

## Emma Lewis

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**From:** Dianne Bensley <Dianne.Bensley@nt.gov.au>  
**Sent:** Friday, 30 September 2022 3:43 PM  
**To:** Alice Nicholl  
**Cc:** Emma Lewis  
**Subject:** RE: Heritage sites - Hundred of Bagot Sections 2295, 4231 and 4229

Hi Alice,

Thanks for your email. In relation to the area in question, I can confirm that there has not been any further registration or declaration of any heritage sites since the initial assessment was undertaken in 2014 or since the correspondence in 2020. As for the Sidney Williams Hut, we don't really have any expectations or requirements for structures that have not been nominated to the NT Heritage Register. That's not to say that we would necessarily approve of its removal or disturbance, rather that if it's not nominated or a declared heritage place, then we have no say in the matter. There are a number of very good, representative examples of Sidney Williams Huts that are on the NT Heritage Register though, so the potential impact of this project on the Sidney Williams hut in question would not rate very highly. There is the possibility of arranging for the removal of it to another location, if there was interest in preserving it, but that would be an issue for the current owner.

Regards,  
Di

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**From:** Alice Nicholl <Alice.Nicholl@ecoz.com.au>  
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**Subject:** Heritage sites - Hundred of Bagot Sections 2295, 4231 and 4229

Good morning Di,

Can you please conduct a search for any registered or declared NT Heritage sites or archaeological sites that may be in the area within Hundred of Bagot Sections 2295, 4231 and 4229? Currently the land is Vacant Crown Land. I have attached a map of the area of interest, it surrounds the current Palmerston Regional Hospital (Section 7773).

Previously in 2014 an archaeological assessment was undertaken over the area and identified a number of concrete slabs that were constructed during World War II. Consultation with the Heritage Branch back in 2014 regarding Sections 4231 and 4229 was undertaken and it was indicated that the slabs are unlikely to be of significance and therefore no further assessment is required. This was then confirmed again by the Heritage Branch in 2020 (see attached email).

Recently, Section 2295 has been identified as part of a proposal for development. The 2014 archaeological assessment identified a building with Section 2295 as potentially being a Sidney Williams hut, a typical structure found in the Darwin area during WWII. Given this has not previously been included in correspondence with the Heritage Branch, I was hoping you could provide some advice regarding expectations or requirements of the Heritage Branch should this structure be impacted by a proposed project.

I just want to confirm:

- That there has not been any further registration or declaration of any heritage sites since the initial assessment was undertaken in 2014 or since the correspondence in 2020.
- Expectations or requirements of the Heritage Branch should the potential Sidney Williams hut structure be impacted by a proposed project.

Thanks,



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