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RE: 15-41 Warnervale Road, Warnervale, NSW Central Coast LGA Rezoning and Redevelopment Draft Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report

Dear Tessa,

Thank you for the opportunity to formally respond to the draft report, as noted above.

Darkinjung Local Aboriginal Land Council has reviewed the draft report and there are concerns in relation to **Table 12. Summary of the potential impacts to Aboriginal sites based on current zoning and DA 1 and DA 2 plans**, and **Table 13. Summary of the potential impacts to Aboriginal Sites based on rezoning of subject area and park master plan**.

With the current rate of development on the Central Coast Aboriginal artefact scatters and culture; deposits are being impacted, destroyed and lost at a rapid rate. The cumulative effect, incremental; and combined impacts of the past, present and future have not been adequately assessed and considered. Destruction of Aboriginal cultural heritage sites also lacks the consideration of intergenerational equity and the preservation of our culture and heritage for future generations.

The Aboriginal cultural heritage sites discussed within the report are part of the Aboriginal cultural landscape of the area, they are linked and collectively tell an important story of our ancestors, and as a result they are significant and valued by Aboriginal people and must be protected.

Darkinjung LALC does not support the Aboriginal sites being harmed as listed within table 12 and 13 of the report.

Recommendations:

- Archaeological salvage excavation prior to soil excavation
- Surface collection of Aboriginal objects prior to soil excavation
- Monitoring of all earth movement
- Reburial of the assemblage of Aboriginal objects (from archaeology excavation and surface collection) in a location that will be protected in perpetuity
- Interpretation of Aboriginal cultural heritage within the public spaces of the new development

Please note: the above recommendations may require a fee for service.

Please do not hesitate to contact me on the number listed above should you require any further information in regards to the project.

Thank you,

Anthony Freeman
Project Officer - Culture and Heritage