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Dear Jesse,

Preliminary assessment results for the Safety Improvement Work between Wagga Wagga and Buronga on Sturt Highway (HW14) project. The key features of this project are listed below.

- Road edge repair and road widening at various locations including required ancillary works such as culvert and drainage structure widening.
- Reinstatement of a hazard free roadside where possible by; removing trees, maintenance of vegetation regrowth, batter flattening and table drain reshaping.
- Installation of roadside safety barriers at various locations where a hazard free roadside cannot be achieved (nominally 10m from the existing carriageway edge line).
- Intersection upgrades at various locations.
- Road signage upgrades.
- Installation of new audio tactile line-marking in line with Transport policy.
- Reinstatement of line marking and raised pavement markers on completion.
- Beneficial re-use of surplus material from other road projects located nearby.

Based on Stage 1 of the ***Procedure for Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation and Investigation*** (PACHCI) and incorporating the Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System (AHIMS) data, it has been assessed as being unlikely to have an impact on Aboriginal Cultural Heritage.

The assessment is based on the following due diligence considerations:

- The project is unlikely to harm known Aboriginal objects or places.
- The AHIMS searches did not indicate moderate to high concentrations of Aboriginal objects or places in the study area.
- The study area does not contain landscape features that indicate the presence of Aboriginal objects, based on the Office of Environment and Heritage's Due diligence Code of Practice for the Protection of Aboriginal objects in NSW and the Transport for NSW procedure.
- The cultural heritage potential of the study area appears to be reduced due to past disturbance. (Previous road construction)

**Safeguards:**

Please be vigilant for further potential Aboriginal objects when constructions commences.

Your project may proceed in accordance with the environmental impact assessment process, as relevant, and all other relevant approvals.

If the scope of your project changes, you must contact Desmond Smith, Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Officer and your regional environmental staff to reassess any potential impacts on Aboriginal cultural heritage.

TfNSW staff and/or contractors should be aware of the potential of Aboriginal objects (including skeletal remains) being discovered during the course of the project, if this occurs all works in the vicinity of the find must cease.

Follow the steps outlined in the Roads and Maritime Services' ***Unexpected Archaeological Finds Procedure***.

For further assistance in this matter do not hesitate to contact Desmond Smith.

Yours sincerely

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