

## Submission on the referral

### Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics (DIPL) – Holtze Development Area

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

**Government authority:** Department of Territory Families, Communities and Housing – Heritage Branch

Section of Referral	Theme or issue	Comment
Main report – section 2.2.2 Significant sites or features	Aboriginal Heritage sites  Sidney Williams Hut in Section 2295	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>While no Aboriginal archaeological sites were identified within the project boundary, it is noted that ground surface visibility was very low (5%) at the time of the 2014 archaeological survey. The existence of recorded Aboriginal archaeological sites on adjacent land south of the project boundary suggests the possibility of archaeological sites near the headwaters of Mitchell Creek in the southern part of Lot 4321. If that area is proposed for future development, Heritage Branch recommends further archaeological survey when there is greater ground surface visibility as an additional mitigation procedure.</li> <li>In regards to the Sidney Williams Hut on Section 2295 - material included in Appendix C does not accurately reflect the full discussion with Heritage Branch about the current condition of this hut. Further correspondence and evidence regarding the deterioration of the Sidney Williams Hut which occurred between the 2014 Archaeology Report and a site inspection in 2022 should be included in this Referral Report.</li> </ul>
7.2.5 Mitigation		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Heritage Branch recommends that the inclusion of a mitigation strategy for unexpected archaeological finds be considered in the proposed mitigation measures.</li> </ul>
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