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Dear Registered Aboriginal Party,

Submission of Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit for UXO clearance works at Mudies Creek Flood Mitigation Works on the Golden Highway, Whittingham

The Golden Highway upgrade at Mudies Creek involves building a new road crossing at Mudies Creek to withstand a one in 100 year flood. A new 30 metre long bridge will be built over Mudies Creek and would be approximately five metres higher than the current road level to improve travel reliability on the Golden Highway during flood events.

As part of above surface investigations previously completed, more than 200 metal objects have been identified beneath the surface within the portion of the proposal located on Department of Defence land. These objects have the potential to be unexploded ordinance (UXO's) as a result of previous military activities. To ensure the safety of everyone, the Department of Defence requires these potential UXOs to be cleared before any other subsurface investigations can commence. Transport for NSW (TfNSW), formerly Roads and Maritime, have submitted an application for an Aboriginal heritage impact permit (AHIP) to the Department of Planning, Industry, and Environment. A copy of the AHIP application and final cultural heritage assessment report are attached.

TfNSW requested the following changes to the AHIP application form.

- Section 2.1.4 – application to include harm to certain objects through the proposed work.
- Section 2.1.5 – Proposed Start date: December 2019, Proposed end date: December 2020
- Section 3.4.1 – Temporary storage of certain Aboriginal objects, AMBS – storage particulars add “Secure storage location in locked office”
- Section 3.4.2 – Add additional temporary storage location,
 - Location name: Roads and Maritime Hunter regional office.
 - Address: 266 King Street Newcastle NSW 2300
 - Storage particulars: Secure storage location in locked office
- Section 3.5 – Mudies Creek Artefact 01 – site features, 11 artefacts following additional site survey.

- Section 3.5 – proposed harm
 - Type of harm – Directly harmed
 - Degree of harm – Partial
 - Consequence of harm – partial loss of value
- All references to Roads and Maritime be updated to Transport for NSW.

Yours sincerely,



Daniel Evans
Project Engineer

Attachment 1: AHIP application form

Attachment 2: Golden Highway Upgrade – Mudies Creek Unexploded Ordnance
Clearance Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment report