

## Submission on the referral

### RTA Gove Operations Pty Ltd – Closure Works at Pond 2 West

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

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

Section of Referral	Theme or issue	Comment
Main report Figure 2 Pg 8	Works outside Authority Certificate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The proponent holds Authority Certificate C2023/081 for the works described. However, the proposed works in the referral are outside the Authority Certificate subject land.</li> <li>We recommend the proponent contact AAPA regarding a Variation to the Authority Certificate.</li> </ul>
Main report 6.4 Pg 33	Aboriginal sacred sites	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The proponent does not refer to their Authority Certificate as a way to meet the objectives of the Culture and Heritage factor.</li> <li>The proponent refers to archaeology and heritage but not Aboriginal sacred sites. An Authority Certificate is the appropriate way to ensure the protection of sacred sites.</li> </ul>