
Sent: 19/09/2023 1:03:44 PM
Subject: DA2023/1230 -161B & 163 Seaforth Crescent SEAFORTH

Attn: Gareth David

Dear Gareth,

Development Application No. DA2023/1230

Description: Demolition works and construction of a dwelling house including swimming pool and associated works.

Address: 161B & 163 Seaforth Crescent SEAFORTH

Reference is made to the proposed development at the above area and Aboriginal heritage.

There are known Aboriginal sites in the area. No sites are recorded in the current development area, however, the area of the proposed development is identified as having high potential for unrecorded Aboriginal sites.

The Due Diligence Code of Practice for the Protection of Aboriginal Objects on New South Wales (2010) identifies that Aboriginal objects are often associated with particular landscape features as a result of Aboriginal people's use of those features in their everyday lives and for traditional cultural activities. Examples of such landscape features are rock shelters, sand dunes, waterways, waterholes and wetlands. Therefore it is essential to determine whether the site contains landscape features that indicate the likely existence of Aboriginal objects.

Consequently, if your proposed activity is:

within 200m of waters, or
located on a ridge top, ridge line or headland, or
located within 200m below or above a cliff face, or
within 20m of or in a cave, rock shelter, or a cave mouth

and is on land that is not disturbed land;

there is high potential for unrecorded Aboriginal sites. Therefore, the Aboriginal Heritage Office recommends a preliminary inspection ('due diligence' under the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*) by a qualified Aboriginal heritage professional. The assessment would provide information on what potential Aboriginal heritage issues exist on the land and recommendations for any further action if required.

Under the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974 (NPW Act) all Aboriginal objects are protected. Should any Aboriginal Cultural Heritage items be uncovered during earthworks, works should cease in the area and the Aboriginal Heritage Office assess the finds. Under Section 89a of the NPW Act should the objects be found to be Aboriginal, Heritage NSW and the Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council (MLALC) should be contacted.

Kind regards

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I acknowledge and pay my respects to the traditional owners and ancestors of the lands in which the AHO work across.