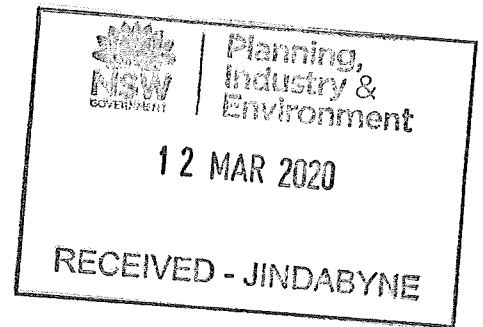


# DUE DILLIGENCE ASSESSMENT

## Altitude Lodge, Smiggin Holes

### Lot 1 DP 1195135



*Step 1. Will the activity disturb the ground surface?*

Comment:

The proposed deck replacement and car parking will disturb ground that has already been highly disturbed by the original development of the lodge and access road including removal of topsoils, roads, services & buildings.

*Step 2. Step 2a. Search the AHIMS database and use any other sources of information of which you are already aware.*

Comment:

This search has been undertaken and provided in Attachment A. The search has identified that no Aboriginal sites or places have been recorded within the subject site.

*Step 2b. Activities in areas where landscape features indicate the presence of Aboriginal objects:*

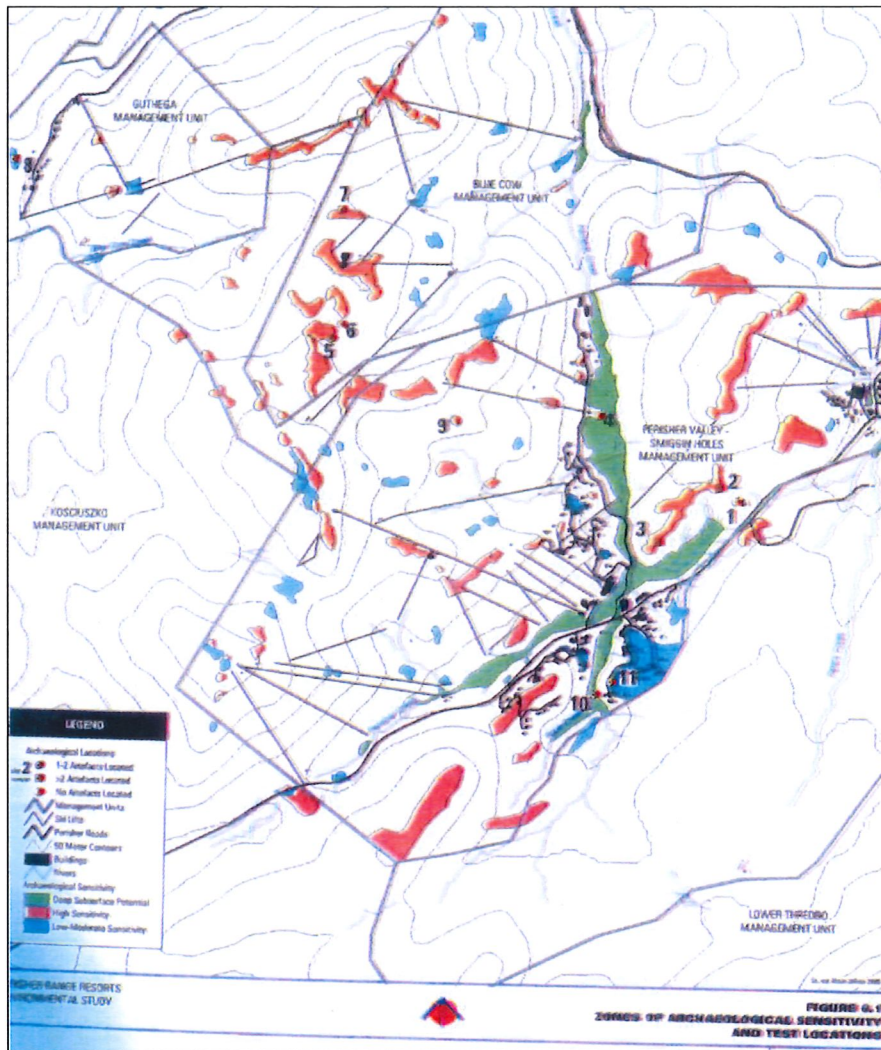
*Consequently, if your proposed activity is:*

- *within 200m of waters ,*
- *located within a sand dune system , or*
- *located on a ridge top, ridge line or headland,*
- *located within 200m below or above a cliff face,*
- *within 20m of or in a cave, rock shelter, or a cave mouth and is on land that is not disturbed land (see Definitions) then you must go to step 3.*

Comment:

The identification and mapping of known and potential area of Aboriginal cultural heritage values was undertaken by Navin Officer Heritage Consultants as part of the Perisher Range Resorts Environmental Study, undertaken in 2000 by Connell Wagner.

The study included a predictive model that mapped the zones of Archeological Sensitivity as provided below in figure 1.



**Figure 1: Zones of Archeological Sensitivity**

*(source: Perisher Range Resorts Environmental Study, Connell Wagner, 2000)*

Based on the above map, the proposed works are not located within any identified areas of low-moderate sensitivity, high sensitivity or deep subsurface potential as shown above. The below extract of the 'Other Environmental Factors Map' for the Perisher Valley Precinct as identified in the PSSMP provides a better scale and resolution. This map is based on the predictive model undertaken by Navin Officer for Connell Wagner.

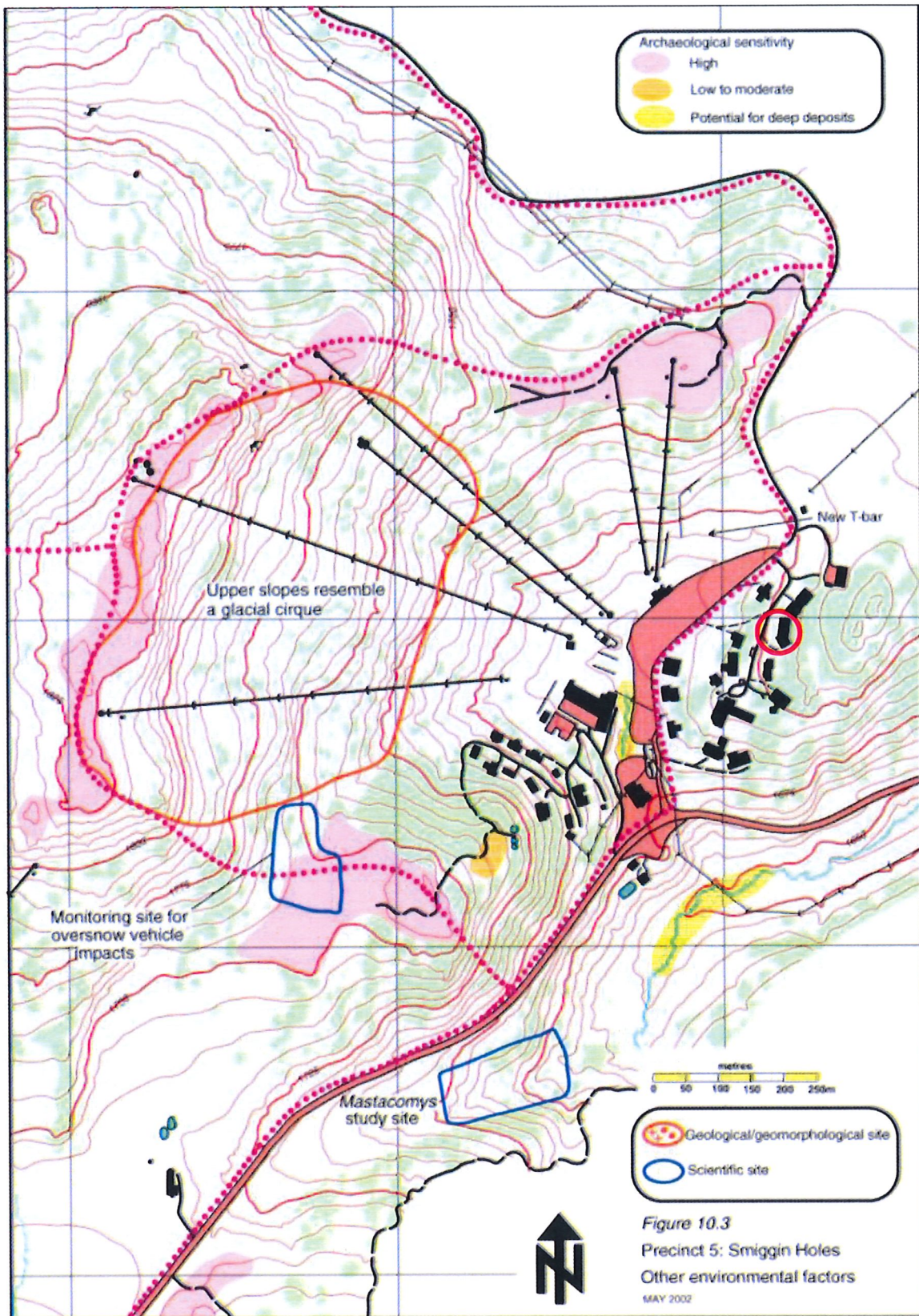


Figure 2: Other environmental factors maps for the Perisher Valley Precinct  
(source: PSSMP)

As discussed above, Navin Officer Heritage Consultants undertook an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Study for the Perisher Range Resorts Area in 2000 that formed part of the Perisher Range Resorts Environmental Study (undertaken in 2000 by Connell Wagner).

This study included a predictive model based on the results from a program of subsurface testing across selected landform variables.

Based on this work, four zones of archeological sensitivity were identified, including areas of high archeological sensitivity, areas of low to moderate archeological sensitivity, areas with potential for deep subsurface archeological deposits and areas of no or negligible potential.

The requirement for further surface archeological survey was therefore determined to be low within landscape features that comprised of moderate to high slope gradients and areas of poorly drainage ground, as well as grassland and herbfields on treeless frost hollow floor or areas with predominant or closed heath vegetation.

In accordance with Step 2a of the Code, the Navin Officer 2000 study is a form of 'other sources of information', which is to be considered.

This study provides a much greater level of detail and certainty with regard to identifying specific landscape features within the Perisher Range Resorts that indicate the likely presence of Aboriginal objects (and includes mapping) than what is offered under the generic features listed under the code.

Accordingly, this study has been used to determine the appropriate site specific landscape features that indicate the likely existence of Aboriginal objects.

As the proposed works will be located outside of the areas identified as potential for either low to moderate archaeological sensitivity or high archaeological sensitivity, further archaeological assessment is therefore not warranted.

Therefore after completing steps 2a and 2b, it is reasonable to conclude that there are no known Aboriginal objects or a low probability of objects occurring in the area of the proposed activity, the development can therefore proceed with caution without applying for an AHIP.

This fulfills all reasonable steps in undertaking a due diligence assessment.

In the unlikely event that Aboriginal items are uncovered during excavation, all work shall cease at that location and the relevant authorities shall be notified.

**ATTACHMENT A**

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Date: 25 February 2020

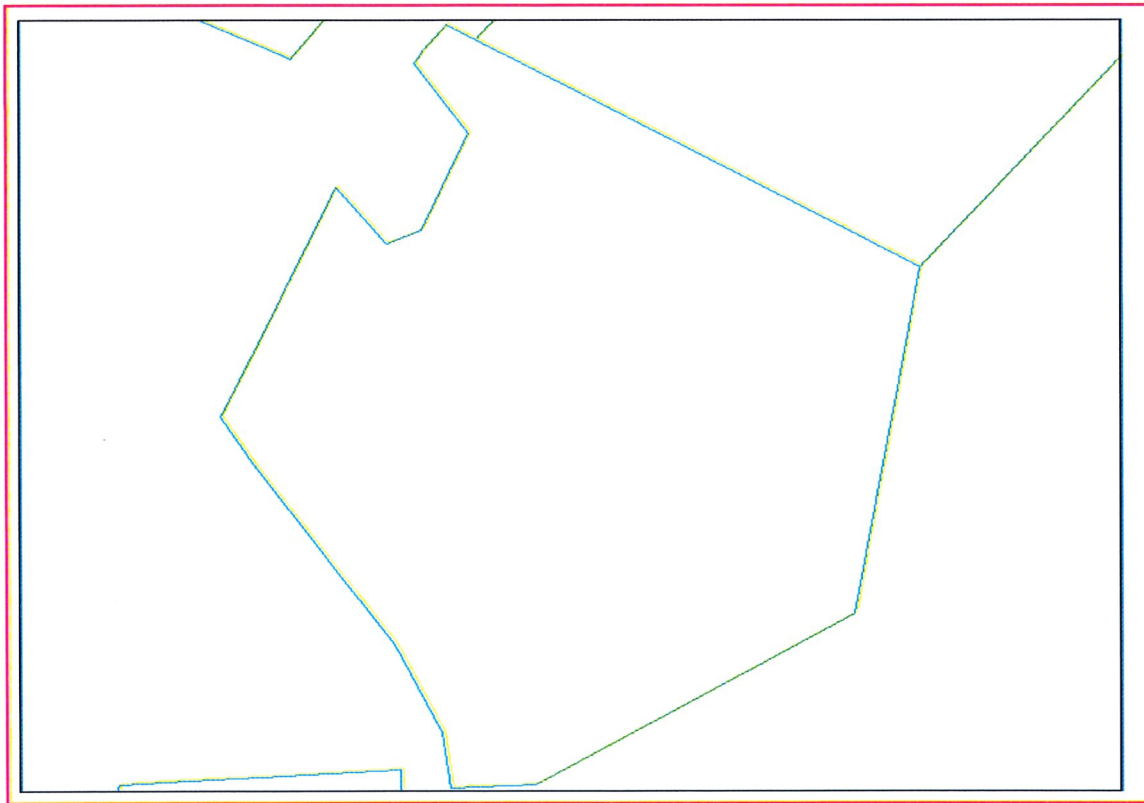
Attention: Ivan Pasalich

Email: ivan@dabyneplanning.com.au

Dear Sir or Madam:

**AHIMS Web Service search for the following area at Lot : 1, DP:DP1195135 with a Buffer of 0 meters, conducted by Ivan Pasalich on 25 February 2020.**

The context area of your search is shown in the map below. Please note that the map does not accurately display the exact boundaries of the search as defined in the paragraph above. The map is to be used for general reference purposes only.



A search of the Office of the Environment and Heritage AHIMS Web Services (Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System) has shown that:

<b>0</b>	<b>Aboriginal sites are recorded in or near the above location.</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>Aboriginal places have been declared in or near the above location.*</b>

### **If your search shows Aboriginal sites or places what should you do?**

- You must do an extensive search if AHIMS has shown that there are Aboriginal sites or places recorded in the search area.
- If you are checking AHIMS as a part of your due diligence, refer to the next steps of the Due Diligence Code of practice.
- You can get further information about Aboriginal places by looking at the gazettal notice that declared it. Aboriginal places gazetted after 2001 are available on the [NSW Government Gazette](http://www.nsw.gov.au/gazette) (<http://www.nsw.gov.au/gazette>) website. Gazettal notices published prior to 2001 can be obtained from Office of Environment and Heritage's Aboriginal Heritage Information Unit upon request

### **Important information about your AHIMS search**

- The information derived from the AHIMS search is only to be used for the purpose for which it was requested. It is not be made available to the public.
- AHIMS records information about Aboriginal sites that have been provided to Office of Environment and Heritage and Aboriginal places that have been declared by the Minister;
- Information recorded on AHIMS may vary in its accuracy and may not be up to date .Location details are recorded as grid references and it is important to note that there may be errors or omissions in these recordings,
- Some parts of New South Wales have not been investigated in detail and there may be fewer records of Aboriginal sites in those areas. These areas may contain Aboriginal sites which are not recorded on AHIMS.
- Aboriginal objects are protected under the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974 even if they are not recorded as a site on AHIMS.
- This search can form part of your due diligence and remains valid for 12 months.