



Indigenous Due Diligence Statement

This statement is prepared in conjunction with information sourced from, but not limited to, the NSW Department of Environment & Heritage and the NSW Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water

Proposed Development: Installation of 'Manufactured Home as Secondary Dwelling'
Address of Proposal: Lot 8 / DP 238892 – 185 Church Street MUDGEE 2850
LALC: Mudgee



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Introduction

The development site is located within the area of the Local Aboriginal Land Council area. The generic due diligence process outlined in the Due Diligence Code of Practice for the Protection of Aboriginal Objects in NSW has been undertaken to ensure that an adequate due diligence process that addresses Aboriginal cultural heritage issues has been undertaken. This process follows the following five steps:

1. Will the activity disturb the ground surface?

The proposal is for a new 'Secondary Dwelling on an established lot of land. The proposal will disturb the ground to allow the installation of the new dwelling. There are multiple piers holes required.

There will also be drainage and sewer trenches required for connection of services. The earthworks would be considered minimal, and result is a degree of disturbance to the ground surface.

As a result of this these works and activities there will be substantial disturbance to the site.

2. (a) Search of AHIMS database

In accordance with the code, an online search was carried out of the Aboriginal Heritage Information Management Service (AHIMS) that is maintained by the NSW Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water. This search is part of the due diligence process and remains valid for 12 months.

A search of Lot 8 / DP 238892 was performed in September 2024. The search covered a buffer area of 200metres. The search results are:

An advanced search of the site covered a circle from the middle of the lot 50metres in every direction. This search effectively covered everywhere within the immediate vicinity of the lot of this proposal. As a result of that search:

There are NO Aboriginal sites recorded in or near the selected location, and there are NO Aboriginal places that have been declared in or within 50metres of the selected location.

The AHIMS Search result is attached to this application.

It is noted that surveys for Aboriginal objects have not been carried out in all parts of NSW and Aboriginal objects may exist on a parcel of land even though they have not been recorded in the AHIMS database.

Further, not all known Aboriginal sites are registered on the AHIMS database and not all sites consist of physical evidence or remains, eg Dreaming and ceremonial sites.

2. (b) Activities in area where landscape features indicate the presence of Aboriginal objects

The area of the proposal is in an established R1 General Residential in Mudgee.

This area has been subject been developed with home for over 40 years and as such has seen much human activity in that time. Even though the lot subject to this application is developed it has been partially cleared and maintained for an amount of time. If an artefact or similar object was on the lot, it would be reasonable to say that it would have already been discovered. there is always a risk that there could be an unidentified aboriginal object however, it is highly unlikely that such an object would be found.

The location of the property may well be in an area that could have an object as the landscape features prior to settlement could well have been an area of aboriginal activity.

In this instance the earthworks contractors will be instructed to proceed with caution and cease work immediately if an object or artefact is found.

3. Can you avoid harm to the object or disturbance of the landscape features?

The very nature of earthworks on a construction site involves the use of some machinery. Given the length of time this land has been subject to activity (clearing and maintenance it is highly unlikely that any artefact or object would be found on the lot.

There is however a remote chance that an unknown object or artefact may be on the property and as such earthworks contractors will be instructed to proceed with caution to avoid any damage to any unknown find.

Earthworks contractors will be instructed to proceed with caution and cease work immediately if an object or artefact is found and contact National Parks and Council

4. Desktop assessment and visual inspection

A desktop assessment has been carried out by an investigation of Aboriginal Objects listed in the AHIMS website. Neither the AHIMS search or a visual inspection of the site revealed the presence of any object or items of Aboriginal origin.

5. Further investigation and impact assessment

No further investigations, such as an extensive search of AHIMS records, are deemed necessary given there are no recorded sites or places at Lot 8 / DP238892 or within the 200metres buffer surrounding Lot 8.

However, council may impose a condition of consent to comply with provisions of the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974 should any evidence of Aboriginal occupation be found during site works. An Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit may be required if indigenous heritage objects are found.

