potential for subsurface Aboriginal artefacts within the site area for the works proposed.
- If potential Aboriginal artefacts or human remains are found, then all works in the relevant area must cease and the finds must be secured and protected in-situ.
- Notifications will be immediately made to NPWS and Heritage NSW, and the NSW Police in the event of human remains.
- An appropriately qualified archaeologist will be engaged to assess the finds and (in conjunction with direction from relevant agencies) provide recommendations on how to treat the artefacts and (if necessary) modify the works.