Huntlee Development Application (DA) Modification Aboriginal Objects Due Diligence Assessment Addendum

Huntlee, NSW 2335 Prepared for LWP Group

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Mr Glenn Swan LWP Property 1 Triton Blvd Rothbury NSW 2335 Via email: <u>Gswan@lwpproperty.com.au</u>

Dear Mr Swan,

Re: Huntlee Development Application (DA) Modification –Aboriginal Objects Due Diligence Assessment Addendum (Niche# 7215)

Based on the results of this Addendum, no additional Aboriginal objects or sites were found after the original recording of one artefact scatter and one area of archaeological potential identified within the Activity Area. A registered site (HAF01 AHIMS ID# 37-6-3924) falls within the 100 metre buffer zone surrounding the Activity Area but was not reidentified during the inspection.

The *Due Diligence Code of Practice for the Protection of Aboriginal Objects in NSW* (DECCW, 2010a) (the Due Diligence Code) states that where a DD has occurred and concluded that Aboriginal objects are likely to occur, further detailed investigation and impact assessment is required. As the Activity Area is within the Huntlee Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Plan (ACHMP) boundary; further investigation of the area of high archaeological potential and the management of the identified artefact scatter are to be managed with the procedures and protocols set out in the Huntlee ACHMP (2019).

Recommendations remain that:

- An Archaeological test excavation is undertaken within the area of archaeological potential. The testing is to occur under the *Huntlee Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Plan* and is to include the HARG members.
- Management of Aboriginal objects identified through this assessment are to be managed under the *Huntlee Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Plan* (2019). This includes artefacts or sites identified during the test excavation.

Additional recommendations are to:

- Collect the registered site (HAF01 AHIMS ID# 37-6-3924) in accordance with the *Huntlee Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Plan* (2019).
- Manage unexpected Aboriginal objects under the *Huntlee Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Plan* (2019).

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or would like to clarify details of this assessment.

Yours sincerely, Ben Slack

Associate Heritage Consultant Niche Environment and Heritage



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1 Introduction

1.1 The addendum

This addendum is to be read in conjunction with the Huntlee Development Application (DA) Modification – Aboriginal Objects Due Diligence Assessment (Niche 2022). The purpose of this addendum is to provide the findings of the additional survey undertaken of the 100 metre (m) temporary Asset Protection Zones (APZ) buffer that will be established around the Activity Area (Figure 1 and Figure 2).

1.2 The proponent

Please refer to the Huntlee Development Application (DA) Modification – Aboriginal Objects Due Diligence Assessment (Niche 2022).

1.3 The Activity Area

1.3.1 Location

The Activity Area consists of the TC6 area (33.49 ha) within the Huntlee township, located west of Wine Country Dive within the north-western area of the Huntlee Stage 1 - Development Area. The temporary APZ bounds the TC6 area to the east, south and west in a 100 m buffer (Figure 1 and Figure 2). The Activity Area and surrounding APZ is situated within the Cessnock Local Government Area (LGA) and within the boundaries of the Mindaribba Local Aboriginal Land Council (LALC).

1.4 The proposed activity

Within the Activity Area, the activities will include residential subdivision, road construction, vegetation clearance and the installation of services and utilities. However, there is also the potential for disturbance within the surrounding temporary APZ during its establishment.

1.5 Statutory controls

The *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974* (NPW Act), administered by Heritage NSW, is the primary legislation for the protection of some aspects of Aboriginal cultural heritage in NSW¹. Part 6 of the NPW Act provides specific protection for Aboriginal objects and declared Aboriginal places by establishing offences of harm.

The NPW Act provides that a person who exercises due diligence in determining that their actions will not harm Aboriginal objects has a defence against prosecution if they later unknowingly harm an object without an Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit (AHIP).

The *Due Diligence Code of Practice for the Protection of Aboriginal Objects in NSW* (DECCW, 2010a) (the Due Diligence Code) sets out a process for individuals and organisations to follow to determine whether an Aboriginal object will be harmed by an activity, whether further investigation is needed, and whether that harm requires an AHIP.

1.6 Objectives

The aim of the assessment was to assess whether Aboriginal objects and/or places are present, or are likely to occur within, or near the APZ, if those Aboriginal objects and/or places may be harmed by the proposed works, and if further investigation is required.

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¹ For further information visit: <u>https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/licences/achregulation.htm</u>



1.7 Assessment methodology

This DD follows the process outlined in Plate 1.



Location Map Huntlee DA Modification Aboriginal Heritage Assessment



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Location of the Subject Area Huntlee DA Modification Aboriginal Heritage Assessment

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Figure 2





Plate 1 The due diligence assessment process



2 Environmental Context

Please refer to the Huntlee Development Application (DA) Modification – Aboriginal Objects Due Diligence Assessment (Niche 2022).

Figures 3 to 4c convey the environmental context relating to the APZ.



Soil landscapes and hydrology in the local area Huntlee DA Modification Aboriginal Heritage Assessment

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Historical aerial photographs (1994) Huntlee DA Modification Aboriginal Heritage Assessment

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Historical aerial photographs (1976) Huntlee DA Modification Aboriginal Heritage Assessment

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Historical aerial photographs (1961) Huntlee DA Modification Aboriginal Heritage Assessment

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Is the proposed activity a low impact activity as defined by the Regulation?

No.

The activity is not a low impact activity as defined under Part 5 Division 2 section 58 of the National Parks and Wildlife Regulation 2019 ('the Regulation') because:

- It involves earthworks associated with clearance and construction.
- It is not listed as a low impact activity as defined under Part 5 Division 2 section 58. ٠

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

Yes.

The proposed activity involves earthworks and vegetation clearance and therefore has the potential to disturb Aboriginal objects, including within the APZ.

Step 2a - Are there any relevant confirmed site records or other associated landscape feature information on AHIMS (or other heritage registers)?

Yes.

An updated AHIMS search was undertaken as almost 12 months have elapsed since the previous search (Niche 2022).

The updated extensive search of the Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System (AHIMS) was conducted on 8 February 2023 (AHIMS Client Service ID # 751482) for the following area centred on the Activity Area and surrounding APZ: Lat, Long From: -32.6795, 151.3311 - Lat, Long To: -32.6614, 151.362. See Appendix A for details of the search.

Fifty-seven (57) Aboriginal cultural heritage sites were identified within the AHIMS search area, with five (5) located within 500m of the Activity Area (Figure 5). The Aboriginal cultural heritage site HAF01 (AHIMS ID# 37-6-3924) falls within the APZ and the next closest sites are HAF004 (AHIMS ID# 37-6-3921), HAF 002 (AHIMS ID# 37-6-3923), and HAF 003 (AHIMS ID# 37-6-3922). These sites have been identified as open sites during an assessment undertaken by RPS Australia East Pty Ltd in August 2018 (RPS 2018).

HAF01 (AHIMS ID# 37-6-3924) comprises a single silcrete flake within a disturbed site context (Appendix B). The one artefact scatter and one area of archaeological potential identified within the Activity Area itself during the site inspection in 2022 have AHIMS ID numbers pending.

A search was conducted of the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit (AHIP) public register on 9 February 2023. It was determined that no AHIPs have been registered over the current Activity Area or immediate surrounds.

Other heritage registers

Updated searches of the Australian World Heritage Database, the Commonwealth Heritage List, National Heritage List, State Heritage Register, State Heritage Inventory, the Cessnock Local Environmental Plan (LEP) (2011) and the Cessnock Development Control Plan (DCP) (2013) were conducted on 9 February 2023.



The searches concluded that there are three (3) recorded heritage items listed on the Cessnock LEP (2011) and one (1) recorded heritage items listed on the State Heritage Register within 1 km of the Activity Area (Table 3).

Heritage Register	Items in the Activity Area	Items within 1km to the Activity Area
World Heritage Database	• None	None
Commonwealth Heritage List	None	• None
State Heritage Register	• None	Branxton Railway Station group (Listing No: 01098)
Schedule 5 of the Cessnock LEP	• None	 Branxton Railway Station Group (Listing No: 140) Collieries of the South Maitland Coalfields/Greta Coal Measures Group (1340721) (Neath Colliery) (Listing No: 1215) Rothbury Riot (Listing No: 1154)
Development Control Plan Cessnock	• None	None

Table 1: Listed Heritage items in proximity to Activity Area



Location of AHIMS Sites and Heritage Items Huntlee DA Modification Aboriginal Heritage Assessment

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Step 2b - Are there any other sources of information of which a person is already aware?

Yes.

Please refer to the Huntlee Development Application (DA) Modification – Aboriginal Objects Due Diligence Assessment (Niche 2022).

Step 2c - Are there landscape features that are likely to indicate the presence of Aboriginal Objects?

Yes.

Please refer to the Huntlee Development Application (DA) Modification – Aboriginal Objects Due Diligence Assessment (Niche 2022).

Step 3 - Can the harm or the activity be avoided?

No.

Based on the proposed development within the Activity Area, harm cannot be avoided, including in the APZ, with the area being rezoned for residential use.

Step 4 - Does a desktop assessment and visual inspection confirm that there are Aboriginal Objects or that they are likely?

Yes.

Please refer to the Huntlee Development Application (DA) Modification –Aboriginal Objects Due Diligence Assessment (Niche 2022) for the results of the 2022 site inspection of the Activity Area that identified one artefact scatter and one area of archaeological potential (AHIMS ID pending).

An additional site inspection of the APZ was conducted by Ben Slack (Senior Heritage Consultant, Niche) and Kate Morris (Heritage Consultant, Niche), together with HARG representatives representative Michelle Matthews (UHWC) and Les Draper (Mindaribba LALC) on 7 February 2023. The APZ surrounding Area TC6 (33.46 ha) comprise an approximate 100 m buffer on the eastern, southern and western TC6 borders. The survey area was methodically assessed using transects spaced out approximately 25 m apart. Individuals were also allowed to divert from their respective transect to investigate exposures, areas of interest and/or of high potential, as necessary.

No Aboriginal cultural heritage sites or objects were identified within the APZ area.

The APZ and surrounding area has been subjected to major disturbances from land clearing, railway and culvert installation (Plates 2-4). The area is characterised by low-rolling hills with small inclined simple slopes, intersected by non-perennial drainage lines. The ground surface visibility (GSV) of the Activity Area varied between high (>80%) on dirt tracks and low (0-5%) in areas of extensive regrowth, leaf litter, low-lying shrubs, and grasses (Plate 5 and 6). GSV was highest in some small areas of exposure around tree bases and within drainage channels and dirt tracks (Plate 7). Most trees identified within the Activity Area were juvenile owing to the extensive clearing of land within the region. Some mature trees were identified within the Activity Area, however, did not present any evidence for cultural modification. Extensive land clearing is evident by remnants of tree stumps and chainsaw/axe markings on trees (Plate 8).

Throughout the Subject Area, disturbances are shown through historic and current land clearing, motor bike tracks, access tracks, and rubbish dumping (Plate 9). The extensive land clearing and dirt bike tracks



has caused minor soil erosion and sheet wash, resulting in areas of exposure and ephemeral drainage channels.



Plate 2 Clearance surrounding the APZ



Plate 4 Culvert underneath railway



Plate 6 Low GSV



Plate 3 Railway on the APZ boundary, view east



Plate 5 High GSV along tracks



Plate 7 Exposures around water body and drainage lines





Plate 8 Evidence of chainsaws



Plate 9 Dumped rubbish within APZ

Step 5 - Further investigations and impact assessment

Yes.

Please refer to the Huntlee Development Application (DA) Modification – Aboriginal Objects Due Diligence Assessment (Niche 2022).



Location of the Subject Area Huntlee DA Modification Aboriginal Heritage Assessment

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4 Conclusions and Recommendations

Niche was commissioned by the Proponent to assess any Aboriginal cultural heritage associated with the APZ surrounding the Activity Area and prepare an addendum to Huntlee Development Application (DA) Modification –Aboriginal Objects Due Diligence Assessment (Niche 2022).

Based on this addendum, there has been no Aboriginal objects or sites identified within the APZ.

Based on the previous DD, it had been identified that there is potential for Aboriginal objects to have survived within the Activity Area due to the proximity of the Activity Area to water (within 200m) and its proximity to previously recorded AHIMS sites.

As one (1) Aboriginal cultural heritage site and one area of archaeological potential was identified during the 2022 DD survey,

Recommendations for the Activity Area remain to:

- Undertake an Archaeological test excavation within the area of archaeological potential identified in 2022. The testing is to occur under the *Huntlee Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Plan* and is to include the HARG members.
- Manage identified Aboriginal objects under the *Huntlee Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Plan* (2019). This includes artefacts or sites identified during the test excavation.

Recommendations for the APZ are to:

- Collect the registered site (HAF01 AHIMS ID# 37-6-3924) in accordance with the *Huntlee Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Plan* (2019).
- Manage unexpected Aboriginal objects under the *Huntlee Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Plan* (2019).



5 References

DECCW. 2010a. *Due Diligence Code of Practice for the Protection of Aboriginal Objects in New South Wales,* produced for the Department of Environment Climate Change and Water, NSW.

Niche. 2022. Huntlee Development Application (DA) Modification –Aboriginal Objects Due Diligence Assessment. Unpublished report prepared for LWP Property.

RPS Australia East Pty Ltd. 2018. Huntlee Cultural Heritage Assessment – Modification 09. Report prepared for LWP Property Group.

Wonnara Elders Council (WEC) *et al.* 2019. Huntlee & HARG Update to the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Plan 2019.



Appendix A- AHIMS Extensive Search



AHIMS Web Services (AWS)

Extensive search - Site list report

<u>SiteID</u>	SiteName	<u>Datum</u>	<u>Zone</u>	Easting	<u>Northing</u>	<u>Context</u>	<u>Site Status **</u>	<u>SiteFeature</u>	<u>s</u>	<u>SiteTypes</u>	<u>Reports</u>
37-6-3919	HAF008	GDA	56	345241	6383646	Open site	Valid	Artefact : -			104464
	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Recorders</u>	RPS	Australia Eas	st Pty Ltd - Har	nilton,Mr.Ben Slack		<u>]</u>	<u>Permits</u>		
37-6-3916	HAF011	GDA	56	345356	6384393	Open site	Valid	Artefact : -			104464
	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Recorders</u>	RPS	Australia Eas	st Pty Ltd - Har	nilton,Mr.Ben Slack		<u>]</u>	<u>Permits</u>		
37-6-3801	Huntlee 48	GDA	56	345541	6384616	Open site	Valid	Artefact : -			
	Contact	<u>Recorders</u>	RPS	Australia Eas	t Pty Ltd - Har	nilton,Mr.Ben Slack]	Permits		
37-6-3920	HAF005	GDA	56	345730	6383732	Open site	Valid	Artefact : -			104464
	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Recorders</u>	RPS	Australia Eas	t Pty Ltd - Har	nilton,Mr.Ben Slack		<u>]</u>	<u>Permits</u>		
37-6-3917	HAS001	GDA	56	345763	6383701	Open site	Destroyed	Artefact : -, P Archaeologic Deposit (PAI	cal		104464
	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Recorders</u>	RPS	Australia Eas	t Pty Ltd - Har	nilton, RPS Australia	East Pty Ltd - York	Street Sydn	<u>Permits</u>		
37-6-1927	HANWOOD RD	AGD	56	343450	6383400	Open site	Valid	Potential Archaeologic Deposit (PAI Artefact : 14	D):-,		101222,10240 2,104464
	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Recorders</u>		e Heritage Pt	5			-	<u>Permits</u>	3073,3082	
37-6-3924	HAF01	GDA	56	344603	6384341	Open site	Valid	Artefact : -			104464
	Contact	<u>Recorders</u>			-	nilton,Mr.Ben Slack			<u>Permits</u>		
37-6-2160	Branxton Rail 12	GDA	56	345091	6384829	Open site	Valid	Artefact : 1			102402
	Contact	<u>Recorders</u>		h East Archa					<u>Permits</u>	3658	
37-6-3802	Huntlee 47	GDA	56	345533	6384050	Open site	Destroyed	Artefact : -			104464
	Contact	<u>Recorders</u>	-			nilton,RPS Australia	5		<u>Permits</u>		
37-6-3405	Huntlee 13	GDA	56	345988	6383240	Open site	Destroyed	Artefact : -			104464
	Contact	<u>Recorders</u>				nilton,Ms.Cheng-Yen			<u>Permits</u>		
37-6-3406	Huntlee 14	GDA	56	345988	6383240	Open site	Destroyed	Artefact : -			104464
	Contact	Recorders			5	nilton,Ms.Cheng-Yen			<u>Permits</u>		
37-6-3658	Huntlee 17	GDA		346261	6383635	Open site	Destroyed	Artefact : -			104464
	Contact	<u>Recorders</u>			-	nilton,RPS Australia			<u>Permits</u>		
37-6-3673	Huntlee 33 S12a	GDA	56	346369	6383503	Open site	Destroyed	Artefact : -			104464
	Contact	<u>Recorders</u>	-		-	nilton,RPS Australia	-		<u>Permits</u>		
37-6-2789	Wine Country Drive AS 1	GDA		345190	6384566	Open site	Valid	Artefact : 1			104464
	Contact	<u>Recorders</u>				e,Ms.Clare Anderson		-	<u>Permits</u>		
37-6-3805	Huntlee 44	GDA		345410	6384291	Open site	Valid	Artefact : -			
	Contact	<u>Recorders</u>			5	nilton,Mr.Ben Slack		-	<u>Permits</u>		
37-6-2207	Branxton RW 41/A	GDA		345496	6384504	Open site	Valid	Artefact : 1			102402,10446 4
	Contact	<u>Recorders</u>	Mr.P	eter Kuskie]	<u>Permits</u>		

Report generated by AHIMS Web Service on 08/02/2023 for Kate Morris for the following area at Lat, Long From : -32.6795, 151.331 - Lat, Long To : -32.6614, 151.362. Number of Aboriginal sites and Aboriginal objects found is 57

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Appendix B – AHIMS Site Cards



Aboriginal Site Recording Form

AHIMS Registrar PO Box 1967, Hurstville 2220 NSW

AHIMS s	ite IC): 37-6-3924						Date recorded: 17-12-2	018		
Site name: HAF01											
Easting: 344603 Northing: 6384341 Coordinates must be in GDA (MGA)											
Horizontal Accuracy (m): 5											
Zone:	56		Locatio	on method:	Differ	rential GP	S				
	Recorder Information (The person responsible for the completion and submission of this form)										
Title		Surna	ame					First name			
Mr.	Slack					Ben					
Organisat	tion: [RPS									
Address:		241 Denison St,	Broadm	eadow NSW	2292						
Phone:	02494	04200	E-mail:	ben.slack@	@rpsgrou	up.com.au	l				
Site Cor	ntext	Information									
Land F Patterr		Rolling Hills			La	and Use:	Urba	an Expansion			
Land F Unit:	orm	Plain			Ve	getation:	Clea	ared			
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How to get to the site: Take the Wine Country Drive exit of the Hunter Expressway. After turning left onto Wine Country Drive from the roundabout, site is directly on right											
Other site information:											

Site location map



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Site plan



Site photographs

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Further information contact

Title	Surname	First name
Organisa	ation:	
Address		
Phone:	E-mail:	

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Aboriginal Site Recording Form

AHIMS Registrar PO Box 1967, Hurstville 2220 NSW

AHIMS site	e ID:	37-6-3921				Date recorded:	17-12-2018		
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Easting:	344525			Northing:	6383769	Coordinates must b	be in GDA (MGA)		
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Zone:	6		Locatio	on method:	Differential GPS	3			
Recorder (The person respo			and submis	ssion of this form	n)				
Title		Surn	ame			First name			
Mr. SI	ack				Ben				
Organisatio									
Address:	241 [Denison St,	Broadm	eadow NSW	2292				
Phone: 02	249404200)	E-mail:	ben.slack	@rpsgroup.com.au				
Site Conte	ext Info	rmation							
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Land For Unit:	m Plain				Vegetation:	Revegetated			
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Other site informatio									

Site location map



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Site plan



Site photographs

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Environmental management and approvals

Impact assessments Development and activity approvals Rehabilitation Stakeholder consultation and facilitation Project management

Environmental offsetting

Offset strategy and assessment (NSW, QLD, Commonwealth) Accredited BAM assessors (NSW) Biodiversity Stewardship Site Agreements (NSW) Offset site establishment and management Offset brokerage Advanced Offset establishment (QLD)