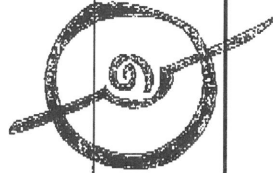


30 May 2002



Mr Robert Albon  
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Dear Robert,

*Re: Archaeological survey for Aboriginal sites  
 Numbers 62 and 85 Hillside Road, Newport.*

I write to confirm that a full archaeological survey and assessment of the subject site (Lot 1 DP 408800 and Lot 2 DP 1036400) was undertaken in relation to proposed residential subdivision. The land is located at the end of Hillside Road, Newport (Figure 1). The survey was done in regard to possible Aboriginal heritage values. The survey was undertaken on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2002 by Drs Jo McDonald and Peter Veth (archaeologists). Part of the land had been previously surveyed by Jo McDonald and Mr Allen Madden [Sites Officer, Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council (MLALC)]. That earlier survey was undertaken on the 5th November 1999. That earlier assessment only investigated Lot 2, DP 1036400. A detailed survey map of the current survey area was provided (Figure 2).

As Mr Madden was not able to accompany us on our current survey, the detailed survey plan was provided to him on the understanding that he would inspect the extension area in the near future. Mr Madden has agreed to write a report on any cultural values identifiable in the subject land.

#### *Geology, Topography & Vegetation*

There is a small drainage line (an unnamed creekline) running through the land (Figure 2). This eventually drains into the northern end of Newport Beach. The course of this has been modified with stormwater pipes above the subject land and by the dumping of fill across the watercourse midway down its length. Some sandstone was visible here, but this would appear to have been relatively recently exposed. Several other large sandstone blocks were also present within the subject land. These however did not form overhanging rockshelters - such as would be suitable for habitation - nor did they have smooth surfaces - such as might have been engraved in the past by Aboriginal people.

The subject site is steeply sloping with a south-easterly aspect. There are numerous large palms (introduced) growing here. These are reportedly all younger than 30 years. The vegetation is otherwise wet sclerophyll forest with a number of *Ficus* (fig) trees and an understory of ferns.

The proposed subdivision of 62 and 85 Hillside Road will involve the construction of a number of several house sites (the exact number had not been defined at time of this report's production. The existing driveway will be extended, following (initially) the existing driveway from the road and then the path of an old 4WD track, across the creekline (Figure 2). Potential construction impacts will be confined to these mentioned. It is likely there may be further clearing of the undergrowth around these

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houses for garden development - although the steepness of the slope here will probably preclude conventional gardens.

There are a number of known Aboriginal sites in the vicinity of the subject land (McDonald 1992). These include midden sites along and around the seaboard and within Pittwater, shelter sites with occupation deposit, midden and/or art, open engraving sites and grinding grooves. No Aboriginal sites or "objects"/"relics" - nor potential areas where such relics may be located - were found on the subject land. There is thus no constraint in terms of Aboriginal heritage on the development proposal.

This report should be read in conjunction with the report on Aboriginal significance to be written by Mr Allan Madden (MLALC).

Please contact me if you require further information.

Sincerely

Dr Jo McDonald  
Director

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