ABORIGINAL CULTURAL HERITAGE DUE DILIGENCE REPORT DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION NO. DA 22/15955 PROPOSED DRAINAGE AND WATERPROOFING WORKS 130 WHEATLEY ROAD, PERISHER VALLEY

1.0 BACKGROUND:

By letter dated 31st January 2023 the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NWPS) provided advice to the NSW Department of Planning in relation to the above development application. In regard to aboriginal cultural heritage the DA included an AHIM Search which stated there are no aboriginal sites recorded or aboriginal places declared in or near the subject site. NPWS has requested the applicant to complete a desk top test report in accordance with the Due Diligence Code of Practice for the Protection of Aboriginal Objects in NSW.

The area of the proposed works has been previously affected by building construction, excavation and drainage works. The area is not in its original condition and contains no vegetation.

2.0 Will the activity disturb the ground surface or any culturally modified trees:

The proposed works will not affect any trees. The works will disturb the ground surface by excavation of a trench to accommodate drainage pipes and waterproofing to the exterior of the lodge building walls.

3.0 AHIMS DATA BASE:

The AHIMS search dated 10th March 2022 submitted with the development application states that there are no aboriginal sites recorded or aboriginal places declared in or near the subject site. There are no relevant confirmed site records or other associated landscapes or contextual information relevant to the subject site that are likely to indicate the presence of aboriginal objects.

The applicant is not aware of any sources of information relevant to whether or not aboriginal objects are likely to be present in the area of the subject property.

4.0 CONCLUSION:

In preparing this desk top test report it has been reasonably decided that an AHIP Application is not necessary because aboriginal objects are not present on the site of the proposed works. In carrying out the works the applicant will proceed with caution. While undertaking the works if any aboriginal objects are found works will stop and DECCW will be notified.

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