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ATT: Quinton Lloyd

Currawong - Archaeologist Assessment for Development Consent conditions

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

There are known Aboriginal sites in the area although no sites are recorded in the proposed development, activity and asset protection areas and those areas have been subject to previous disturbance and/archaeological assessment with no unrecorded Aboriginal sites or areas of potential identified.

The DA consent states:

2. At least two recorded sites "rock engraving" are identified in close vicinity to the proposed cottage redevelopments and are highly likely to be present within the proposed APZ 15m clearing zone (in rock shelf areas). The exact location of these sites is unknown. It appears that at least of one of the sites is denatured, given it displays the rock engraving in a beach location with no rock. The second site to the south may be current location given it is displayed close to a rock shelf.

The Aboriginal Heritage Office (AHO), Northern Beaches Council must be contacted to determine the location, current condition and protection requirements for these sites. It may also be necessary to apply to Office of Environment & Heritage for a AHIMS permit if the AHO determines that the sites 'may' or 'will' be impacted by the proposed APZ works and/or bush regeneration works that may be implemented.

It is noted that two previous Aboriginal Cultural Heritage assessments were carried by Total earth Care and Archaeology and Heritage Consultants for a previous Development application (Eco Village). However, neither of these reports appear to have identified the registered sites and in fact the later consultant's report refers to the rock shelf areas as having 'low to nil potential for aboriginal sites'. Based on this finding, it is a requirement to get a second assessment from the AHO...

The Aboriginal sites mapped close to the current works are on the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage 'AHIMS' database and are erroneous. Site location data on AHIMS is rarely audited and there are large errors. The AHO data layer is much more accurate. The attached map shows small stars (AHIMS) and labelled dots and squares (AHO). The rock engravings are PITT-172 (to the north) and PITT-173 (to the south, and duplicated as PITT-177) and are well outside the activity area. Other sites are also outside the activity area. Previous archaeological assessments including several inspections of the property by the Aboriginal Heritage Office and Council (eg June 2017) did not identify any Aboriginal heritage issues in the proposed development area. Provided that works do not impinge on the recorded sites (AHO mapping) or in bushland outside the current activity proposal area, then the Aboriginal Heritage Office would not foresee any further Aboriginal heritage issues on the proposal.

...Assessment guidelines provided by the AHO stipulate that fire around overhangs, particularly known rock art sites need to be managed appropriately as fire management can cause damage to the art through smoke and heat. It appears from current onsite practices that the APZ area is already being managed in the understory using planned burning practices. Prior to any further hazard reduction burns the Aboriginal heritage issues should be identified and reviewed by the AHO, to establish the best form protection for the registered sites.

As noted above, there are no known or potential issues in the proposed activity area. Any works outside of the current proposal may require further review and assessment.

If you have any queries, please contact me on (02) 9976 1682.

Yours sincerely,

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Hi Phil,

I am working with the property team on the detailed design and delivery of the proposed renovations to games room, cabins and pathways at Currawong.

The DA has been approved and I have attached a copy of the conditions of consent along with a site plan for reference.

An assessment of the Asset Protection Zones by the AHO will be required to satisfy conditions B.(2)(3) and (4) relate to matters of aboriginal heritage.

Our fire planning engineer will be providing a drawing identifying the extent of the the APZ's for reference, I will revert shortly with this.

Could please advise availability for yourself or another archaeologist to attend the site to undertake the inspection.

thanks

Regards

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