

NOTES FROM MEETING WITH JERRINJA LOCAL ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL

This meeting is part of the determination process.

Meeting note taken by: Alana Jelfs Date: 24 July 2018 Time: 09.00am

Project: West Culburra Concept Proposal (SSD 3846) & Long Bow Point Golf Course (SSD 8406)

Meeting Place: Jerrinja Aboriginal Land Council Medical Centre, Orsova Parade, Orient Point NSW 2540

Attendees:

IPC Members:

Mary O'Kane (Chair), Ross Carter, Ilona Millar

IPC Secretariat:

Alana Jelfs (Senior Planning Officer)

Jerrinja Local Aboriginal Land Council / Traditional Custodians:

Delia Low (Deputy Chair), Alfred Wellington (CEO), Grace Crossley, Ronald Carberry, Graham Connolly Jnr

Meeting Purpose:

For the Jerrinja Local Aboriginal Land Council (LALC) to meet with the Commission and discuss the West Culburra Concept proposal and the Long Bow Point Golf Course project.

The meeting commenced with a walk over the Roseby Park Reserve and the meeting was held on the reserve. The following matters were discussed:

- Jerrinja land extends around the Crookhaven River foreshore with numerous landholdings around the bay. The reserve has views over the Crookhaven River and across to Mount Coolangatta;
- the Roseby Park Reserve is the site of the former Roseby Mission. Mrs. Lowe explained that the Jerrinja Tribal Council made the first Aboriginal Land Claim for areas in Orient Point and Culburra Beach;
- Mr. Wellington explained that the Crookhaven River has always been used by the Jerrinja people and provided the main source of food. However, since the river has been used for commercial fishing, there has been a significant decline in fishery populations within the river;
- Jerrinja site officers have done some survey work to support cultural heritage assessments undertaken in the area;
- There are a number of midden sites in the surrounding area that are culturally significant to the Jerrinja people. Mrs. Lowe explained the significance of the midden sites to the Jerrinja people and their effect on food lifecycle. The Jerrinja believe that when shellfish is eaten, and shells are left in the one place, the shellfish would come back to the group. Protection of middens is important to the Jerrinja people and beliefs held around food lifecycle;
- Lake Wollumboola is a sensitive ecosystem, opening to the sea intermittently and therefore does not get flushed often. The lake is an important breeding ground for birds and fish. Mr Carberry and Mr Connolly Jnr explained that the lake catchment contains an important fish trap site;
- Lake Wollumboola has always been used for its cultural resources up until today. The lake is geographically situated between
 the Bundarwa, the Jerrinja birth place and the Cullunghutti, on the eastern ridge of Mount Cullunghutti is the departure site
 when Jerrinja people pass on and go into the spiritual world;
- Mrs. Lowe explained there is an important women's Dreamtime track near Kinghorn Point. The area covers from the upper Bid Bid Creek across to Callala Creek down to where it enters Lake Wollumboola;
- The Jerrinja strongly believe in educating young Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people about the importance of midden sites and significance of Lake Wollumboola. Information can be provided at sites through interpretation signage, which has been done in areas throughout the Shoalhaven;
- In relation to the West Culburra Concept Proposal and the Long Bow Point Golf Course, the Jerrinja said it would support opportunities for young indigenous people to be employed in these developments, however they had not been in discussion with the applicant regarding such opportunities;
- The Jerrinja community hold a lot more cultural knowledge regarding the whole of the Wollumboola and Crookhaven catchments.

Meeting closed at: 10.15pm