

Wednesday, 20 December 2023

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Dear Melissa

Re: Yorta Yorta Knowledge, Research and Exhibition Centre
Works No: 2020-547

Further to your letter dated 30/11/2023 we have great pleasure in providing a response to the questions raised.

1. Payment of application Fee.
We understand that the fee shall be paid direct by Yorta Yorta Nation Aboriginal Corporation. If payment is not received, please advise.
2. Cultural Heritage management Plan.
We have sought further clarification from the Department of Premier and Cabinet website and working through the assessment we confirm that as the proposed project is to be an educational facility then it is exempt from the requirement of providing a CHMP. See attached.
3. Building Usage details have been provided to us by Yorta Yorta Nation Aboriginal Corporation.
 - Type and Number of events – 4 events / calendar year.
 - Operating hours and maximum number of patrons at any proposed event 8am – 7pm – 50 people.
 - Sale of good or services - No
4. Amended Plan -Dimensions and proposed floor area of each room.
An update plan containing this information is attached.
5. Additional Water Storage, for the Fire Requirement – The additional storage has been calculated at 72,000 litres providing a total capacity of 144,000 litres. Due to the nature of the current bolted tank design, this additional storage is provided by increasing the height of the existing tanks.
6. Car Parking
Car parking is provided in accordance with the municipal planning strategy. To support sustainable transport alternatives to the motor car, we note that cycle parking is shown, plus an unloading bay.
Elders are normally transport using a minibus service thus requiring a need for this parking provision.

Increase in the floor area of an existing use.
Column C of Table 1
Stage 2
Education Centre from Table 1 52.66
 0.4×50 No of students $0.4 = 20.0$ spaces



Stage 1

3.5/100sq net floor area -total floor area in Stage 1 655m²

Based on offices 6.5 x 3.5 = 22.75 parking spaces.

Total spaces required 42.75(43) spaces provided onsite 29.

Reduction applied for 14No.

As outlined above in support of this reduction we note.

- Ample onsite parking is provided on Maloney Street and in the adjacent Evan Street reserve.
- A large proportion of the persons using the building shall be elders, these persons are collected with transport and delivered to the centre for meeting / events. A loading bay and DDA access is provided to access the building from the car park.

7. Signage – Signage is to be submitted as a separate application.

8. Native Vegetation

We apologize for any confusion and do note that a number of trees which were removed to undertake the Stage 1 works (and have been removed) were incorrectly shown.

We confirm that no trees will be removed as part of this development the building has been specifically designed to work around these native trees.

The existing ground cover is shrub grasses / weeds which will be relandscaped as part of a separate application.

9. Bushfire Hazard and Management Statement

An updated report has been provided to clearly indicate the proposed building within the site and its assessment.

We trust that this clarifies all the items raised.

Kind Regards



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Monday, 19 February 2024

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Dear Melissa

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Further to your recent RFI regarding the need to obtain a Cultural Heritage Management Plan we understand that provided that this building is deemed "educational" it is exempt, from this requirement.

As sanctioned by the Yorta Yorta Nation Aboriginal Corporation the underlying purpose of this facility is to capture and preserve Yorta Yorta Culture whether it be through language, artifacts, storytelling and history. It is a space for Yorta Yorta elders to do this with freedom and a sense of spaces.

The 4 events previously described as occurring within the main educational space are

1. Book launches and literary events
2. Newly acquired artifact displays to the Yorta Yorta Community. Melbourne museum is currently transferring material back to the Yorta Yorta Nation Aboriginal Corporation.
3. Language workshop
4. Meeting of elders to view and agree on interpretive material before it is released.

Elders who are based outside Yorta Yorta county currently do not have a place to interact and learn from other elders who live in and around Barmah.

In regard to the office activities, it is expressly for the purpose of research on various aspects of Yorta Yorta history and culture and the production of electronic learning materials.

Cataloguing and archiving of materials will also take place in these rooms.

An archaeologist is currently employed full time by the Yorta Yorta Nation Aboriginal Corporation, and she will carry out research from these offices.

Thus this centre is clearly "educational" in all senses of the word and as such we believe exempt from a Cultural Heritage Management Plan under the Department of Premier and Cabinet Guidelines.



We trust that this clarifies all the items raised.

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Tuesday, 12 March 2024

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Dear Melissa

Re: Yorta Yorta Knowledge, Research and Exhibition Centre
Planning No: 5/202/273 – 35 Schier Street Barmah

Further to our recent telephone conversation we have received a response from the Yorta Yorta Nation Aboriginal Corporation

The response received were

- 1) Is the proposed building ancillary too or independent of the existing office.
Answer
The proposed building is ancillary for the existing building.
- 2) Provide advice of the anticipated duration of the 4No events proposed to occur at the knowledge Centre.
Answer
The proposed events are anticipated to last from 1-4 Days

We trust that this clarifies the issues you had however if you need any further advise please contact us immediately.

Kind Regards



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