



# ABORIGINAL AREAS PROTECTION AUTHORITY

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**ATTENTION: David Nash**

**RE: ABORIGINAL SACRED SITES NEAR TINARKIE SOAK FOR BORE  
DRILLING SITES**

Referring to your request dated 2 September 2008 seeking advice on the location of registered sacred sites within the above area, I advise that the Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority has a record of a number of sacred site within the area listed in the Register of Sacred Sites.

Sacred sites known to the Authority in the above area are shown on the map accompanying this letter as either "registered sacred sites" or "recorded sacred sites". Sacred sites listed as "registered sacred sites" are sacred sites that Aboriginal custodians have asked the Authority to protect and that have subsequently been documented and evaluated by the Authority and entered in the Register of Sacred Sites in accordance with the *Northern Territory Aboriginal Sacred Sites Act 1989*.

Sites listed as "recorded sacred sites" are sites that have not been evaluated or placed in the Register but there is information indicating that they are nonetheless significant according to Aboriginal tradition and therefore "sacred sites" within the meaning of the Act. The Authority does not purport to hold detailed information regarding all these sites. However, the information attached to this letter regarding recorded sacred sites is relevant to your query as the offence provisions of the Act apply to all sacred sites, whether or not these have been listed in the Register of Sacred Sites.

The symbols representing sites on the attached map are not intended to precisely show extent of each site. Before entering or undertaking works on, or in the vicinity of these sites, further advice should be sought from the Registrar.

Inspection of the Authority's Register is not a definitive way of determining the location of all sacred sites in a given area, particularly in circumstances where use or works are proposed that may result in disturbance of the natural features of the area. There is a risk that a sacred site previously unknown to the Authority may be identified after the commencement of works, leaving no option but to cease works or possibly breach the offence provisions of the Act.

To overcome this problem the *Aboriginal Sacred Sites Act 1989* enables a person, wishing to make use of or carry out works on land in the Northern Territory, to request that the Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority consult with custodians and provide written advice specifying the constraints (if any) to a particular activity imposed by the existence of sacred sites. Section 19G of the Act also provides the opportunity for an Applicant to discuss the project with Aboriginal custodians at a meeting convened by the Authority.

The written advice provided by the Authority following the completion of the procedures established in Sections 19A-22 of the Act is termed an "Authority Certificate". An Authority Certificate sets out the conditions (if any) on which, under the Act the proposed work may be carried out or use made of the land. As long as the holder of a Certificate complies with its conditions the holder is indemnified against prosecution under any of the offence provisions of the Act.

**In the past the Authority has received Authority Certificate applications for works within some of the areas identified in your application. As a consequence of this, under Sections 19A-22 of the Act, the Authority has Restricted Works Area against the site and has applied certain conditions C1994/56,C1996/019. Therefore the Authority highly recommends that any ground-disturbing works only proceed in accordance with the conditions of an Authority Certificate.**

Should you wish to view the Certificates (a copy cannot be provided), please contact the Alice Springs Regional Manager (Andrew Allan) on 8952 6366 to arrange a time.

Please note that the cost of this Register Inspection will be \$20 and an invoice will be issued to you by the Department of Corporate and Information Services (DCIS). The terms and conditions of the invoice will require you to make payment within 30 days of receipt.

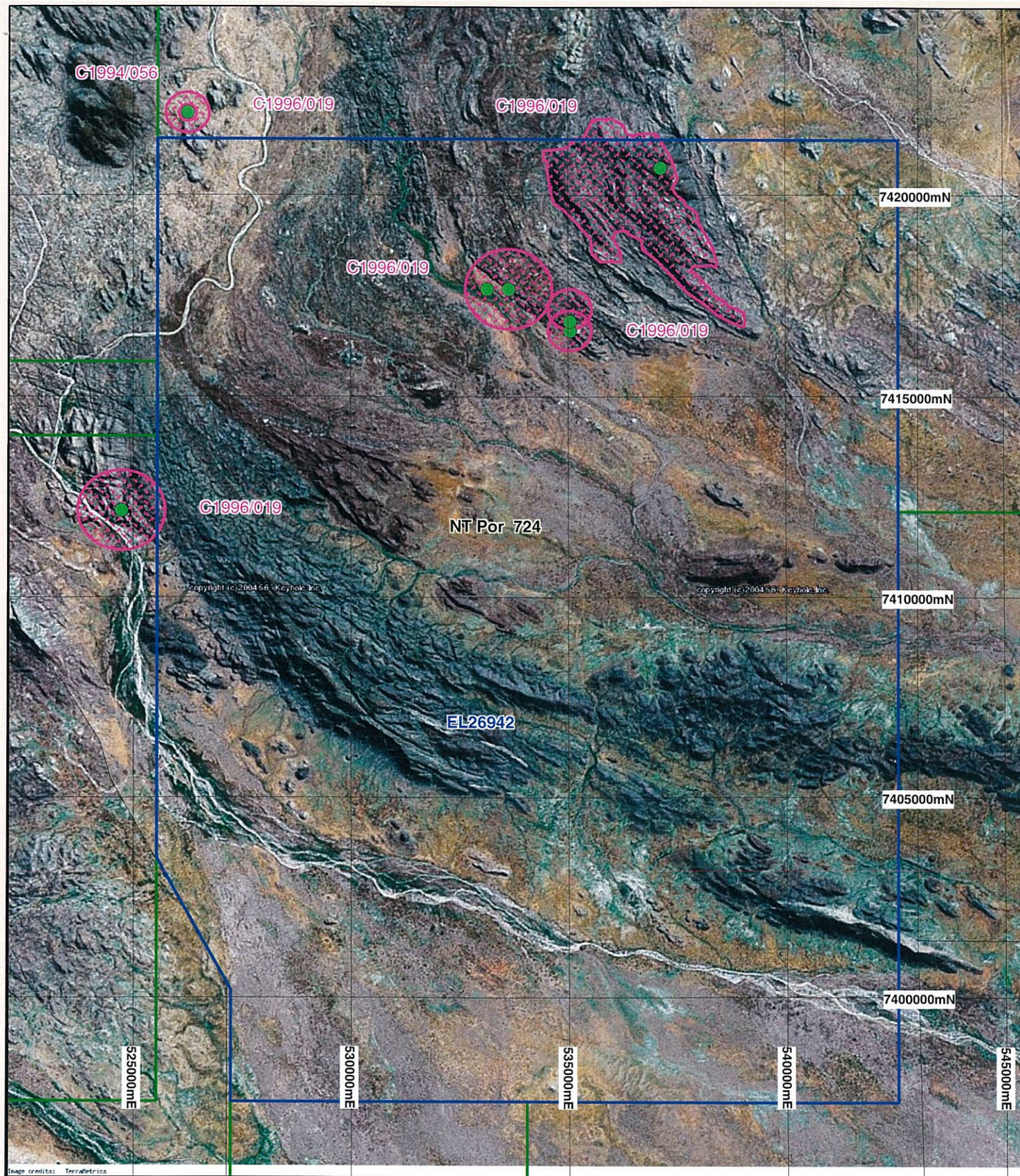
If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me on 89814 700.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'Barry Renshaw', with a stylized, flowing script.

Barry Renshaw  
Registrar





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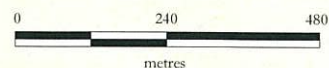
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**MAP SHOWING SACRED SITES  
RECORDED AS AT 3/10/2008**




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SCALE 1 : 120 000



Projection: MGA Zone 53  
Horizontal Datum: GDA94

**KEY**

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|  | Subject Land                            |  | Recorded Site Centroid |
|  | Previously Issued Restricted Works Area |   |                        |

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