Targeted Cultural Values Inspection of PSP 1059 Beveridge North West

Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation

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This document presents the results of a site inspection at PSP 1059 Beveridge North West, prepared for the Metropolitan Planning Authority (now the Victorian Planning Authority) by the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation.

This report is not a compliance document under the Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006 and is not equivalent to a Cultural Heritage Management Plan. Access to any cultural information must be obtained by written approval from the Wurundjeri Corporation.

This report details the results of a targeted cultural values inspection of the original Future Urban Structure (FUS) plan as identified within, and was accurate at the time of reporting. The Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation has since been informed that changes have been made to the original FUS. These changes have not been inspected by the Wurundjeri Corporation. Therefore, this report only applies to the original FUS plan as identified within. The Wurundjeri Corporation does not at this stage endorse the amended and exhibited version of the FUS.
Summary

The summary below applies to the targeted cultural values inspection of a superseded Future Urban Structure (FUS) plan for PSP 1059 Beveridge North West as set out in Figure 3, and was accurate and representative of Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation’s position, regarding the FUS plan, at the time of drafting this report (October 2014). Since that time, the Wurundjeri Corporation has been informed by the VPA that changes have been made to the original FUS plan. These changes have not been subjected to targeted on-ground inspection by the Wurundjeri Corporation. Therefore, this report and the summary below only applies to the 2014 FUS plan as identified in Figure 3. The Wurundjeri Corporation does not at this stage endorse the amended and exhibited version of the FUS plan.

- Wurundjeri Corporation endorses the Future Urban Structure Plan (as set out in Figure 3) on the condition that Wurundjeri is appropriately consulted and engaged during the CHMP assessment process, which is to precede any development of the land.

- It is not possible to identify with certainty the presence, nature, extent, and significance of Aboriginal cultural material within the subject area without undertaking a comprehensive archaeological investigation. It is important to the Wurundjeri Corporation that preservation of native vegetation, and attempts at minimising impact to sensitive landforms, are being considered when planning the construction of frog ponds, drainage basins, passive open spaces and bridge structures. This includes flat-topped escarpments which overlook Kalkallo Creek, undisturbed river alluvial terraces, rock exposures, and areas that contain native vegetation. These areas frequently contain Aboriginal cultural material within the wider region.

- Anywhere within 200m of Kalkallo Creek is an area of cultural heritage sensitivity as defined by The Aboriginal Heritage Regulations (2018: 14, Reg. 26), and therefore, further archaeological investigations would be required prior to the construction of any frog ponds, drainage basins, passive open space and bridge structures.

- Anywhere within 50m of a registered Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Place is an area of cultural sensitivity as defined by The Aboriginal Heritage Regulations (2018: 14, Reg. 25), and therefore, further archaeological investigations would be required prior to the construction of any frog ponds, drainage basins, passive open space and bridge structures within 50m of the previously recorded VAHR Aboriginal cultural heritage places.

- Incorporation of cultural values into the precinct can be developed through a collaborative approach between the Wurundjeri Corporation and land managers in a number of ways; for example, by incorporating Wurundjeri land management practices into any retained natural open spaces, or by including interpretive signage and Woi wurrung naming of places and/or plant and animal species along Kalkallo Creek.

- All Woi wurrung language, phrases and words used in naming, interpretations etc. must be approved by the Wurundjeri Corporation.