

29 July 2021

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Re: Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council Regional Sports Complex Site, South Jerrabomberra, NSW – Test Excavation – AHIP# 4791

Dear Tim,

Further to the Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit (#4791) issued on the 17th July 2021, Apex Archaeology can confirm that the Test Excavation to inform the construction of the stormwater drainage for the sports complex site has been completed within the AHIP area.

We note that Condition 10 of the AHIP states “the excavations must be completed in an area before any harm of Aboriginal objects described in Schedule C can commence in that same area”.

We can confirm that the excavations were undertaken over three days from 26-28 July 2021 in accordance with the Machine Auguring Test Excavation Methodology prepared by Apex Archaeology dated June 2021. No artefacts were recovered or identified with PAD1-South (AHIMS Site 57-2-0975) as a result of the test excavation of the potential deep deposits within this area. A total of 11 augur holes were excavated within the proposed stormwater drainage area. Augur holes reached a minimum depth of 2.5m and a maximum of 3.5m, and are considered to have appropriately investigated the nature and extent of any potential archaeological deposits at depth, confirming that the stormwater drainage area does not contain potential for evidence of Aboriginal occupation. A report detailing the results of the fieldwork will be forthcoming.

All excavations described in Schedule B2 have been completed in the area. As the test excavations have been completed within the site, no further Aboriginal archaeological investigation is required within the AHIP area.

Works may proceed in accordance with the AHIP.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you require any further information.

Kind regards,

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