

Introduction

Mr Robert Mowle from Kingsdale Consulting, contacted the Pejar Local Aboriginal Land Council (Pejar LALC) to carry out an Aboriginal Heritage inspection on 2, 3, 4 and 29 November for a planning proposal to reduce minimum lot sizes from 40h to 2ha on land located at Collector.

It is located within an area where there is potential to contain Aboriginal Sites.

An Aboriginal Heritage inspection is usually carried out prior to any Development Application.

The purpose of the inspection is to:

- Determine if there is evidence that Aboriginal people had occupied the area, and to
- Identify whether there are any constraints for the development proceeding,

Survey Area Details

An overall description of the survey area is as follows:

Study Area Environment	
Visibility	
★ Percentage	Varying. Overall visibility was medium - 50% with some areas ranging from 0% to high visibility.
★ Coverage type	grass
Vegetation	Grass, trees, shrubs, rocks
Soil Description	Varying - rocky soil to soft brown





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Findings

Our Sites Officers, Mrs Jessica Plumb, Mr Christopher McAlister, Miss Shanay Little and Mr Patrick Little, carried out the inspection. During this inspection 0 Aboriginal Sites were located.

Recommendations

Even though no Aboriginal Sites were located during this inspection, this does not rule out the fact that this proposal is located within an area that has the potential to contain artefacts.

Some areas could not be inspected due to poor visibility. These areas will need to be investigated at a later date.

We also strongly recommend that prior to Council submission or Approval that a full archaeological survey be carried out as there are areas that testing should be carried out on.

Furthermore, there is an area that the Pejar LALC would like to investigate further which is highlighted on the attached map.

• If any previously undetected Aboriginal site or relic is uncovered or unearthed during any activity, work at that location must cease immediately and advice on appropriate action be obtained from the Pejar LALC in conjunction with NSW Office of Environment and Heritage

Responsibilities

 Under Section 90 (1) of the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974, it is an offence to destroy, deface, damage or desecrate, or cause or permit the destruction, defacement, damage, or desecration of, an Aboriginal Object or Place without first obtaining a consent to destroy from the Director-General of the National parks and Wildlife service (NSW Office of Environment and Heritage)



Conclusion

Although no artefacts were located, this does not rule out the fact that the area could still contain artefacts that are yet to be recorded.



pejar LALC to Investigate further.