

APPENDIX D ARCHEOLOGICAL DUE DILIGENCE – UPDATED

Project: Quad Express Replacemcnent Top Stataion Lift Hut

The due diligence assessment below is taken from the Due Diligence Code of Practice for the Protection of Aboriginal Objects in New South Wales, DECCW 2010. The assessment was undertaken by Sophie Ballinger, Mountain Planning Manager for Perisher Resort, September 2024 and updated November 2024.


Generic Due Diligence Process

Step 1 – Will the activity disturb the ground surface?

Yes the propsoal will include some limited excavation in previously disturbed areas.

Step 2a – Search of AHIMS database

An AHIMS search was undertaken and no aboriginal sites or places are recorded or declared in or near the location. A copy of the search result is reproduced below:




AHIMS Web Services (AWS)
Search Result

Your Ref/PO Number : Quad Chair Top Station
Client Service ID : 902846
Date: 20 June 2024

Vail Resorts - Australia
PO Box 42
Perisher Valley New South Wales 2624
Attention: Sophie Ballinger
Email: sophie.ballinger@vailresorts.com.au
Dear Sir or Madam:

AHIMS Web Service search for the following area at Lat, Long From : -36.4011, 148.3922 - Lat, Long To : -36.4, 148.3941, conducted by Sophie Ballinger on 20 June 2024.

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.



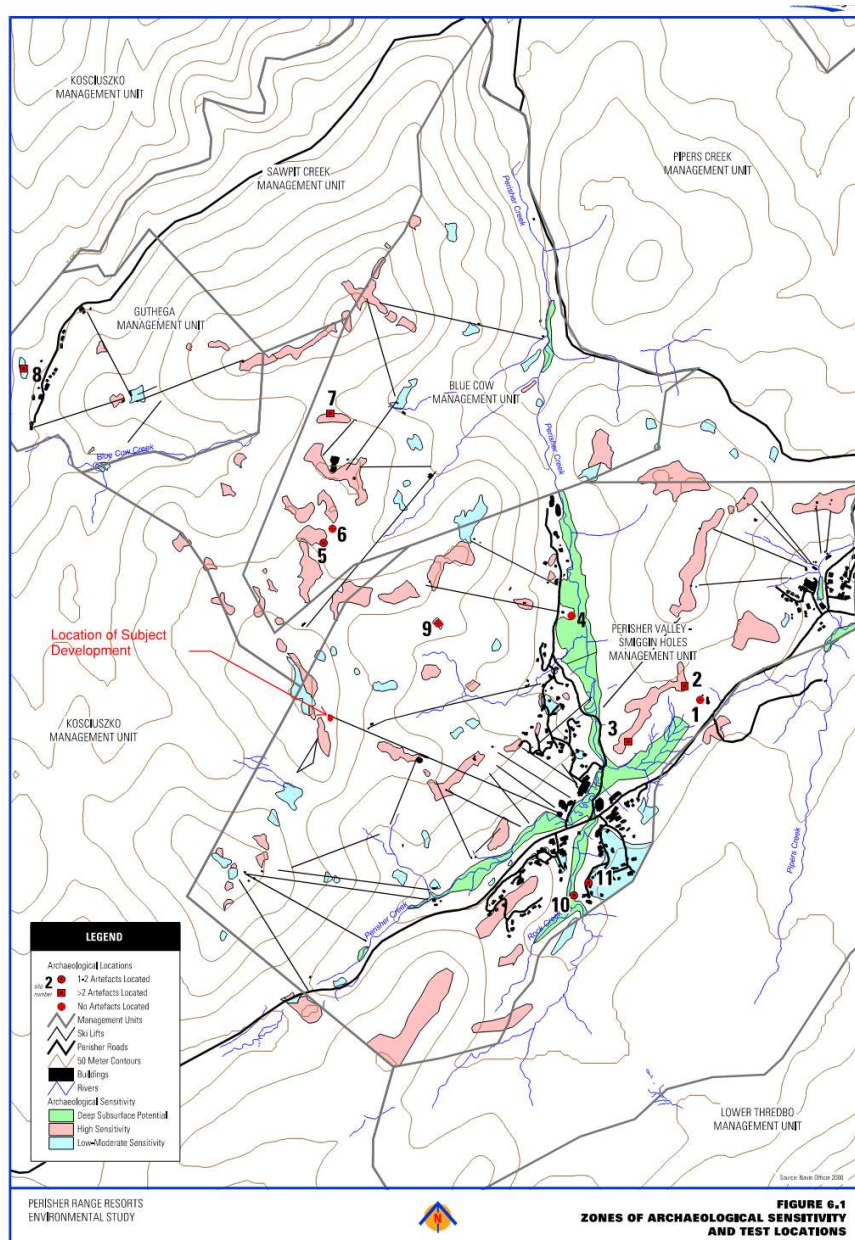
A search of Heritage NSW AHIMS Web Services (Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System) has shown that:

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

Step 2b – Cultural Heritage identified in additional sources of information

Perisher Range Resorts Environmental Study (Connell Wagner 2000) – Chapter 6 Heritage and Archaeology – Indigenous Heritage study prepared by Navin Officer Heritage Consultants.

The subject site (marked in red in the figure below) is outside of any area identified in figure 6.1 “Zones of Archaeological Sensitivity and Test Locations” of the Perisher Range Resorts Environmental Study.



There were no items found on the subject site as part of the study. The works are proposed within an area which was previously excavated and filled to construct the chairlift and associated infrastructure. As such the area on which the replacement hut is to be erected could not be considered an area of “relatively undisturbed deposits” which is defined in the study as being soil profiles which retain all or part of their natural vertical sequence from topsoil to subsoil.

Step 2c – Is the activity in an area where there are landscape features which indicate the presence of Aboriginal objects.

Is the proposed development:

within 200m of waters; or	No
located within a sand dune system; or	No
located on a ridge top, ridge line or headland; or	No
located within 200m below or above a cliff face; or	No
within 20m of or in a cave, rock shelter, or a cave mouth; and	No
is on land that is not disturbed land	No

Conclusion

Based on the outcomes of steps 2a, 2b and 2c it is reasonable to conclude that there are no known Aboriginal objects or a low probability of objects occurring in the area of the proposed activity, and the development can proceed with caution without applying for an AHIP.

It is expected however that the consent authority will impose the standard Unexpected Finds Protocol condition on any consent issued. Adherence to the requirements of this condition will be communicated to those working on site prior to the commencement of works.