

AHR Instrument: AHDR5920

Applicant: Naresh Bista (West Tamar Council)

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RECORD OF ADVICE FROM ABORIGINAL HERITAGE TASMANIA

This document provides a record of advice relating to an application submitted in accordance with the [Aboriginal Heritage Standards and Procedures](#), as adopted by the [Guidelines](#) issued under section 21A of the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1975*.

Activity: Gravelly Beach Foreshore Master Plan (Precinct 2)

Advice: Please see next page.

All Aboriginal heritage is protected under the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1975*. It is an offence to destroy, damage, deface, conceal, or otherwise interfere with a relic (Aboriginal heritage) without a permit granted by the Minister. If at any time Aboriginal heritage is suspected, the process outlined in the [Unanticipated Discovery Plan](#) should be followed as there is an obligation to report findings of Aboriginal heritage as soon as practicable.

As explained in the Guidelines, obtaining this record of advice does not exempt a person from their obligations under the Act but is an important element of the actions summarised in the Guidelines. To be sure that you have “in so far as is practicable ... complied with the guidelines” (s.21(1) of the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1975*), be sure to read the relevant part and take any other action that may be relevant to your situation.

This advice is valid for 12 months and only for the activity as described in the Aboriginal Heritage Desktop Review application.

Please contact Aboriginal Heritage Tasmania on 1300 487 045 or aboriginal@heritage.tas.gov.au if you require further information.

Disclaimer *The advice contained within this document is based on information available to Aboriginal Heritage Tasmania at the time of its preparation and is provided in good faith. It does not constitute legal advice, is not intended to be a substitute for legal advice and should not be relied upon as such. Proponents should seek specialist legal advice, if required, regarding the Aboriginal Heritage Act 1975 when applying the information to their specific needs.*

Further advice or comments:

There is no known Aboriginal heritage recorded within the proposed works area associated with Precinct 2 of the Gravelly Beach Foreshore Master Plan. It is noted that the works will largely be located within the tidal zone. It is also noted the land-based activities will be located within areas that have seen high levels of previous disturbance relating to the construction of Gravelly Beach Road, use as informal parking, and underground services.

Following a review of previous reports, and noting the degree of previous modification, it is believed there is a low likelihood of Aboriginal heritage being present. However please be aware that Aboriginal heritage is known to be present elsewhere along the Tamar River, and the potential for unanticipated discoveries cannot be entirely ruled out.

Accordingly, AHT advise that the works should be guided by the attached Unanticipated Discovery Plan.

It is noted that there are future plans to develop the surrounding area as part of the Gravelly Beach Masterplan, however as per your request this current advice concerns the Gravelly Beach Village Centre only. Please contact AHT for further advice regarding the additional areas in the early planning stages.

Please note, this advice should not be taken as endorsement or approval for the project as West Tamar Council will need to obtain the relevant permissions from Tasmania Parks and Wildlife Service (copied into this email) who are the land manager.

Attached for reference are some information sheets about the type of Aboriginal heritage found in the surrounding Tamar foreshore area (predominantly stone artefacts and shell middens). These information sheets may also be distributed to your works personnel to assist them in recognizing these Aboriginal heritage site types.