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ERRATUM

This notice replaces the notices published in the NSW Government Gazette No. 142 – Planning and Heritage of 1 April 2022 and No. 156 – Planning and Heritage of 8 April 2022, relating to Rocky Knob, Hexham Wetlands Aboriginal Place which contained incorrect information relating to the curtilage plan.

NATIONAL PARKS AND WILDLIFE ACT 1974

Rocky Knob, Hexham Wetlands Aboriginal Place

Pursuant to section 84 of the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*, I, the Minister for Heritage, being of the opinion that the place known as Rocky Knob is, and was, of special significance to Aboriginal culture, declare the lands described in schedule “A” as an Aboriginal Place.

The values for which the Rocky Knob Aboriginal Place has been assessed as being significant to Aboriginal culture include, but are not limited to: its importance to the Awabakal People and all Aboriginal people of the Hunter Valley as a place of spiritual connection and ceremony, a place where cultural practices and stories can be passed on to future generations.

The area of Rocky Knob and its surrounds have connections through links in Songlines (cultural pathways) to Mount Sugarloaf, Black Hill Ridge and the Doghole Cultural Site in Stockrington. The elevated site of Rocky Knob has views to all the surrounding areas including views to Mount Sugarloaf in the Southwest, Black Hill Ridge in the west, Tarro to the north and Newcastle to the southeast. Rocky Knob is visible from each of these locations as a high point in an area of relatively flat terrain. All these sites are of cultural significance to the Awabakal people, with this knowledge being passed down from generation to generation.

The site is known to the local Aboriginal people as a place for spiritual practice, a place where the Pambalong Clan of the Awabakal People came for burial ceremonies and to pay respect to those who passed into the next life. The site has the potential to contribute to our understanding of Aboriginal cultural practices in the Hunter Region and to NSW Aboriginal culture and history.

The Hon James Griffin MP
Minister for Environment and Heritage

Sydney this 8th day of June 2022

SCHEDULE “A”

All those pieces or parcels of land known as Lot 51 DP 1181868 and Part Lot 1 DP 1133689 in the Parish of Hexham, County of Northumberland approximately 9.6 hectares, being the areas defined by the red boundary line in the curtilage plan below.







**Rocky Knob Aboriginal Place
Hexham**

0 100 200 300
metres

Scale: 1:6,000 @A4
Datum/Projection: GCS GDA 1994
Gazettal Date: 1 April 2022



Legend

-  Rocky Knob Aboriginal Place Boundary
-  LGAs
-  Suburbs
-  Land Parcels