

## Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council

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Monday 13th August 2018

Joshua Dick 72 Wicks Road North Ryde Sydney NSW 1670

Dear Joshua

Re: Lot 40 9 Minkara Road Bayview Sydney NSW 2104

On Monday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2018, I Selina Timothy as a representative of Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council participated in a site inspection survey at the above property to determine the purpose of identifying the any Aboriginal sites and cultural and heritage values. The entire property was assessed at this time with Joshua Dick owner of the property who was present for the inspection.

## Property/Inspection Description

The site area is within the boundaries of Ku-ring-gai Council Local Government Area and the Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council

The site was found to be overgrown with vegetation in some parts surrounding the development area boundary which was cleared for development.

The proposed development of a house on Lot 40 is for the installation of new buildings and may include the widening of the current bushfire access track.

## Aboriginal Heritage

No Aboriginal sites or objects were located within the boundaries of the proposed development areas no registered sites within the area are recorded.

We did not identify any material or subsurface potential of cultural significant at the site on 9 Minkara Road as the Kuringgai or pronounced Guringia Aboriginal people of the area would have used the river as an important source of food and a place of trade. The Northern Beaches especially Church Point and surrounding areas was traditionally used as the primary food

source gathering for the local Aboriginal people as many parts of the foreshore and coves such as nearby areas and escarpment lookout advantage points were used for day to day living.

These areas and places were used as ceremonial gatherings. There are many sites recorded around the area these may include middens, rock overhangs containing art and rock engravings sites.

This indication of Aboriginal occupations, usage and the significance for Aboriginal people past and present still remains. All parts of Sydney hold significance to the Aboriginal people and the preservation and conservation of such sites is of high importance for our connection to Country

## Conclusions and Recommendations

If any cultural materials are unearthed during any stages of the proposed development then all works are to cease and MLALC representative are to be contacted immediately.

Cultural significant objects found during works carried out are to be cared, respected and recorded in the correct way.

If you require further information please do not hesitate in contacting the MLALC Office for assistance.

Regards,

Selina Timothy

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Culture and Heritage Officer

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