



Googong Dam Catchment Realignment Proposal

Heritage Desktop Report

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Report for Googong Township Pty Ltd

1 Project Background

This proposal is referred to as the Dam Catchment Realignment (DCR) proposal. The DCR proposal was initially part of a broader administrative LEP amendment proposed by Googong Township Pty Ltd (GTPL) to the Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Local Environmental Plan (QPRLEP). Initial consultation was undertaken with key stakeholders in 2021, including the Googong Foreshore Interface Management Strategy (GFIMS) working group.

The proposal relates to the following two lots:

Lot 11 DP 1266001 (PTWL Conservation Area)

Lot 6 DP 1294382

The intent is to:

1. Rezone all of the land within the PTWL Conservation Area from R5 Large Lot Residential to C2 Conservation.
2. Make a number of minor adjustments to the zone boundaries along the interface between Neighbourhoods 4 and 5 so that the zone boundaries align with future development areas.

The intention is that the Yellow Box Reserve is rezoned from R1 General Residential to C2 Conservation and the boundary between the residential and conservation zones adjacent to NH4&5 aligns with the proposed development area.

During the Gateway Determination negotiation process with DPHI and CPHR there were further amendments to the proposed zone boundaries and layout which resulted in the conservation of an additional Aboriginal site. Site GNH3-5 02 was to be impacted by the rezoning but now it will no longer be.

The proposal will result in change to the area of residential and conservation land in the table below.

Table 1-1 Summary of Changes to Areas

	Current	Proposed
Area of Residential	49.404	11.43
Area of Conservation	11.24	49.214
Total	60.644	60,644

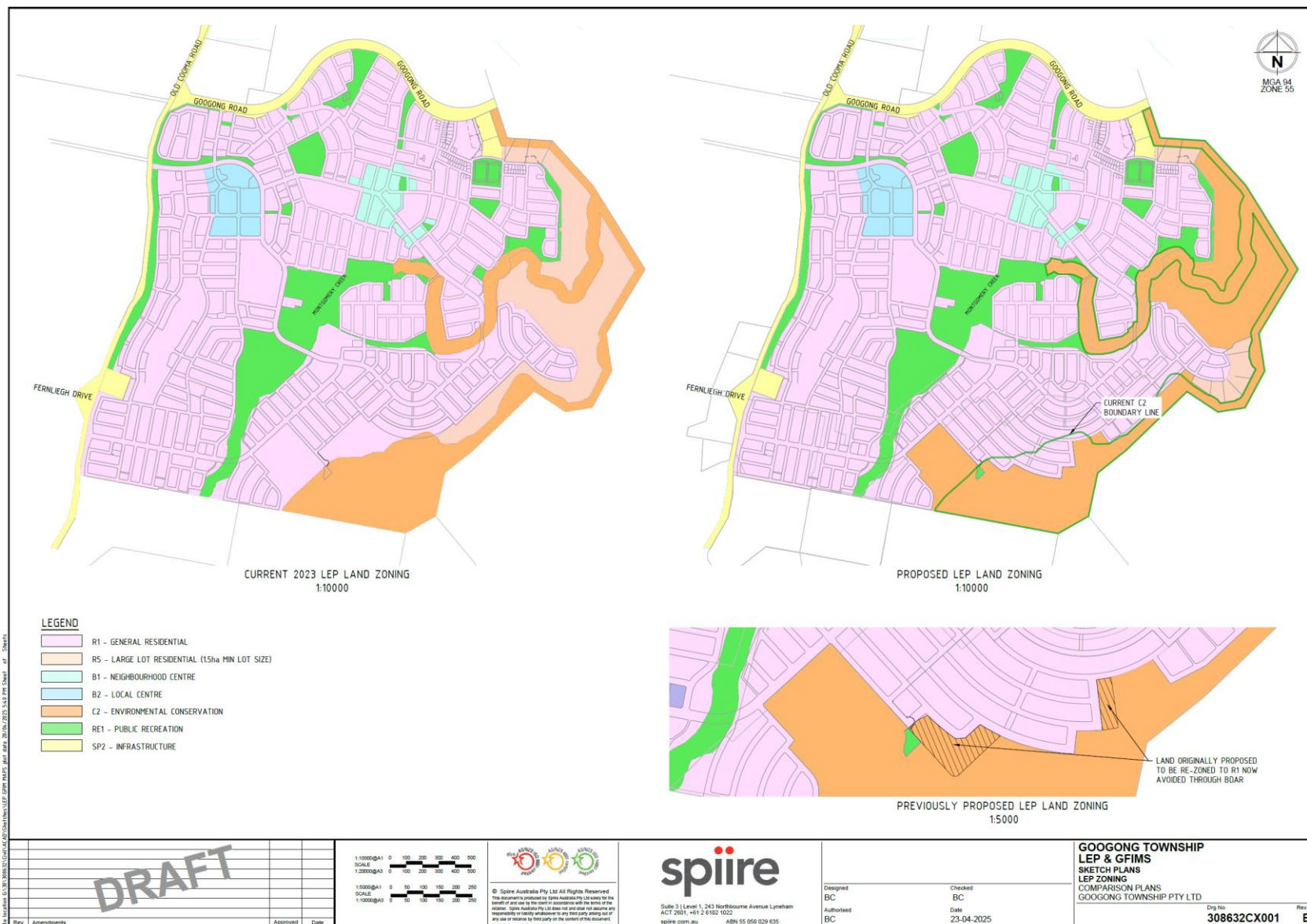


Figure 1-1 Depiction of Change

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2 Aboriginal Heritage in the project area

An Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment that includes the project area was compiled by NOHC in 2021. Of the sites documented in the report 17 are located in the current project area, see Table 2-1 and Figure 2-1.

Table 2-1 Aboriginal sites in the project area

Site name	AHIMS number	Site feature
GNH3-5 01	57-2-1139	Artefact Scatter
GNH3-5 02	57-2-1140	Isolated Find
GNH3-5 03	57-2-1141	Isolated Find
GNH3-5 04	57-2-1142	Isolated Find
GA1	57-2-0368	Artefact Scatter
GA18	57-2-0384	Isolated Find
GRW17	57-2-0996	Artefact scatter
GRW18	57-2-0997	Isolated Find
GRW21	57-2-0998	Isolated Find
GRW22	57-2-0979	Artefact scatter
GRW23	57-2-0389	Artefact scatter
GRW24	57-2-0390	Isolated find
GRW25	57-2-1001	Isolated Find
GRW2020-1	57-2-1126	Artefact scatter
GRW2020-2	57-2-1125	Isolated find
GRW Cultural Feature	57-2-1004	Cultural Feature
GPAD21	57-2-1008	PAD

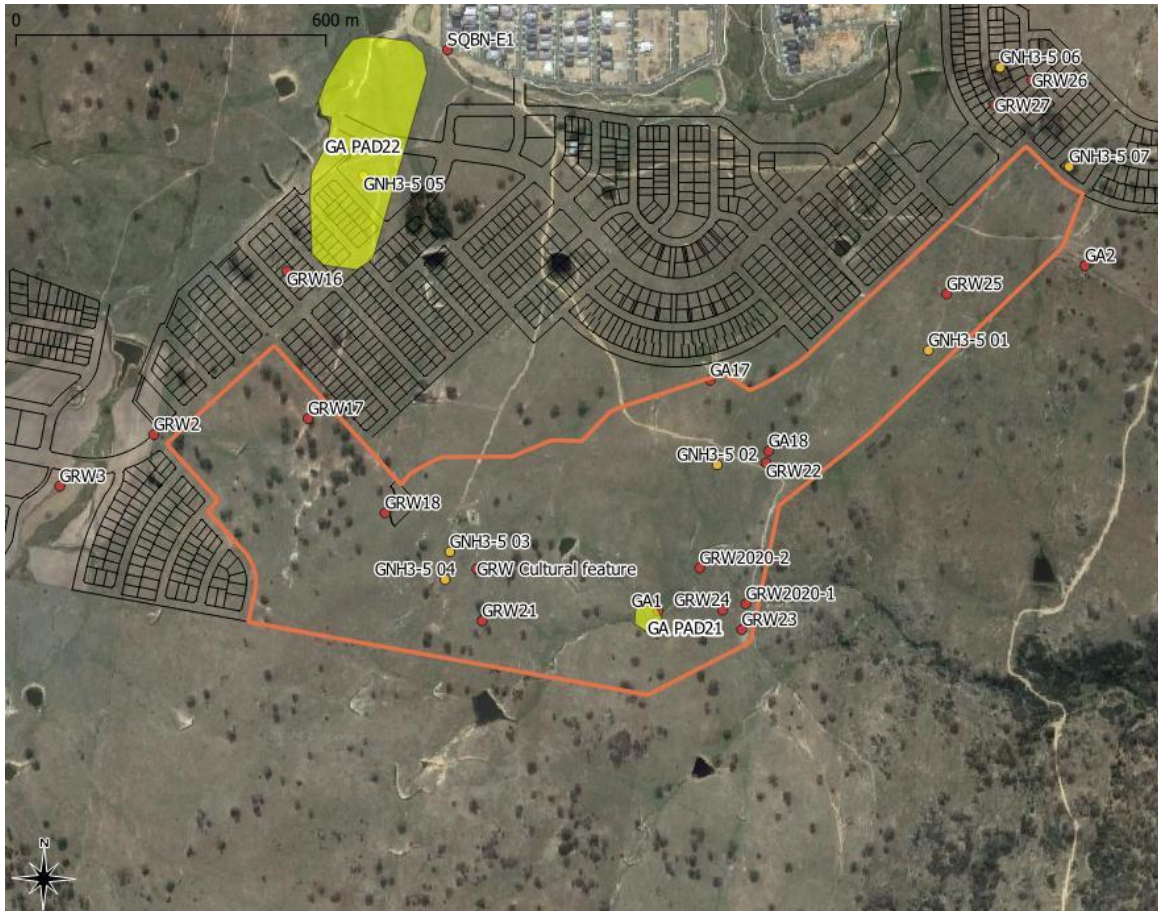


Figure 2-1 Aboriginal sites in the project area

2.1 Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit #5022

An Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit (AHIP) was granted for Googong Neighbourhoods 3-5 on 21 December 2022 (AHIP#5022). A site collection was completed of sites that were to be directly impacted in April 2023, see Figure 2-2 for the location of collected sites (NOHC 2024). As per the AHIP surface collection was attempted at the following sites:

SQBN -E1	GRW26
GA17	GRW27
GRW2	GNH3-5 05
GRW3	GNH3-5 06
GRW16	GNH3-5 07
GRW25	

The AHIP included allowance for impact to site GRW17, however this site is not going to be impacted by the project and has been left in place.

The ACHAR and AHIP identified that all of the sites listed in table 2-1, except GRW25, are in conservation areas and will not be harmed by the project and have therefore not been collected and remain within the project area.

Following the collection all collected artefacts including those collected as part of the test excavation program were returned to country on the 15th March 2024 to the location depicted below in Figure 2.3.



Figure 2-2 AHIP#5022 boundary, collected sites=green and sites not collected=purple



Figure 2-3 Artefact return to country location

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3 Impact from the current proposal

There are no additional Aboriginal site that will be impacted by the rezoning changes (Figure 3-1). Site GRW25 has been collected under AHIP #5022 and no further AHIP or mitigation is required. The remaining 16 sites will remain within the Dam Catchment Boundary or within areas identified for conservation.

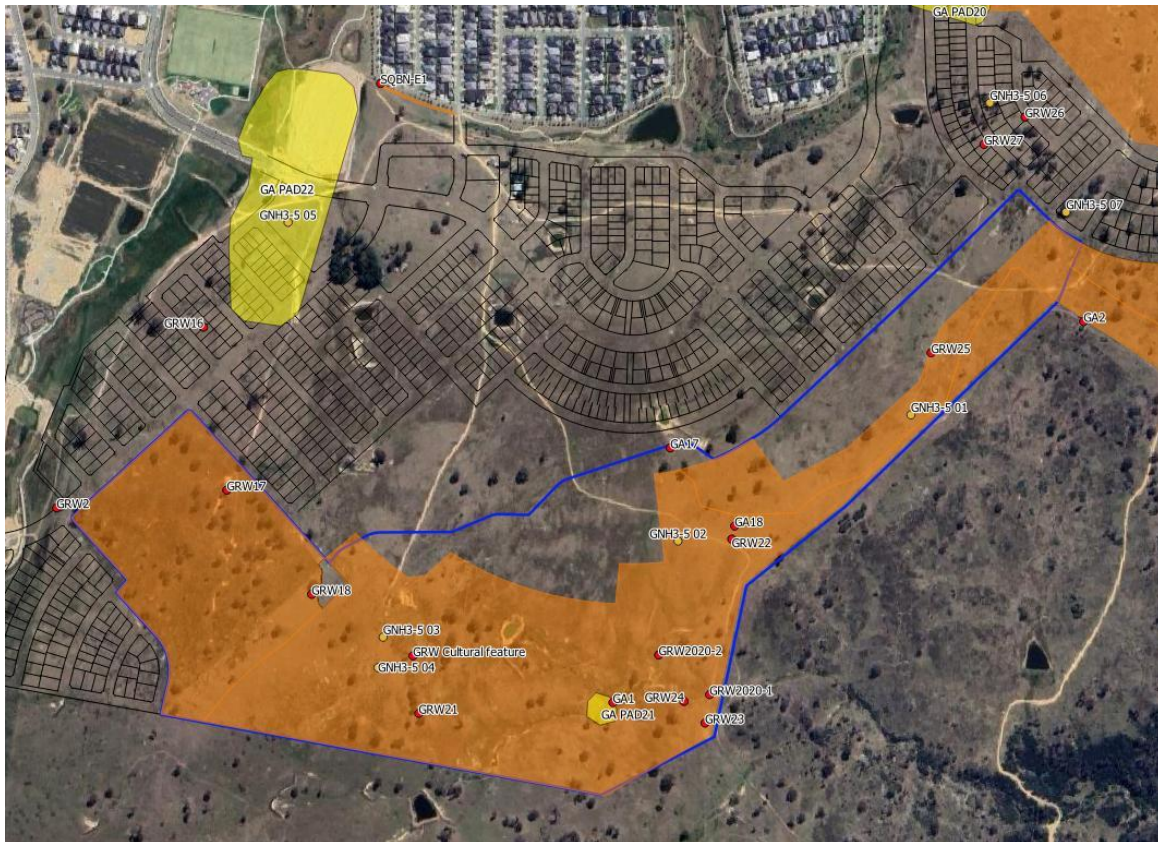


Figure 3-1 Future residential zoning conservation areas (orange) and Aboriginal site locations

4 Conclusions

There are no additional impacts to Aboriginal heritage from this proposal and no mitigation measures are necessary.