

**ADDENDUM TO REPORT ON THE**

**ABORIGINAL HERITAGE SURVEY OF**

**THE NORTHERN SUBURBS RAILWAY EXTENSION**

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## 1.0 Introduction

The PTA proposes to extend the Northern Suburbs Railway northwards from its current terminus at Butler, through the suburbs of Alkimos and Eglinton, to a new terminus at Yanchep (“the Rail Extension”). In November 2008, PTA commissioned R & E.O’Connor Pty Ltd to carry out a preliminary “desk-top” assessment of the then proposed route of that extension. The report on the assessment was submitted to PTA in December 2008. Following that assessment, in February 2013 an archaeological survey of the Rail Extension was carried out by archaeologist John Cecchi. In February 2017, PTA commissioned R & E O’Connor Pty Ltd to carry out an Aboriginal consultation and a heritage survey of the Rail Extension and produce a report suitable to inform a Notice pursuant to Section 18 of the AHA to be submitted to the ACMC in respect of the proposed works, should such submission be required. The report was submitted to PTA in April 2017. It recorded that the Whadjuk representatives nominated by South West Land and Sea Council pursuant to the Noongar Standard Heritage Agreement had approved the Rail Extension, subject to the condition that arrangements should be made by PTA to hold a further survey of the proposed stations and associated ancillary facilities when the precise locations and dimensions of those areas were known.

The additional inspection of the proposed station sites and associated facilities was carried out on 23 October 2017. This document, which details the methodology, execution and results of that additional consultative process and Aboriginal heritage survey, is presented as an addendum to the April 2017 *Report on the Aboriginal Heritage Survey of the Proposed Northern Suburbs Railway Extension Alignment*.

## 2.0 Whadjuk Representatives

The following Whadjuk representatives were nominated by South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council to participate in the consultative survey: Ms. Bella Bropho, Mr Brendan Moore, Mr Chris Shaw, Ms. Frances Humphries, Ms. Esandra Colbung, Mr Dennis Simmons, Mr Ron Gidjup, Ms. Tanya Bodney and Mr Graham Nettle (reserve). Neither Ms. Humphries nor reserve Mr Nettle could be contacted. Ms. Colbung was not available to attend on the day of the survey and met with the author on the following day. PTA was represented on site by Ms. C.Harwood, Environmental Officer Infrastructure, Planning and Land Services and Ms. Laura Zimmermann, Environmental Officer Infrastructure, Planning and Land Services. R & E.O'Connor Pty Ltd was represented by R.O'Connor and Mr Ted Hart.

## 3.0 The Surveys

The group assembled initially at Butler Station on Exmouth Drive at 10:30 and discussed the proposed station locations. It was decided that the survey should start at the proposed location of Yanchep Station and work southwards from there to Eglinton and Alkimos Stations. The survey party then drove to the proposed Yanchep Station, arriving there at 11:20 and assembled at (MGA Zone 50) 371261E 6510636N, where the rail platform will be located.

C.Harwood (CH) welcomed all to the meeting and showed our location on the map of the proposed station. She explained that PTA had accepted the recommendation of the April 2017 Report and that the present meeting was the result of that acceptance. All

three proposed station sites and associated infrastructure and ancillary facilities would be inspected today. The Yanchep Station would be a “cut and cover” development, similar in design to the present Subiaco Station.

Dennis Simmons (DS): Has there been any previous land clearance along the proposed alignment?

CH: Yes, some developers have already cleared land for their projects and some have recently started to do so. The most recent is the Alkimos City Centre development, just north of the proposed station site.

DS: There is disquiet amongst us over the fact that property developers clear huge areas of land without any consultation. Our sites are being destroyed in that way.

R.O'Connor (ROC): The State Government Agencies, as a matter of policy, carry out Aboriginal consultations before development. The mining industry also does that. But property developers, by and large, do not and ignore Aboriginal heritage matters.

R.O'Connor and members of the survey party then walked eastwards along a track which cuts through the station site to high ground overlooking Yanchep National Park. Some members of the party remarked that the coastal scrub was dense in this area and, as a result, ground visibility was minimal. They stated that they wished for monitors to be present when the ground cover was being cleared and when initial ground disturbance was taking place, in order to identify if any Aboriginal cultural material was being disturbed.

The survey party then re-located to the proposed site of Eglinton Station beside Pipidinny Road, where they reassembled at 373951E 6505119N at 12:35, close to the northeastern corner of the proposed station car park.

CH: Using the map of the proposed station and surrounds showed the meeting point and also the lay-out of station and ancillary facilities.

Chris Shaw and Ron Gidjap: We want to again say that there must be monitors here for scrub clearing and ground disturbance. In this thick scrub you can't see what is on the ground.

R.O'Connor and members of the survey party then walked eastwards along the sand track that flanks Pipidiny Road to the south and then southwards along the proposed station area in order to carry out an inspection.

The survey party then moved to the proposed Alkimos Station site and reassembled at 375895E 6501484N at 13:15.

CH: Again using the map of the proposed station as a guide, showed where the station itself and car parks would be sited. The car parks are planned to be located on both the western and eastern sides of the railway line, to the north of the station.

R.O'Connor and members of the survey party walked to the location of the proposed car parks and carried out an on-the-ground inspection. Dennis Simmons and Chris Shaw identified some isolated pieces of quartz scattered about an area measuring four metres by four metres at 375912E 6501577N, as shown in Plate One. There are no naturally occurring quartz outcrops in this immediate area. Three of the pieces showed signs of having been worked, with an evident bulb of percussion and fashioned edge. In the opinion of the Whadjuk representatives (and the author), these isolated items do not constitute an Aboriginal site. They do however, point to former Aboriginal occupation and justify the request of the Whadjuk representatives to have monitors present when the land is being cleared for station construction.

R.O'Connor then met with Ms. Esandra Colbung on 24 October 2017. Ms. Colbung considered the findings of the survey and stated that she concurred with the approval of the project given by the other representatives, and also with the conditions attached, namely that monitors should be present both for scrub clearance and for initial ground disturbance at the station sites. She then also signed the approval form.

#### 4.0 Signed Forms

On completion of the consultative meetings the Whadjuk representatives signed an approval for the proposed works, with the following conditions attached:

- Monitors to be on site for clearance and initial ground works.

A copy of the signed form is attached, along with signed receipts for Aboriginal consultancy fees paid.





Date 23-10-17

The proposed three stations Pikes - Yanchep Rail  
has been inspected by the following elders of the Wadjarri  
Group

and has been:

~~Approved~~

Approved subject to the following conditions ✓

~~Not approved for the following reasons~~

*Monitors on site for clearance & initial  
ground works*

\* *Chris Shaw*

\* *[Signature]*

NAME

SIGNATURE

*B. Moore  
Tanya BOONEY*

*Bella BROPHO*

*CHRIS SHAW\**

*Alan Gidjil*

*DENNIS SIMMONDS\**

*ESANDRA GURUNG*

*B. Moore*

*[Signature]*

*Bella Bropho*

*A Gidjil*

*E. Gurung [24-10-17]*

Date 23-10-17

The following members of the WHAADJUK

Group have received the sum of \$510 per person per day as reimbursement of expenses

incurred attending an Aboriginal heritage survey of the

proposed Butler - Yandepthee stations project.

Name	Signature
BRENDAN MOORE	B Moore
TAYNA BOONEY	T Booney
Bella BROPHO	Bella Bropho
CHRIS SHAW	Chris Shaw
Denny SIMON	D Simon
Ron SIMON	R Simon
ESANDRA COLBURN	E. Colburn [24-10-17]