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Subject: AHDR5008 - EIA - Esplanade to Visitor Centre Track Project - Freycinet National Park and Coles Bay Conservation Area

RE: ABORIGINAL HERITAGE DESKTOP REVIEW

**AHDR5008 - EIA - Esplanade to Visitor Centre Track Project -
Freycinet National Park and Coles Bay Conservation Area**

Dear Andrew,

I am responding to your request for comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for the Freycinet Esplanade to Visitor Centre Track Project.

Aboriginal Heritage Tasmania (AHT) note that the proposed alignment shown in the Draft EIA was subject to an Aboriginal heritage assessment in 2020 by Cultural Heritage Management Australia (CHMA) and Aboriginal Heritage Officer Vernon Graham, with no Aboriginal heritage identified. AHT also note that the alignment was highlighted by the Aboriginal heritage consultants as the preferred option due to the reduced likelihood of undetected Aboriginal heritage. Accordingly, AHT advise that the management recommendations outlined within the Aboriginal heritage assessment report, and found on page 29 of the Draft EIA, should be followed.

In addition, AHT advise that PWS are to ensure that all works personnel are briefed and understand the process outlined within the Unanticipated Discover Plan (attached), and their obligations under *the Aboriginal Heritage Act 1975* (the Act) prior to works commencing. PWS should also ensure that all works personnel are briefed about the cultural sensitivity of the Freycinet area and the potential for unanticipated discoveries.

Please be aware that all Aboriginal heritage in Tasmania is protected under the Act. There are requirements under the Act to report Aboriginal heritage and not to impact Aboriginal heritage without a permit granted by the Minister. The Unanticipated Discovery Plan should be kept on hand during all ground disturbance and construction works. If at any point you or your works personnel suspect Aboriginal heritage, the process described within the Unanticipated Discovery Plan is to be immediately implemented.

Please be aware that all Aboriginal site location information is confidential and not for public dissemination. Any mapping and coordinates contained within the report is for project planning purposes only, and cannot be used for any other purpose without written permission from AHT. If the report is to be made publicly available, all site location information (coordinates and mapping) must first be redacted.

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

Kind regards,

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