

## Submission on the referral

### Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics – Paru Road upgrade, Melville Island

This submission is made under regulation 53 of the Environment Protection Regulations 2020

**Government authority:** Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority (the Authority)

Section of Referral	Theme or issue	Comment
Main report - section 2.2	NT Legislation Context in relation to AAPA Authority Certificate	<p>The project location, as illustrated in Figure 1, is entirely covered by the subject land addressed in Authority Certificate C2020/087, issued by the Authority on 8 December 2020 to Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics. The works covered by Authority Certificate C2020/087 include major road works, including road construction, earth disturbing works and extraction of materials.</p> <p>The subject land addressed by Authority Certificate C2020/087 extends beyond the Project Area illustrated in Figure 1.</p> <p>The Authority notes that the <i>Northern Territory Aboriginal Sacred Sites Act</i> is 1989 (not 2013).</p>
Main report pages 13, 24	Authority Certificate	The text refers to Certificate number RA2020/93. The Authority clarifies that this is a reference number. The Authority Certificate should be referred to by the Certificate number C2020/087.
Main Report – section 3.4 Social and Cultural Environment	Authority Certificate	The Authority clarifies that Authority Certificate C2020/087 contains conditions relating to 4 Restricted Works Areas to protect Aboriginal Sacred Sites.
Main report – section 5 Potential Environmental Impacts and Management Measures	5.14 Cultural Heritage	The Authority considers that the referral has adequately addressed potential impacts to cultural values associated with Aboriginal sacred sites.