



ACT Heritage Council

## Entry to the ACT Heritage Register

***Heritage Act 2004***

### **20147. Aboriginal Places – Gibraltar, Ingledene and Miowera Forests**

Blocks 217, 223, 241, 244 and 331

#### **District of PADDYS RIVER**

Blocks 75, 106, 108, 109, 116, 118 and 119

#### **District of TENNENT**

This entry which was previously part of the old heritage places or the old heritage objects registers (as defined in the ***Heritage Act 2004***), as the case may be, is taken to be registered under the ***Heritage Act 2004***.

Conservation Requirements (including Specific Requirements), as defined under the ***Heritage Act 2004***, that are contained within this document are taken to be Heritage Guidelines applying to this place or object, as the case may be.

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**AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY  
INTERIM HERITAGE PLACES REGISTER**

For the purposes of s. 68(2) of the *Land (Planning and Environment) Act* 1991, a listing for the following places has been prepared by the ACT Heritage Council, for the purpose of including:

**Aboriginal Places in Gibraltar, Ingledene and Miowera Forests, ACT (99)**

- **Aboriginal Places in District of Paddys River (57)**
- **Aboriginal Places in District of Tennent (42)**

In an interim Heritage Places Register.

Copies of the listing are available for inspection at ACT Public Libraries and at all ACT Government Shopfronts. For further information please contact:

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## IDENTIFICATION OF THE PLACES

The places comprise 99 Aboriginal sites located within:

- Block 217, District of Paddys River (n=1)
- Block 223, District of Paddys River (n=17)
- Block 241, District of Paddys River (n=1)
- Block 244, District of Paddys River (n=12)
- Block 331, District of Paddys River (n=26)
- Block 75, District of Tennent (n=5)
- Block 106, District of Tennent (n=2)
- Block 108, District of Tennent (n=8)
- Block 109, District of Tennent (n=5)
- Block 116, District of Tennent (n=3)
- Block 118, District of Tennent (n=15)
- Block 119, District of Tennent (n=4)

The Canberra 1:10 000 scale Adjusted Grid Co-ordinate (CMG) locations for the places are held within a database of ACT site locations. The CMG grid co-ordinates are restricted information under s.82 of the *Land (Planning and Environment) Act 1991*.

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## FEATURES INTRINSIC TO THE HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE PLACES

The places comprise locations where Aboriginal stone artefacts scatters have been recorded (n=96), a rock shelter with an artefact scatter, a stone source and an Aboriginal scarred tree and their individually specified site buffer zones (as described in Schedule 2).

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The ACT Aboriginal community considers all archaeological evidence of the past occupation of the ACT by Aboriginal people to be significant. Aboriginal places have the capacity to demonstrate and provide information about ways in which Aboriginal people lived in the past. These places are part of a regional body of evidence that has potential to reveal information about patterns of past Aboriginal land-use and settlement. Details of the site locations and descriptive information about them builds upon and complements the considerable body of archaeological research that exists for the Canberra region.

These places are all part of the physical evidence of a traditional way of life that is no longer practised within the ACT. The presence of artefact scatters, a stone source and grinding grooves in these localities demonstrates past occupation and use of these places by Aboriginal people. Stone was an extremely important element of Aboriginal culture, essential to their day-to-day living. Stone artefacts thus constitute an enduring record of Aboriginal technology and settlement patterns. The individual artefacts at the sites also have significance due to their potential to contribute to research about Aboriginal stone technology.

Rock shelters are considered to be highly significant by the Aboriginal community as they are places where they are able to walk in the footsteps of their ancestors. The scientific community also considers rockshelters to be highly significant. Excavation of similar shelters in the Tidbinbilla Valley has yielded discoveries of exceptional scientific and cultural interest. Scientific dating of excavated cultural material from the Birrigai rock shelter has resulted in dating Aboriginal occupation and use of the region to 21,000 years ago.

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## CONSERVATION POLICY AND SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

The Heritage Council promotes a *general conservation policy* for all Aboriginal heritage sites. This policy states that Aboriginal sites are to be conserved appropriately in accordance with their individual heritage significance, taking into account their Aboriginal and archaeological heritage values. Aboriginal sites and their components form an integral part of the landscape. The spatial relationships between sites, as well as their geographic relationship to land, constitute significant information with potential to inform about past cultural practices. The maintenance of records about sites and their geographic location is essential for the conservation of this information. Areas that have potential to contain Aboriginal heritage sites, including areas in which archaeological survey has not yet been undertaken, are to be managed in a way that permits the identification, significance assessment and conservation, where appropriate, of the Aboriginal cultural heritage resource.

In addition to the general conservation policy, the Heritage Council has developed a series of *specific requirements* to provide direction for conservation of the heritage significance of Aboriginal heritage sites. The specific requirements have been prepared to implement conservation policies and objectives developed for the places. Any actions that affect the conservation of the heritage significance of the places constitute 'development' for the purposes of the Act and approval will be required prior to undertaking the action. To undertake development without approval may be an offence.

The specific requirements for conservation of Aboriginal heritage places are set out in Schedule 1. This is preceded by general information about the different types of Aboriginal heritage places that can occur and their conservation objectives.

### Artefact Scatters

Artefact scatters constitute identifiably dense occurrences of stone artefacts and represent geographic foci of Aboriginal occupation related to a range of activities. Scatters may form as a result of single intensive occupation events or build up over hundreds or thousands of years due to repeated use or occupation of an area. The current appearance and structure of an artefact scatter site will depend upon the impact of events, termed *formation processes*, that have affected the artefacts during and after their deposition. Formation processes include both natural and cultural factors such as soil erosion and deposition, other natural disturbances, reuse of places by Aboriginal people and later European land-use practices. The heritage values of artefact scatters are based upon their Aboriginal and archaeological significance.

**All artefact scatters are considered to be significant by the Aboriginal community. Aboriginal people generally express the desire for all such sites to be left *in situ* wherever feasible. Their significance to Aboriginal people is primarily based on their provision of evidence of the occupation of land by their ancestors. Artefact scatters thus comprise a demonstrable link to place for contemporary Aboriginal people.**

The archaeological significance of artefact scatters stems both from their physical representation of past cultural practices and for their potential to yield information through research that will increase our understanding of the past. The potential research value accorded to sites depends in turn on a range of factors including the individual quality and quantity of artefactual content, the condition and integrity of the site structure, whether the artefacts occur *in situ* within cultural deposit, and whether original relationships between artefacts are likely to be discernible and meaningful.

The significance of artefact scatters may be thus ranked from low to high according to their value to Aboriginal people, their archaeological value and their condition and integrity. **Their significance to Aboriginal people may not necessarily, however, relate to or accord with archaeological significance assessments.** The criteria for ranking artefact scatters into either low, medium or high categories of significance and their associated conservation objectives are detailed as follows:

- **Artefact scatters of Low Conservation Value**

Artefact scatters identified as having low conservation value are those sites with very few artefacts, with artefacts of a common type, with no associated cultural deposit and/or sites that have already been highly disturbed and where there is negligible potential for them to provide further information. Such sites may either be conserved *in situ* or be the subject of a program of archaeological investigation and salvage as recommended by the Heritage Council, after consultation with the relevant Aboriginal organisations.

Generally, the conservation objective for this site type is to record and retain where feasible, otherwise salvage.

- **Artefact scatters of Medium Conservation Value**

Artefact scatters identified as having medium conservation value include sites with high artefact numbers and/or density and/or with identified or potential associated deposit. They are also sites of common type and character. Sites of medium conservation value may either be conserved *in situ* or be the subject of a program of archaeological investigation and salvage. The investigation and salvage may include collection of artefacts, subsurface testing, excavation or other investigative techniques as recommended by the Heritage Council, after consultation with the relevant Aboriginal organisations.

Generally, the conservation objective for this site type is to record and retain where feasible, investigate further and/or salvage.

- **Artefact scatters of High Conservation Value**

Artefact scatters identified as having high conservation value include sites with high artefact numbers and/or density, with rare, or representative artefacts, and/or with identified or potential associated deposit. They may also be sites of good preservation and condition where the original site structure and contents have survived. Sites of high conservation value are to be conserved *in situ* in an appropriate setting, where feasible. However site investigations for the purposes of improving their conservation or research may be permitted, provided that the relevant Aboriginal organisations have been consulted about any proposed works and agree to their occurrence.

The identification of appropriate conservation actions may require preparation of a Conservation and Management Plan. Actions that propose impact upon their identified heritage values will be considered on a case by case basis by the Heritage Council in consultation with the relevant Aboriginal organisations, and with reference to the applicable Conservation and Management Plan or Research Plan, if prepared.

Generally, the conservation objective for this site type is to record, retain and actively conserve.

### **Rock shelters**

These sites occur within naturally formed hollows or overhangs in cliffs, outcrops of boulders, providing sheltered environments that were sometimes used for habitation or other activities by Aboriginal people. Evidence of their use by people is often provided through the presence of art on the shelter walls and occupation debris such as stone artefacts, grinding material, charcoal, bone and other refuse on the shelter floor. In the ACT they often occur in granite outcrops in Namadgi National Park and Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve. These sites are highly significant and can often have tremendous research potential.

Sites of high conservation value are to be conserved *in situ* in an appropriate setting, where feasible. However site investigations for the purposes of improving their conservation or research may be permitted, provided that the relevant Aboriginal organisations have been consulted about any proposed works and agree to their occurrence.

The identification of appropriate conservation actions may require preparation of a Conservation and Management Plan. Actions that propose impact upon their identified heritage values will be considered on a case by case basis by the Heritage Council in consultation with the relevant Aboriginal organisations, and with reference to the applicable Conservation and Management Plan or Research Plan, if prepared.

Generally, the conservation objective for this site type is to record, retain and actively conserve.

### **Quarries/Stone Sources**

An Aboriginal quarry is a site where Aboriginal people extracted raw materials for making stone artefacts, and may also include ochre quarries. There may be evidence of extraction in the form of artificial cleavage from outcrops, excavated holes and/or stone artefacts. Large river cobbles can be broken into more manageable sized pieces near their source or good quality pebbles can be curated for later use, often well away from their source. The rock types most suited to stone artefact manufacture include, but are not limited to, silcretes, chert and fine grained volcanics. These sites were essential to Aboriginal people and as such have a high conservation value. Sites of high conservation value are to be conserved *in situ* in an appropriate setting, where feasible. However site investigations for the purposes of improving their conservation or research may be permitted, provided that the relevant Aboriginal organisations have been consulted about any proposed works and agree to their occurrence.

The identification of appropriate conservation actions may require preparation of a Conservation and Management Plan. Actions that propose impact upon their identified heritage values will be considered on a case by case basis by the Heritage Council in consultation with the relevant Aboriginal organisations, and with reference to the applicable Conservation and Management Plan or Research Plan, if prepared.

Generally, the conservation objective for this type of site is to record, retain and actively conserve.

### **Aboriginal Scarred Trees**

Aboriginal scarred trees of *high conservation value* exhibit scarring caused by the removal of bark for a particular purpose. Sites of high conservation value are to be conserved *in situ* in an appropriate setting, where feasible. However site investigations for the purposes of improving their conservation or research may be permitted, provided that the relevant Aboriginal organisations have been consulted about any proposed works and agree to their occurrence.

The identification of appropriate conservation actions may require preparation of a Conservation and Management Plan. Actions that propose impact upon their identified heritage values will be considered on a case by case basis by the Heritage Council in consultation with the relevant Aboriginal organisations, and with reference to the applicable Conservation and Management Plan or Research Plan, if prepared.

Generally, the conservation objective of this site type is record, retain and actively conserve.

## **Schedule 1: Specific Requirements for the Conservation of Aboriginal Heritage Places**

- 1** Information regarding the description and specific location of the place shall be held in a database of ACT Aboriginal heritage sites.
- 2** Actions that would affect the conservation of the heritage significance of the place require the agreement of the Heritage Council in consultation with the relevant Aboriginal organizations.
- 3** Works that improve or benefit the conservation of the heritage significance of the place are permitted. Proponents of such works shall advise the Heritage Council and consult with the relevant Aboriginal organisations about the proposal. The agreement of the Heritage Council must be obtained prior to works being undertaken.
- 4a** The land manager shall be aware that the presence of an Aboriginal heritage site(s) within a development area may impose constraint upon the development. The nature of the constraint will vary according to the assessed significance of the site(s) and the potential heritage impact of the development. For *artefact scatters* assessed as being of *low conservation value* (LCV) the development constraint may range from nil constraint to a requirement to undertake further survey or investigation of a place, further recording of a place and/or collection of artefacts or other cultural materials.
- 4b** The land manager shall be aware that the presence of an Aboriginal heritage site(s) within a development area may impose constraint upon the development. The nature of the constraint will vary according to the assessed significance of the site(s) and the potential heritage impact of the development. For *artefact scatters* assessed as being of *medium conservation value* (MCV) the development constraint may range from nil constraint to a requirement to undertake further survey or investigation of all or part of the place, further recording of a place and/or collection of artefacts or other cultural materials, subsurface testing, monitoring during development or salvage excavation, or a requirement to conserve a representative part of the site whilst carrying out further works on the remainder.
- 4c** The land manager shall be aware that the presence of an Aboriginal heritage site(s) within a development area may impose constraint upon the development. The nature of the constraint will vary according to the assessed significance of the site(s) and the potential heritage impact of the development. For *artefact scatters* or *Aboriginal scarred trees* assessed as being of *high conservation value* (HCV) the development constraint may range from nil constraint to a requirement to undertake investigation of a place, prepare and/or implement a Conservation and Management Plan for the place, to an inability to undertake part or all of the development within the affected area(s).
- 5** The ACT Heritage Council shall advise the proponent of the degree of constraint, based upon the nature of the development and its potential heritage impact and the significance assessment of the site(s), and consultation with the relevant Aboriginal organisations.
- 6** Artefacts (including scarred trees) and/or any other identified significant fabric or components of the site shall not be removed, damaged, altered or disturbed without the prior agreement of the Heritage Council, and consultation with the relevant Aboriginal organisations.
- 7a** The condition of the sites should be monitored by the land manager and works should be undertaken to identify and control any damage that may occur to surface and sub-surface deposits within the shelter/s due to wombats, rabbits and other burrowing animals; to identify and control any damage that may occur to the surface and sub-surface deposits within the shelter due to down-slope movement of water; to monitor and control the build up of leaf litter and other flammable debris within the shelter/s and to monitor and control weed management around the shelter/s.
- 7b** The land manager should monitor and report to the Heritage Council any damage that occurs to the shelter/s and their surrounding buffer zones. Where damage is identified, consultation with the relevant Aboriginal organisations should occur in relation to any remedial actions required to conserve the heritage significance of the shelter/s.
- 8a** Any further investigation of sites and/or collection of artefacts and/or salvage of site fabric or other cultural materials agreed to by the Heritage Council shall be undertaken by a qualified archaeologist in consultation with the relevant Aboriginal organisations, in accordance with a proposed methodology provided to and endorsed by the Heritage Council.

- 8b** Salvaged or collected materials shall be archived by the Heritage Unit, pending establishment of an appropriate storage facility.
- 9** If the Heritage Council advises collection or salvage from an artefact scatter then, following completion of salvage works as advised by the Heritage Council, only Specific Requirement No. 1 shall apply to the identified place.
- 10** The place may not be promoted for public use, interpretation or visitation without approval from the Heritage Council in consultation with the relevant Aboriginal groups. Any proposed educational and presentational uses of the place shall be considered by the ACT Heritage Council and relevant Aboriginal organisations on the basis of whether sufficient information is provided about their impacts and potential impacts upon the place.
- 11** Any proposed research that may potentially impact upon the heritage significance of the place shall be conducted in accordance with a research proposal which provides for consultation with the relevant Aboriginal organisations and which is endorsed by the Heritage Council.

## Schedule 2: List of Aboriginal heritage places

GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS (refer to Schedule 1)
<p><b>MF1</b> A scatter of at least 3 stone artefacts located on a vehicle track on a small spur of Miowera Hill.</p> <p>Recorded – Access Archaeology 1991</p>	<p>Block 244 District of Paddys River</p>	<p><b>Artefact scatter of LCV:</b> 1 2 3 4a 5 6 8a 8b 9</p>
<p><b>MF2</b> A scatter of at least 2 stone artefacts located on an animal track on the slope of Miowera Hill.</p> <p>Recorded – Access Archaeology 1991</p>	<p>Block 241 District of Paddys River</p>	<p><b>Artefact scatter of LCV:</b> 1 2 3 4a 5 6 8a 8b 9</p>



<p><b>MF3</b> A scatter of at least 2 stone artefacts located on an eroded patch beside a small creek.</p> <p>Recorded – Access Archaeology 1991</p>	<p>Block 244 District of Paddys River</p>	<p><b>Artefact scatter of LCV:</b> 1 2 3 4a 5 6 8a 8b 9</p>
<p><b>MF4</b> A rockshelter and scatter of at least two stone artefacts located near a creek.</p> <p>Recorded – Access Archaeology 1991</p>	<p>Block 244 District of Paddys River</p>	<p><b>Rockshelter and Artefact scatter of HCV:</b> 1 2 3 4c 5 6 7a 7b 8a 8b 9 10 11</p>
<p><b>MF5</b> An isolated stone artefact located on an animal track on a ridge.</p> <p>Recorded – Access Archaeology 1991</p>	<p>Block 244 District of Paddys River</p>	<p><b>Artefact scatter of LCV:</b> 1 2 3 4a 5 6 8a 8b 9</p>
<p><b>MF6</b> A scatter of at least 3 stone artefacts located on a ridge near granite outcrops.</p> <p>Recorded – Access Archaeology 1991</p>	<p>Block 244 District of Paddys River</p>	<p><b>Artefact scatter of LCV:</b> 1 2 3 4a 5 6 8a 8b 9</p>

<p><b>MF7</b> A scatter of at least 2 stone artefacts located on a track along a low ridge.</p> <p>Recorded – Access Archaeology 1991</p>	<p>Block 244 District of Paddys River</p>	<p><b>Artefact scatter of LCV:</b> 1 2 3 4a 5 6 8a 8b 9</p>
<p><b>MF8</b> A scatter of at least 5 stone artefacts located on the northern rise of a saddle near Barnes Trig.</p> <p>Recorded – Access Archaeology 1991</p>	<p>Block 244 District of Paddys River</p>	<p><b>Artefact scatter of LCV:</b> 1 2 3 4a 5 6 8a 8b 9</p>
<p><b>MF9</b> A scatter of at least 4 stone artefacts located on an animal track on a ridge.</p> <p>Recorded – Access Archaeology 1991</p>	<p>Block 244 District of Paddys River</p>	<p><b>Artefact scatter of LCV:</b> 1 2 3 4a 5 6 8a 8b 9</p>
<p><b>MF10</b> A scatter of at least 13 stone artefacts located on a deeply cut watercourse.</p> <p>Recorded – Access Archaeology 1991</p>	<p>Block 244 District of Paddys River</p>	<p><b>Artefact scatter of LCV:</b> 1 2 3 4a 5 6 8a 8b 9</p>

<p><b>MF11</b> A scatter of at least 7 stone artefacts located on a track at the edge of a ridge.</p> <p>Recorded – Access Archaeology 1991</p>	<p>Block 244 District of Paddys River</p>	<p><b>Artefact scatter of LCV:</b> 1 2 3 4a 5 6 8a 8b 9</p>
<p><b>MF12</b> An isolated stone artefact located on a ridge flat.</p> <p>Recorded – Access Archaeology 1991</p>	<p>Block 244 District of Paddys River</p>	<p><b>Artefact scatter of LCV:</b> 1 2 3 4a 5 6 8a 8b 9</p>
<p><b>MF13</b> An isolated stone artefact located on a ridge.</p> <p>Recorded – Access Archaeology 1991</p>	<p>Block 244 District of Paddys River</p>	<p><b>Artefact scatter of LCV:</b> 1 2 3 4a 5 6 8a 8b 9</p>
<p><b>Corin Forest 1</b> An artefact scatter on a forest road parallel to Corin road and across Corin road from the Winter Sports Facility.</p> <p>Recorder – Stockton 1982, Navin Officer 1993, Dal Santo &amp; Kuzmanoski 2004</p>	<p>Block 217 District of Paddys River</p>	<p><b>Artefact scatter of LCV:</b> 1 2 3 4a 5 6 8a 8b 9</p>

<p><b>GFAS1</b></p> <p>A small open scatter of at least 5 stone artefacts located in a level clearing next to Gibraltar creek.</p> <p>Recorded – McKay &amp; Kuzmanoski 2004</p>	<p>Block 331 District of Paddys River</p>	<p><b>Artefact scatter of LCV:</b></p> <p>1 2 3 4a 5 6 8a 8b 9</p>
<p><b>GF1</b></p> <p>A stone source located near a vehicle track.</p> <p>Recorded – Access Archaeology 1991</p>	<p>Block 223 District of Paddys River</p>	<p><b>Stone Source of MCV:</b></p> <p>1 2 3 4b 5 6 8a 8b 9 10</p>
<p><b>GF2</b></p> <p>A scatter of at least 2 stone artefacts located between a track and a fence down slope of a rocky knoll.</p> <p>Recorded – Access Archaeology 1991</p>	<p>Block 223 District of Paddys River</p>	<p><b>Artefact scatter of LCV:</b></p> <p>1 2 3 4a 5 6 8a 8b 9</p>
<p><b>GF3</b></p> <p>A scatter of at least 4 stone artefacts located on a track intersection.</p> <p>Recorded – Access Archaeology 1991</p>	<p>Block 223 District of Paddys River</p>	<p><b>Artefact scatter of LCV:</b></p> <p>1 2 3 4a 5 6 8a 8b 9</p>

<p><b>GF4</b> A scatter of at least 40 stone artefacts located on undisturbed ground and on a track.</p> <p>Recorded – Access Archaeology 1991</p>	<p>Block 223 District of Paddys River</p>	<p><b>Artefact scatter of MCV:</b> 1 2 3 4b 5 6 8a 8b 9 10</p>
<p><b>GF5</b> A scatter of at least 28 stone artefacts located on a rocky knoll adjacent to a track.</p> <p>Recorded – Access Archaeology 1991</p>	<p>Block 223 District of Paddys River</p>	<p><b>Artefact scatter of LCV:</b> 1 2 3 4a 5 6 8a 8b 9</p>
<p><b>GF6</b> A scatter of at least 14 stone artefacts located on a track along a ridge.</p> <p>Recorded – Access Archaeology 1991</p>	<p>Block 223 District of Paddys River</p>	<p><b>Artefact scatter of LCV:</b> 1 2 3 4a 5 6 8a 8b 9</p>
<p><b>GF7</b> A scatter of at least 5 stone artefacts located on a perimeter track.</p> <p>Recorded – Access Archaeology 1991</p>	<p>Block 223 District of Paddys River</p>	<p><b>Artefact scatter of LCV:</b> 1 2 3 4a 5 6 8a 8b 9</p>

<p><b>GF8</b> A scatter of at least 3 stone artefacts located on a perimeter track.</p> <p>Recorded – Access Archaeology 1991</p>	<p>Block 223 District of Paddys River</p>	<p><b>Artefact scatter of LCV:</b> 1 2 3 4a 5 6 8a 8b 9</p>
<p><b>GF9</b> A scatter of at least 3 stone artefacts located on a perimeter track.</p> <p>Recorded – Access Archaeology 1991</p>	<p>Block 223 District of Paddys River</p>	<p><b>Artefact scatter of LCV:</b> 1 2 3 4a 5 6 8a 8b 9</p>
<p><b>GF10</b> A scatter of at least 3 stone artefacts located on a perimeter track.</p> <p>Recorded – Access Archaeology 1991</p>	<p>Block 223 District of Paddys River</p>	<p><b>Artefact scatter of LCV:</b> 1 2 3 4a 5 6 8a 8b 9</p>
<p><b>GF11</b> A scatter of at least 7 stone artefacts located on a perimeter track.</p> <p>Recorded – Access Archaeology 1991</p>	<p>Block 223 District of Paddys River</p>	<p><b>Artefact scatter of LCV:</b> 1 2 3 4a 5 6 8a 8b 9</p>

<p><b>GF12</b> A scatter of at least 22 stone artefacts located on a perimeter track on a spur top.</p> <p>Recorded – Access Archaeology 1991</p>	<p>Block 223 District of Paddys River</p>	<p><b>Artefact scatter of LCV:</b> 1 2 3 4a 5 6 8a 8b 9</p>
<p><b>GF13</b> A scatter of at least 4 stone artefacts located on a perimeter track.</p> <p>Recorded – Access Archaeology 1991</p>	<p>Block 223 District of Paddys River</p>	<p><b>Artefact scatter of LCV:</b> 1 2 3 4a 5 6 8a 8b 9</p>
<p><b>GF14</b> A scatter of at least 7 stone artefacts located on a perimeter track on a low rise at the base of a slope.</p> <p>Recorded – Access Archaeology 1991</p>	<p>Block 223 District of Paddys River</p>	<p><b>Artefact scatter of LCV:</b> 1 2 3 4a 5 6 8a 8b 9</p>
<p><b>GF15</b> A scatter of at least 4 stone artefacts located on a track.</p> <p>Recorded – Access Archaeology 1991</p>	<p>Block 223 District of Paddys River</p>	<p><b>Artefact scatter of LCV:</b> 1 2 3 4a 5 6 8a 8b 9</p>

<p><b>GF16</b> A scatter of at least 4 stone artefacts located on a spur above a sharp bend in a track.</p> <p>Recorded – Access Archaeology 1991</p>	<p>Block 223 District of Paddys River</p>	<p><b>Artefact scatter of LCV:</b> 1 2 3 4a 5 6 8a 8b 9</p>
<p><b>GF17</b> A scatter of at least 3 stone artefacts located on a flat topped rocky spur below a sharp bend in a track.</p> <p>Recorded – Access Archaeology 1991</p>	<p>Block 223 District of Paddys River</p>	<p><b>Artefact scatter of LCV:</b> 1 2 3 4a 5 6 8a 8b 9</p>
<p><b>GF18</b> A scatter of at least 32 stone artefacts located on a flat rocky spur above Gibraltar Creek.</p> <p>Recorded – Access Archaeology 1991</p>	<p>Block 331 District of Paddys River</p>	<p><b>Artefact scatter of LCV:</b> 1 2 3 4a 5 6 8a 8b 9</p>
<p><b>GF19</b> A scatter of at least 2 stone artefacts located on a flat rocky spur above a track.</p> <p>Recorded – Access Archaeology 1991</p>	<p>Block 331 District of Paddys River</p>	<p><b>Artefact scatter of LCV:</b> 1 2 3 4a 5 6 8a 8b 9</p>



<p><b>GF20</b> An isolated stone artefact located on a flat rocky spur above a track.</p> <p>Recorded – Access Archaeology 1991</p>	<p>Block 331 District of Paddys River</p>	<p><b>Artefact scatter of LCV:</b> 1 2 3 4a 5 6 8a 8b 9</p>
<p><b>GF21</b> A scatter of at least 30 stone artefacts located on a track climbing a spur.</p> <p>Recorded – Access Archaeology 1991</p>	<p>Block 331 District of Paddys River</p>	<p><b>Artefact scatter of LCV:</b> 1 2 3 4a 5 6 8a 8b 9</p>
<p><b>GF22</b> A scatter of at least 4 stone artefacts located on a track climbing a slope.</p> <p>Recorded – Access Archaeology 1991</p>	<p>Block 331 District of Paddys River</p>	<p><b>Artefact scatter of LCV:</b> 1 2 3 4a 5 6 8a 8b 9</p>
<p><b>GF23</b> A scatter of at least 5 stone artefacts located in a gravel dump at the head of a swamp.</p> <p>Recorded – Access Archaeology 1991</p>	<p>Block 331 District of Paddys River</p>	<p><b>Artefact scatter of LCV:</b> 1 2 3 4a 5 6 8a 8b 9</p>

<p><b>GF24</b> A scatter of at least 13 stone artefacts located on a track descending a spur.</p> <p>Recorded – Access Archaeology 1991</p>	<p>Block 331 District of Paddys River</p>	<p><b>Artefact scatter of LCV:</b> 1 2 3 4a 5 6 8a 8b 9</p>
<p><b>GF25</b> A scatter of at least 8 stone artefacts located on a track descending a spur.</p> <p>Recorded – Access Archaeology 1991</p>	<p>Block 331 District of Paddys River</p>	<p><b>Artefact scatter of LCV:</b> 1 2 3 4a 5 6 8a 8b 9</p>
<p><b>GF27</b> A scatter of at least 17 stone artefacts located at the intersection of two tracks.</p> <p>Recorded – Access Archaeology 1991</p>	<p>Block 331 District of Paddys River</p>	<p><b>Artefact scatter of LCV:</b> 1 2 3 4a 5 6 8a 8b 9</p>
<p><b>GF28</b> A scatter of 3 artefacts located on a track beside a swamp.</p> <p>Recorded – Access Archaeology 1991</p>	<p>Block 331 District of Paddys River</p>	<p><b>Artefact scatter of LCV:</b> 1 2 3 4a 5 6 8a 8b 9</p>

<p><b>GF29</b> A scatter of at least 8 stone artefacts located on a track on a flat above a swamp.</p> <p>Recorded – Access Archaeology 1991</p>	<p>Block 331 District of Paddys River</p>	<p><b>Artefact scatter of LCV:</b> 1 2 3 4a 5 6 8a 8b 9</p>
<p><b>GF30</b> A scatter of at least 12 stone artefacts located on a track above a swamp.</p> <p>Recorded – Access Archaeology 1991</p>	<p>Block 331 District of Paddys River</p>	<p><b>Artefact scatter of LCV:</b> 1 2 3 4a 5 6 8a 8b 9</p>
<p><b>GF31</b> An isolated stone artefact located on a track near an intersection.</p> <p>Recorded – Access Archaeology 1991</p>	<p>Block 331 District of Paddys River</p>	<p><b>Artefact scatter of LCV:</b> 1 2 3 4a 5 6 8a 8b 9</p>
<p><b>GF33</b> A scatter of at least 5 stone artefacts located in a track intersection between two wet areas.</p> <p>Recorded – Access Archaeology 1991</p>	<p>Block 331 District of Paddys River</p>	<p><b>Artefact scatter of LCV:</b> 1 2 3 4a 5 6 8a 8b 9</p>

<p><b>GF34</b> A scatter of at least 6 stone artefacts located on a track descending a spur.</p> <p>Recorded – Access Archaeology 1991</p>	<p>Block 331 District of Paddys River</p>	<p><b>Artefact scatter of LCV:</b> 1 2 3 4a 5 6 8a 8b 9</p>
<p><b>GF35</b> A scatter of at least 2 stone artefacts located on a track descending a spur.</p> <p>Recorded – Access Archaeology 1991</p>	<p>Block 331 District of Paddys River</p>	<p><b>Artefact scatter of LCV:</b> 1 2 3 4a 5 6 8a 8b 9</p>
<p><b>GF36</b> A scatter of at least 11 stone artefacts located on a track along the edge of a flat topped spur.</p> <p>Recorded – Access Archaeology 1991</p>	<p>Block 331 District of Paddys River</p>	<p><b>Artefact scatter of LCV:</b> 1 2 3 4a 5 6 8a 8b 9</p>
<p><b>GF38</b> A scatter of at least 7 stone artefacts located on a track beneath a powerline.</p> <p>Recorded – Access Archaeology 1991</p>	<p>Block 331 District of Paddys River</p>	<p><b>Artefact scatter of LCV:</b> 1 2 3 4a 5 6 8a 8b 9</p>

<p><b>GF39</b> A scatter of at least 14 stone artefacts located on a track intersection.</p> <p>Recorded – Access Archaeology 1991</p>	<p>Block 331 District of Paddys River</p>	<p><b>Artefact scatter of LCV:</b> 1 2 3 4a 5 6 8a 8b 9</p>
<p><b>GF40</b> A scatter of at least 10 stone artefacts located on a track descending across a wet area almost to Gibraltar Creek.</p> <p>Recorded – Access Archaeology 1991</p>	<p>Block 331 District of Paddys River</p>	<p><b>Artefact scatter of LCV:</b> 1 2 3 4a 5 6 8a 8b 9</p>
<p><b>GF41</b> An isolated stone artefact located on a track curving around a steep knoll above Gibraltar Creek.</p> <p>Recorded – Access Archaeology 1991</p>	<p>Block 331 District of Paddys River</p>	<p><b>Artefact scatter of LCV:</b> 1 2 3 4a 5 6 8a 8b 9</p>
<p><b>GF42</b> A scatter of at least 298 stone artefacts located on a track.</p> <p>Recorded – Access Archaeology 1991</p>	<p>Block 331 District of Paddys River</p>	<p><b>Artefact scatter of HCV:</b> 1 2 3 4c 5 6 8a 8b 9 10 11</p>

<p><b>GF43</b> A scatter of at least 9 stone artefacts located on a track crossing a spur.</p> <p>Recorded – Access Archaeology 1991</p>	<p>Block 331 District of Paddys River</p>	<p><b>Artefact scatter of LCV:</b> 1 2 3 4a 5 6 8a 8b 9</p>
<p><b>GF44</b> An isolated stone artefact located down-slope from a track intersection.</p> <p>Recorded – Access Archaeology 1991</p>	<p>Block 331 District of Paddys River</p>	<p><b>Artefact scatter of LCV:</b> 1 2 3 4a 5 6 8a 8b 9</p>
<p><b>GF45</b> A scatter of at least 2 stone artefacts located on a track down-slope from an intersection.</p> <p>Recorded – Access Archaeology 1991</p>	<p>Block 331 District of Paddys River</p>	<p><b>Artefact scatter of LCV:</b> 1 2 3 4a 5 6 8a 8b 9</p>
<p><b>INF01</b> An isolated stone artefact located on a track beneath a powerline.</p> <p>Recorded – Access Archaeology 1991</p>	<p>Block 116 District of Tennent</p>	<p><b>Artefact scatter of LCV:</b> 1 2 3 4a 5 6 8a 8b 9</p>

<p><b>INF02</b> A scatter of at least 5 stone artefacts located on a perimeter track.</p> <p>Recorded – Access Archaeology 1991</p>	<p>Block 116 District of Tennent</p>	<p><b>Artefact scatter of LCV:</b> 1 2 3 4a 5 6 8a 8b 9</p>
<p><b>INF03</b> A scatter of at least 3 stone artefacts located on a perimeter track.</p> <p>Recorded – Access Archaeology 1991</p>	<p>Block 119 District of Tennent</p>	<p><b>Artefact scatter of LCV:</b> 1 2 3 4a 5 6 8a 8b 9</p>
<p><b>INF04</b> An isolated stone artefact located on a lightly graded perimeter track.</p> <p>Recorded – Access Archaeology 1991</p>	<p>Block 119 District of Tennent</p>	<p><b>Artefact scatter of LCV:</b> 1 2 3 4a 5 6 8a 8b 9</p>
<p><b>INF05</b> A scatter of at least 2 stone artefacts located on a perimeter track.</p> <p>Recorded – Access Archaeology 1991</p>	<p>Block 116 District of Tennent</p>	<p><b>Artefact scatter of LCV:</b> 1 2 3 4a 5 6 8a 8b 9</p>

<p><b>INF06</b> A scatter of at least 4 stone artefacts located on a perimeter track descending to a gully.</p> <p>Recorded – Access Archaeology 1991</p>	<p>Block 119 District of Tennent</p>	<p><b>Artefact scatter of LCV:</b> 1 2 3 4a 5 6 8a 8b 9</p>
<p><b>INF08</b> A scatter of at least 10 stone artefacts located beneath a powerline on the crest of a spur.</p> <p>Recorded – Access Archaeology 1991</p>	<p>Block 118 District of Tennent</p>	<p><b>Artefact scatter of LCV:</b> 1 2 3 4a 5 6 8a 8b 9</p>
<p><b>INF10</b> A scatter of at least 25 stone artefacts located on the margin of a deep gully.</p> <p>Recorded – Access Archaeology 1991</p>	<p>Block 118 District of Tennent</p>	<p><b>Artefact scatter of LCV:</b> 1 2 3 4a 5 6 8a 8b 9</p>
<p><b>INF11</b> A scatter of at least 2 stone artefacts located on the margin of a gully.</p> <p>Recorded – Access Archaeology 1991</p>	<p>Block 118 District of Tennent</p>	<p><b>Artefact scatter of LCV:</b> 1 2 3 4a 5 6 8a 8b 9</p>



<p><b>INF12</b> A scatter of at least 28 stone artefacts located on the edge of a deep gully.</p> <p>Recorded – Access Archaeology 1991</p>	<p>Block 118 District of Tennent</p>	<p><b>Artefact scatter of LCV:</b> 1 2 3 4a 5 6 8a 8b 9</p>
<p><b>INF13</b> A scatter of at least 3 stone artefacts located on an animal track.</p> <p>Recorded – Access Archaeology 1991</p>	<p>Block 118 District of Tennent</p>	<p><b>Artefact scatter of LCV:</b> 1 2 3 4a 5 6 8a 8b 9</p>
<p><b>INF15</b> A scatter of at least 3 stone artefacts located on a track.</p> <p>Recorded – Access Archaeology 1991</p>	<p>Block 109 District of Tennent</p>	<p><b>Artefact scatter of LCV:</b> 1 2 3 4a 5 6 8a 8b 9</p>
<p><b>INF16</b> A scatter of at least 8 stone artefacts located on a track on the side of a ridge spur.</p> <p>Recorded – Access Archaeology 1991</p>	<p>Block 109 District of Tennent</p>	<p><b>Artefact scatter of LCV:</b> 1 2 3 4a 5 6 8a 8b 9</p>

<p><b>INF17</b> A scatter of at least 21 stone artefacts located on a track along a ridge spur.</p> <p>Recorded – Access Archaeology 1991</p>	<p>Block 109 District of Tennent</p>	<p><b>Artefact scatter of LCV:</b> 1 2 3 4a 5 6 8a 8b 9</p>
<p><b>INF18</b> A scatter of at least 5 stone artefacts located beside a drainage line.</p> <p>Recorded – Access Archaeology 1991</p>	<p>Block 109 District of Tennent</p>	<p><b>Artefact scatter of LCV:</b> 1 2 3 4a 5 6 8a 8b 9</p>
<p><b>INF19</b> A scatter of at least 5 stone artefacts located on a track and its sidings on a low ridge spur.</p> <p>Recorded – Access Archaeology 1991</p>	<p>Block 108 District of Tennent</p>	<p><b>Artefact scatter of LCV:</b> 1 2 3 4a 5 6 8a 8b 9</p>
<p><b>INF20</b> A scatter of at least 3 stone artefacts located on a track on a low ridge.</p> <p>Recorded – Access Archaeology 1991</p>	<p>Block 108 District of Tennent</p>	<p><b>Artefact scatter of LCV:</b> 1 2 3 4a 5 6 8a 8b 9</p>

<p><b>INF21</b> A scatter of at least 6 stone artefacts located on a track on a low ridge.</p> <p>Recorded – Access Archaeology 1991</p>	<p>Block 108 District of Tennent</p>	<p><b>Artefact scatter of LCV:</b> 1 2 3 4a 5 6 8a 8b 9</p>
<p><b>INF22</b> A scatter of at least 400 stone artefacts located on a broad flat ridge top.</p> <p>Recorded – Access Archaeology 1991</p>	<p>Block 108 District of Tennent</p>	<p><b>Artefact scatter of HCV:</b> 1 2 3 4c 5 6 8a 8b 9 10 11</p>
<p><b>INF23</b> A scatter of a least 5 stone artefacts located on a ridge spur.</p> <p>Recorded – Access Archaeology 1991</p>	<p>Block 109 District of Tennent</p>	<p><b>Artefact scatter of LCV:</b> 1 2 3 4a 5 6 8a 8b 9</p>
<p><b>INF24</b> A scatter of at least 2 stone artefacts located on and beside a track in the saddle of a long narrow ridge.</p> <p>Recorded – Access Archaeology 1991</p>	<p>Block 106 District of Tennent</p>	<p><b>Artefact scatter of LCV:</b> 1 2 3 4a 5 6 8a 8b 9</p>

<p><b>INF25</b> A scatter of at least 7 stone artefacts located on the eroded margin of a deep gully.</p> <p>Recorded – Access Archaeology 1991</p>	<p>Block 118 District of Tennent</p>	<p><b>Artefact scatter of LCV:</b> 1 2 3 4a 5 6 8a 8b 9</p>
<p><b>INF26</b> A scatter of at least 4 stone artefacts located in an erosion slump beside a deep gully.</p> <p>Recorded – Access Archaeology 1991</p>	<p>Block 118 District of Tennent</p>	<p><b>Artefact scatter of LCV:</b> 1 2 3 4a 5 6 8a 8b 9</p>
<p><b>INF27</b> A scatter of at least 4 stone artefacts located in an erosion slump beside a deep gully.</p> <p>Recorded – Access Archaeology 1991</p>	<p>Block 119 District of Tennent</p>	<p><b>Artefact scatter of LCV:</b> 1 2 3 4a 5 6 8a 8b 9</p>
<p><b>INF28</b> An isolated stone artefact located on the edge of a gully.</p> <p>Recorded – Access Archaeology 1991</p>	<p>Block 118 District of Tennent</p>	<p><b>Artefact scatter of LCV:</b> 1 2 3 4a 5 6 8a 8b 9</p>

<p><b>INF29</b> An isolated stone artefact located on a ridge top.</p> <p>Recorded – Access Archaeology 1991</p>	<p>Block 118 District of Tennent</p>	<p><b>Artefact scatter of LCV:</b> 1 2 3 4a 5 6 8a 8b 9</p>
<p><b>INF30</b> An isolated stone artefact located on a low ridge spur.</p> <p>Recorded – Access Archaeology 1991</p>	<p>Block 108 District of Tennent</p>	<p><b>Artefact scatter of LCV:</b> 1 2 3 4a 5 6 8a 8b 9</p>
<p><b>INF31</b> An isolated stone artefact located on a track.</p> <p>Recorded – Access Archaeology 1991</p>	<p>Block 108 District of Tennent</p>	<p><b>Artefact scatter of LCV:</b> 1 2 3 4a 5 6 8a 8b 9</p>
<p><b>INF32</b> An isolated stone artefact located on a track.</p> <p>Recorded – Access Archaeology 1991</p>	<p>Block 108 District of Tennent</p>	<p><b>Artefact scatter of LCV:</b> 1 2 3 4a 5 6 8a 8b 9</p>

<p><b>INF33</b> An isolated stone artefact located on a track.</p> <p>Recorded – Access Archaeology 1991</p>	<p>Block 106 District of Tennent</p>	<p><b>Artefact scatter of LCV:</b> 1 2 3 4a 5 6 8a 8b 9</p>
<p><b>INF34</b> An isolated stone artefact located in the side of a deep gully.</p> <p>Recorded – Access Archaeology 1991</p>	<p>Block 118 District of Tennent</p>	<p><b>Artefact scatter of LCV:</b> 1 2 3 4a 5 6 8a 8b 9</p>
<p><b>INF35</b> An isolated stone artefact located on a track beside a fence.</p> <p>Recorded – Access Archaeology 1991</p>	<p>Block 108 District of Tennent</p>	<p><b>Artefact scatter of LCV:</b> 1 2 3 4a 5 6 8a 8b 9</p>
<p><b>INF37</b> A scatter of at least 2 stone artefacts located in the saddle of a watershed.</p> <p>Recorded – Access Archaeology 1991</p>	<p>Block 118 District of Tennent</p>	<p><b>Artefact scatter of LCV:</b> 1 2 3 4a 5 6 8a 8b 9</p>

<p><b>INF38</b> An isolated stone artefact located upslope from the saddle of a watershed on a track beside a fence.</p> <p>Recorded – Access Archaeology 1991</p>	<p>Block 118 District of Tennent</p>	<p><b>Artefact scatter of LCV:</b> 1 2 3 4a 5 6 8a 8b 9</p>
<p><b>INF40</b> A scatter of at least 3 stone artefacts located on a rocky knoll at the mid point of a westerly spur.</p> <p>Recorded – Access Archaeology 1991</p>	<p>Block 75 District of Tennent</p>	<p><b>Artefact scatter of LCV:</b> 1 2 3 4a 5 6 8a 8b 9</p>
<p><b>INF41</b> A scatter of at least 10 stone artefacts located a small flat at the mid point of a westerly spur.</p> <p>Recorded – Access Archaeology 1991</p>	<p>Block 75 District of Tennent</p>	<p><b>Artefact scatter of LCV:</b> 1 2 3 4a 5 6 8a 8b 9</p>
<p><b>INF42</b> A scatter of at least 2 stone artefacts located on a track at the break of slope above a creek flat.</p> <p>Recorded – Access Archaeology 1991</p>	<p>Block 75 District of Tennent</p>	<p><b>Artefact scatter of LCV:</b> 1 2 3 4a 5 6 8a 8b 9</p>

<p><b>INF43</b> An isolated stone artefact located in a scald at the break of slope above a creek gully.</p> <p>Recorded – Access Archaeology 1991</p>	<p>Block 118 District of Tennent</p>	<p><b>Artefact scatter of LCV:</b> 1 2 3 4a 5 6 8a 8b 9</p>
<p><b>INF44</b> An isolated stone artefact located in a scald at the break of slope above a creek gully.</p> <p>Recorded – Access Archaeology 1991</p>	<p>Block 118 District of Tennent</p>	<p><b>Artefact scatter of LCV:</b> 1 2 3 4a 5 6 8a 8b 9</p>
<p><b>INF45</b> A scatter of at least 2 stone artefacts located in a creek gully.</p> <p>Recorded – Access Archaeology 1991</p>	<p>Block 75 District of Tennent</p>	<p><b>Artefact scatter of LCV:</b> 1 2 3 4a 5 6 8a 8b 9</p>
<p><b>INF46</b> A scatter of at least 4 stone artefacts located in an erosion scald upstream from a fence.</p> <p>Recorded – Access Archaeology 1991</p>	<p>Block 75 District of Tennent</p>	<p><b>Artefact scatter of LCV:</b> 1 2 3 4a 5 6 8a 8b 9</p>



<p><b>INF14</b></p> <p>A scarred tree located on the crest of a hill, destroyed in 2003 bushfires.</p> <p>Recorded – Access Archaeology 1991 Reinspected – Sam McKay 2003</p>	<p>Block 118 District of Tennent</p>	<p><b>Scarred Tree:</b> <b>1</b></p>
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## **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

### **1. DESCRIPTION OF PLACES**

The places comprise 99 Aboriginal sites located within the Districts of Paddys River and Tennent, ACT. The sites are scatters of stone artefacts (n=76), isolated stone artefacts (n=20), a rock shelter (n=1), a scarred tree (n=1) and a stone source (n=1).

### **2. STATUS OF PLACES AT NOMINATION DATE:**

The places are not previously recorded or entered into any ACT or Commonwealth Register.

### **3. BACKGROUND**

A regional understanding of the variability, condition and conservation status of Aboriginal sites throughout the Territory is essential for the sound assessment of site significance and development of appropriate conservation strategies for Aboriginal heritage places and cultural landscapes. 'Site' is the common term for the locations where material remains relating to past Aboriginal occupation are in evidence, whereas the legislation refers to 'places'. These two terms are used interchangeably in this document.

These places were recorded as a result of cultural heritage surveys of Miowera, Gibraltar and Ingledene forests for ACT Forests in 1991, a 1982, 1993 & 2004 survey of the Corin Winter Sports Facility, a 2004 survey of the Gibraltar Falls area and a 2003 reinspection of Ingledene Forest.

Unregistered Aboriginal sites are legally protected from disturbance, however the poor state of knowledge regarding their nature and location, and difficulties with their recognition and detection has undoubtedly already resulted in inadvertent disturbance to and destruction of a proportion of the record. The remaining sites, for the most part, are considered to be under potential threat due to future development pressure, with the exception of registered places and sites located in the small proportion of land in the Territory that is unsuitable for development.

The recommendations made in this register entry, regarding conservation and management of the reported sites are based upon professional recommendations, as contained in the cultural resource survey reports and the consideration and comparison of the reported sites with others recorded within the district and to some extent within the wider Canberra region. Assessment of significance at a regional level is, as noted above, preliminary, since a regional overview of Aboriginal sites in the ACT is still in preparation.

#### **4. CONSULTATION WITH STAKEHOLDERS**

The three Aboriginal organisations defined as relevant regarding consultation on heritage matters according to the *Land (Planning and Environment) Act, 1991*, are strongly supportive of actions that increase awareness and protection of Aboriginal cultural heritage places.

During the registration process the three relevant Aboriginal organisations have also had the opportunity to provide comments on the Aboriginal significance of these places and their management.

Copies of the draft register entry have also been circulated to other stakeholders, including the land owners/managers of the affected areas and parties that originally reported the sites.

#### **5. ANALYSIS AGAINST THE CRITERIA SPECIFIED IN SCHEDULE 2 OF THE LAND (PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT) ACT 1991:**

**Criterion (i):** A place which demonstrates a high degree of technical and/or creative achievement, by showing qualities of innovation or departure or representing a new achievement of its time.

Not applicable

**Criterion (ii):** A place which exhibits outstanding design or aesthetic qualities valued by the community or a cultural group.

Not applicable

**Criterion (iii):** A place which demonstrates a distinctive way of life, taste, tradition, religion, land use, custom, process, design or function which is no longer practised, is in danger of being lost, or is of exceptional interest.

The sites are all the product of past Aboriginal land-use and demonstrate varied aspects of a traditional way of life no longer practised in the ACT. The artefact scatters, scarred tree, rock shelter and stone source present in these localities demonstrate occupation and use of land by Aboriginal people, in the past. The rockshelter has the potential to yield archaeological information that would enhance knowledge of a past and distinctive way of life no longer practiced in the ACT. This includes the use of rockshelters and caves by traditional Aboriginal people as places of shelter and habitation. Rockshelters also have the potential to inform about the change in Aboriginal adaption to the environment spanning the terminal Pliocene and subsequent Holocene period.

**Criterion (iv):** A place which is highly valued by the community or a cultural group for reasons of strong or special religious, spiritual cultural, educational or social associations.

The places are all of significance to the Aboriginal community due to their association with traditional Aboriginal culture and their ability to demonstrate the comprehensive occupation of the ACT by their ancestors. The shelter present at this locality has special importance to the Aboriginal community as a place where there is an immediate link to the past, where they can walk in the footsteps of their ancestors and see some of what they saw. The rockshelter is of educational value because of its potential to

address questions concerning the way that Aboriginal people lived in the area of the Miowera Forest and in particular questions concerning the temporal development of stone tool production methods and technologies they employed.

**Criterion (v):** A place which is the only known or only comparatively intact example of its type.

Not applicable

**Criterion (vi):** A place which is a notable example of a class of natural or cultural places or landscapes and which demonstrates the principal characteristics of that class.

Not applicable

**Criterion (vii):** A place which has strong or special associations with a person, group, event, development or cultural phase which played a significant part in local or national history.

These places have been identified as significant by the ACT Aboriginal community. They provide physical evidence of the past occupation and use of the areas in Miowera, Gibraltar and Ingledene by Aboriginal people.

**Criterion (viii):** A place which represents the evolution of a natural landscape, including significant geological features, landforms, biota or natural processes.

Not applicable

**Criterion (ix):** A place which is a significant habitat or locality for the life cycle of native species; for rare, endangered or uncommon species; for species at the limits of their natural range; or for distinct occurrences of species.

Not applicable

**Criterion (x):** A place which exhibits unusual richness, diversity or significant transitions of flora, fauna or natural landscapes and their elements.

Not applicable

**Criterion (xi):** A place which demonstrates a likelihood of providing information which will contribute significantly to a wider understanding of natural or cultural history, by virtue of its use as a research site, teaching site, type locality or benchmark

These sites comprise part of a related body of evidence with potential to provide information about local and regional patterns of past Aboriginal land-use practices and settlement patterns. Some of the sites have potential for research to provide information about past Aboriginal occupation of the locality and region. Unfortunately, the scarred tree was totally burnt in the bushfires of 2003, however its known presence in this location will help us further our understanding of natural resource use in the past by Aboriginal people of this region.

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