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ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY LOT 280=DP1098732

1466 CRESCENT HEAD RD CRESCENT HEAD

DATE: 10th March, 2015

Participants:

Kevin & Edward Smith KLALC site officer

Tim Mecham from MidCoast Building & Environment

Reason for Investigation:

A Proposed Rural -Residential Subdivision Appreciation has been lodge with Kempsey Council for Lot 280 that require an Aboriginal Archaeological survey to Ascertain any Evidence of Aboriginal activity on the above lot.

Local Aboriginal History:

Before European settlement Aboriginal people roamed the area and used the land to hunt and gather food, Aboriginal ties to the land can be identified with the significance sites in and around the Crescent Head area some 17 sites recorder, Crescent Head is the first native title land claim on main land Australian indicate the amount of Aboriginal activity around the Crescent Head area. NOTE = AHIMS search located an Aboriginal site on the western side of Maria river road 600metres to south west of proposed subdivision.

Vegetation on site:

Lot 280 as a thick covering of grass over the proposed subdivision area, the ridge top has a small cluster of large Tallowood trees with some regrowth around them, Crescent Head road side has a line of very large Blackbutt trees running along it.

Result of Survey:

After a lot of walking over the proposed subdivision we notice over the years there has been a lot of disturbance on lot 280 with the removal of trees and stumps from the site and movement of topsoil, any sign of Aboriginal activity in the area we believe has been lost or destroyed by early white settlers to the area.

NOTE= NO EVIDENCE OF ABORIGINAL ACTIVITY LOCATED ON LOT280.

RECOMMENDATION:

KLAIC site officers see no reason why Development can't continue, once development starts and any artefacts is located KLALC site officers to be contacted and work on site to stop and moved to another area

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