

Aboriginal Heritage Office

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Re: Preliminary Notification Rezoning for 120-122 Mona Vale Rd, 10 Jubilee Ave and 4 Boundary St, Warriewood

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

The Aboriginal Heritage Office has reviewed the draft Planning Proposal for the land. There is no Aboriginal heritage section or assessment referenced in the plan and it appears that the proposal has been put forward with no consideration of the Aboriginal heritage values of the area.

There are known Aboriginal heritage sites in the Warriewood area and the proposed development area is considered to have high potential for unrecorded sites. The Aboriginal Heritage Office would recommend a full and comprehensive assessment be carried out for the area by a qualified Aboriginal heritage professional prior to any development or further planning. This inspection would provide guidance as to whether any Aboriginal heritage issues would be affected by the development and recommendations as to the next steps, if any. It would also ensure that any identified Aboriginal heritage issues could be incorporated into the planning at the early design stage rather than the potentially more costly reconfiguration of designs or permit requirements if left to a later stage in the process. The assessment may require subsurface archaeological testing.

Should any Aboriginal sites be identified Council, the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) and the Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council should be contacted.

If you have any queries, please contact me on (02) 9949 9882.

Yours sincerely,

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