

Stornoway Quarrying

Raeburn Quarry

Development Proposal and Environmental
Management Plan

APPENDIX G

Aboriginal Site Survey

Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Survey Stornoway Quarry



Stornoway Quarry, Northern Tasmania

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Summary

This report presents the findings of an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment of a proposed quarry off Western Junction near Evandale, Northern Tasmania (see Appendix A). The purpose of this assessment was to locate any indicators of Aboriginal heritage values within the footprint of a proposed extension to the existing quarry and establish the potential for Aboriginal heritage sites to be impacted by the proposed development, through a search of the Tasmanian Aboriginal Site Index (TASI) and a systematic field survey. This assessment was commissioned by John Miedecke on behalf Stornoway Quarries.

The field assessment was carried out during January 2009 by Aboriginal Heritage Consultant, Rocky Sainty. No indicators of Aboriginal cultural heritage were identified during the field assessment.

Study Area and Environment

(see attached map)

Research

Prior to European occupation this area and its surrounds was used regularly by Aborigines. A number of Aboriginal placenames have been recorded for country all across Tasmania. The people of this area consisted of small clans or family groups, who frequented specific sites within the surrounding country (including the waterways) for food harvesting, camping, trade and ceremonial purposes. The Tasmanian Aboriginal community have a continued physical and spiritual connection with country. A number of Aboriginal sites have been recorded throughout the area, and unfortunately as many may have been impacted on by European farming and other land use practices and more recent development.

The Tasmanian Aboriginal Site Index (TASI) at Aboriginal Heritage Tasmania of the Department of Environment, Parks, Heritage and the Arts was inspected in order to determine if any Aboriginal sites had been recorded within the survey area or surrounding area. This research also assists in developing an understanding of the nature of any sites in the general area and allows a review of any previous studies in the area of field survey. The inspection of the TASI revealed that there are several previously recorded Aboriginal heritage sites within approximately 3km of the study area but none recorded within the footprint of the proposed quarry. These include three artefact scatters (TASI 0164, 0177 and 7632) two stone quarries (TASI 0227 and 1711) and an isolated artefact (TASI 7119).

Field Survey Methods

Maps and project plans of the quarry extension footprint were provided by John Miedecke (see Appendix A and B).

The field survey was undertaken by walking 1-2m transects over the entire impact zone of the proposed quarry extension. Surface visibility was poor across the project due to thick coverage of agricultural crops, conditions not favourable for finding Aboriginal heritage sites (see Appendix C). Some sections of clear ground were present along vehicle tracks which provided more favourable visibility.

Results and Discussion

No indicators of Aboriginal heritage were identified during the field survey. However, the assessment consisted of surface investigation only and due to the close proximity of other extensive Aboriginal heritage sites there is a possibility of Aboriginal heritage being present within the sub-soils.

Consultation

As there were no Aboriginal heritage values identified during this cultural heritage assessment, no consultation with the Aboriginal community or Aboriginal Heritage Tasmania (AHT) was undertaken.

Legislative Framework – *Aboriginal Relics Act 1975*

As contained under Section 14 (1) of the *Aboriginal Relics Act 1975*;
“Except as otherwise provided in this Act, no person shall, otherwise than in accordance with the terms of a permit granted by the Minister on the recommendation of the Director –

- (a) destroy, damage, deface, conceal, or otherwise interfere with a relic;
- (b) make a copy or replica of a carving or engraving that is a relic by rubbing, tracing, casting, or other means that involve direct contact with the carving or engraving;
- (c) remove a relic from the place where it is found or abandoned;
- (d) sell or offer or expose for sale, exchange, or otherwise dispose of a relic or any other object that so nearly resembles a relic as to be likely to deceive or be capable of being mistaken for a relic;
- (e) take a relic, or cause or permit a relic to be taken, out of this State; or
- (f) cause an excavation to be made or any other work to be carried out on Crown Land for the purpose of searching for a relic.”

Recommendations

No Aboriginal heritage sites were located within the proposed quarry extension during the field survey and therefore, no Permits under the *Aboriginal Relics Act 1975* are required. However, as noted above, there is a possibility of Aboriginal heritage being present within the sub-soils.

All Aboriginal heritage is protected under the *Aboriginal Relics Act 1975*. It is therefore recommended that if at any time during development works Aboriginal heritage is suspected, works must cease immediately and Aboriginal Heritage Tasmania be contacted for advice.

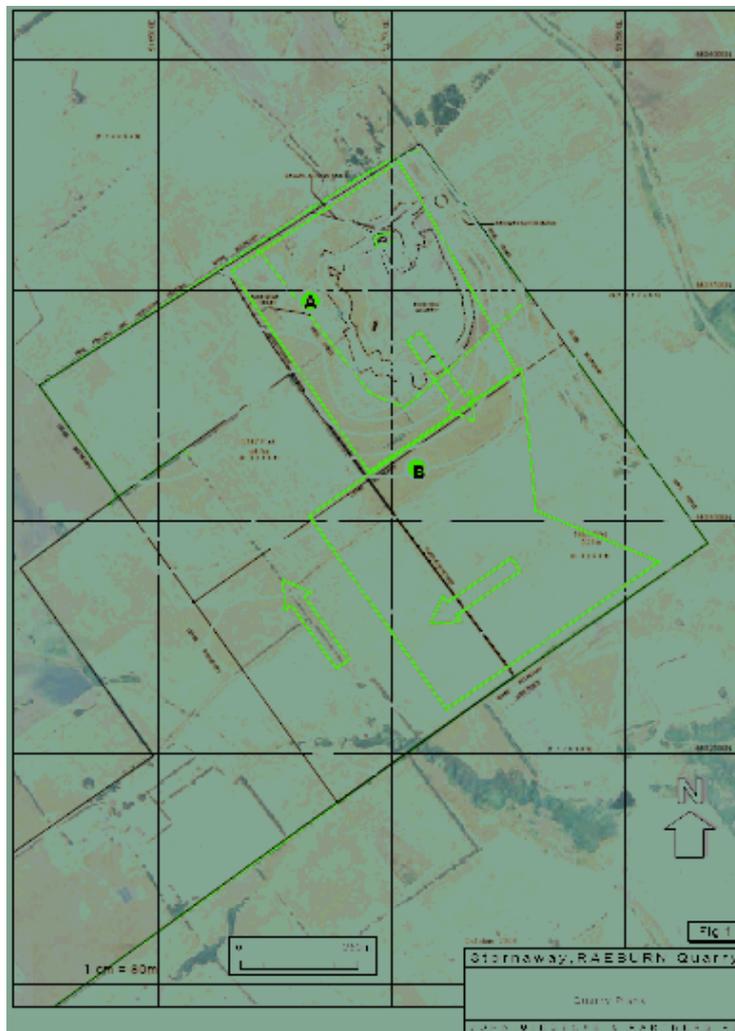
The above recommendations represent the opinion of the writer only. To ensure compliance with the *Aboriginal Relics Act 1975*, Aboriginal Heritage Tasmania must be contacted prior to any works proceeding.

Appendix A Map of Survey Area

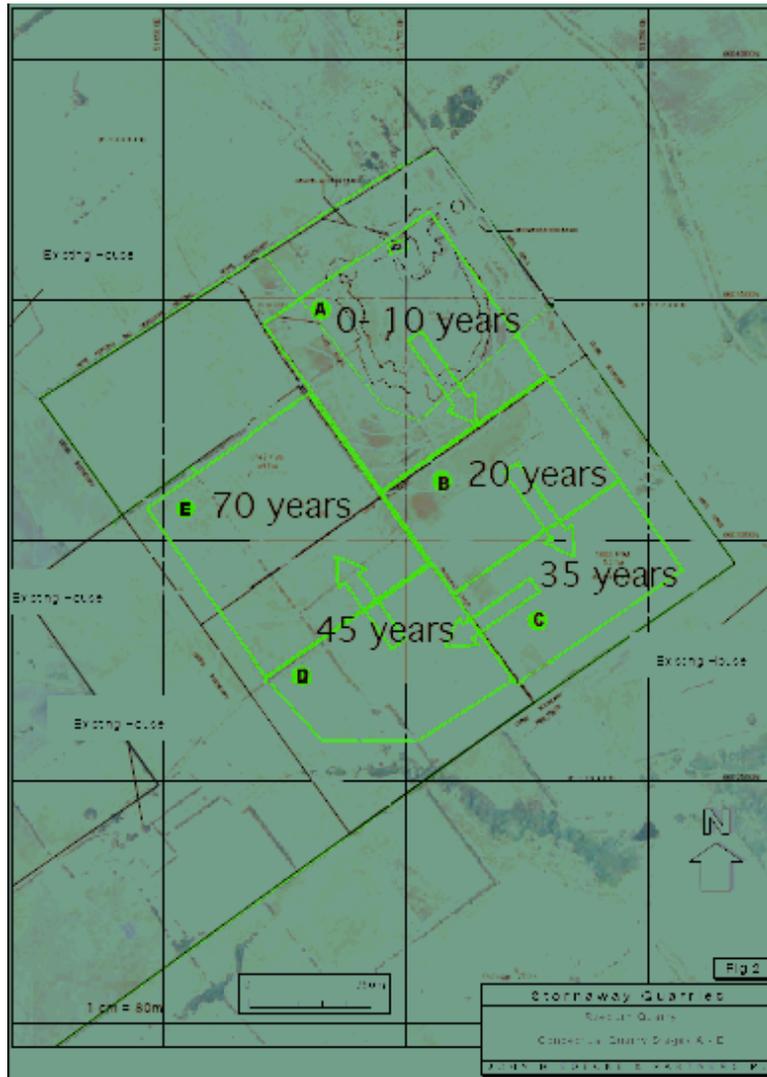


Stornoway Quarry Location (provided by John Miedecke)

Appendix B Project Plans



Area A is the current working area,
B is the proposed future extension (next 5-10years)
(provided by John Miedecke)



Stornoway Quarry Schedule
(provided by John Miedecke)

Appendix C Photographic Plates



Photographic Plate 1: Proposed Stornoway Quarry extension,
indication of ground surface visibility.