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Date: 29 May 2025
Our Reference: 2017392/SP484880

Dear Chairperson

RE: NOTICE CONCERNING WORKS ON NATIVE TITLE LANDS (RIGHT TO COMMENT) PROPOSED JETTY CONSTRUCTION AND REDEVELOPMENT– LAKE TYERS

The Proposal

The Department of Premier and Cabinet (DPC) are proposing to construct a new single lane boat ramp and floating jetty on Lake Tyers. The existing floating jetty is in poor condition and no longer meets the required standards, therefore will be removed along with the concrete approach slab.

The new boat ramp and floating pontoon jetty will be located in proximity to the current jetty thereby making use of the existing access track and cleared area. An adjacent cleared area will be formalized into a gravel turning circle, to allow vehicles to straighten up before reversing to the ramp. An existing shelter on the foreshore has become derelict and will be removed but is within the area required for the turning area and access to the boat ramp.

The primary users of the jetty will be the Lake Tyers Aboriginal Trust (LTAT). It is one of the priority strategic projects identified to be undertaken to revitalise the settlement and provides a key access and egress point to LTAT in the event of an emergency.

The location of the area subject to proposal is outlined in the following attachments:

- Cadastral plan showing Crown allotment descriptions.
- Aerial Photo
- Site Plan

Description of The Native Title Land and Waters Affected

Crown allotment 2009, Parish of Colquhoun East (P402545)

This allotment is Crown lands in reserved for Public Purposes by notice published in the *Victoria Government Gazette* in 1881 on page 691.

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Seeking Your Comments

The *Native Title Act 1993* (NTA) requires DEECA to consult and seek comments from the Traditional Owners of Native Title lands and incorporate appropriate conditions into consent to use and develop the land.

We understand that the proponent may also be obliged under Cultural Heritage legislation to contact the Gunaikurnai RAP body concerning this project and we will advise them of those responsibilities as a matter of standard process. However, if you would also like DEECA to raise some specific conditions on cultural heritage protection matters in the exercise of your native title right to protect cultural heritage as part of this formal commentary and approvals process, we will be happy to do so at your direction.

Further, your comments on how this proposal might affect your other native title rights and interests, and how that can be managed or addressed as part of this approvals process are also keenly sought.

These recognised rights and interests include the:

- right to have access to or enter and remain on the land and waters;
- right to use and enjoy the land and waters;
- right to take the resources of the land and waters for the purposes of satisfying personal, domestic or communal needs, but not for any commercial purposes;
- right to protect and maintain places and areas on the land and waters which are of importance according to Gunaikurnai traditional laws and customs;
- right to camp
- right to engage in cultural activities;
- right to engage in rituals and ceremonies;
- right to hold meetings and gatherings;
- right to teaching and learning about the physical, spiritual and cultural attributes of places and areas of importance.

Please note that the 'non-extinguishment' principle applies to these works and your native title rights will continue to exist over the site.

The Department intends to advise the proponent that the project can proceed after 40 days from the date of this notification have elapsed. We would appreciate the opportunity to discuss this proposal however in the meantime please contact Fiona Munson at the following details.

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Legislative Basis for this Notice
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The proposed activity is a valid future act pursuant to Section 24 JA of the *Native Title Act 1993*.

Subdivision J of the *Native Title Act 1993* (NTA) allows for acts to be carried out on reserves provided that the act is in good faith with the purpose of the reservation. Where the act involves the construction of a public work, it is necessary that formal procedural notice be given to any Body Corporate and to any registered Representative Body.

This notice is also prepared and issued cognisant of the agreed terms outlined in Section 7.3 of the Indigenous Land Use Agreement between the State of Victoria and the Gunaikurnai Land and Waters Aboriginal Corporation dated 22 October 2010 and registered with the National Native Title Tribunal on 8 February 2011.

The proposed works are to be carried out over land that was validly reserved prior to 23/12/96. The future act is in accordance with the purpose of the reservation (Public Purposes Reserve).

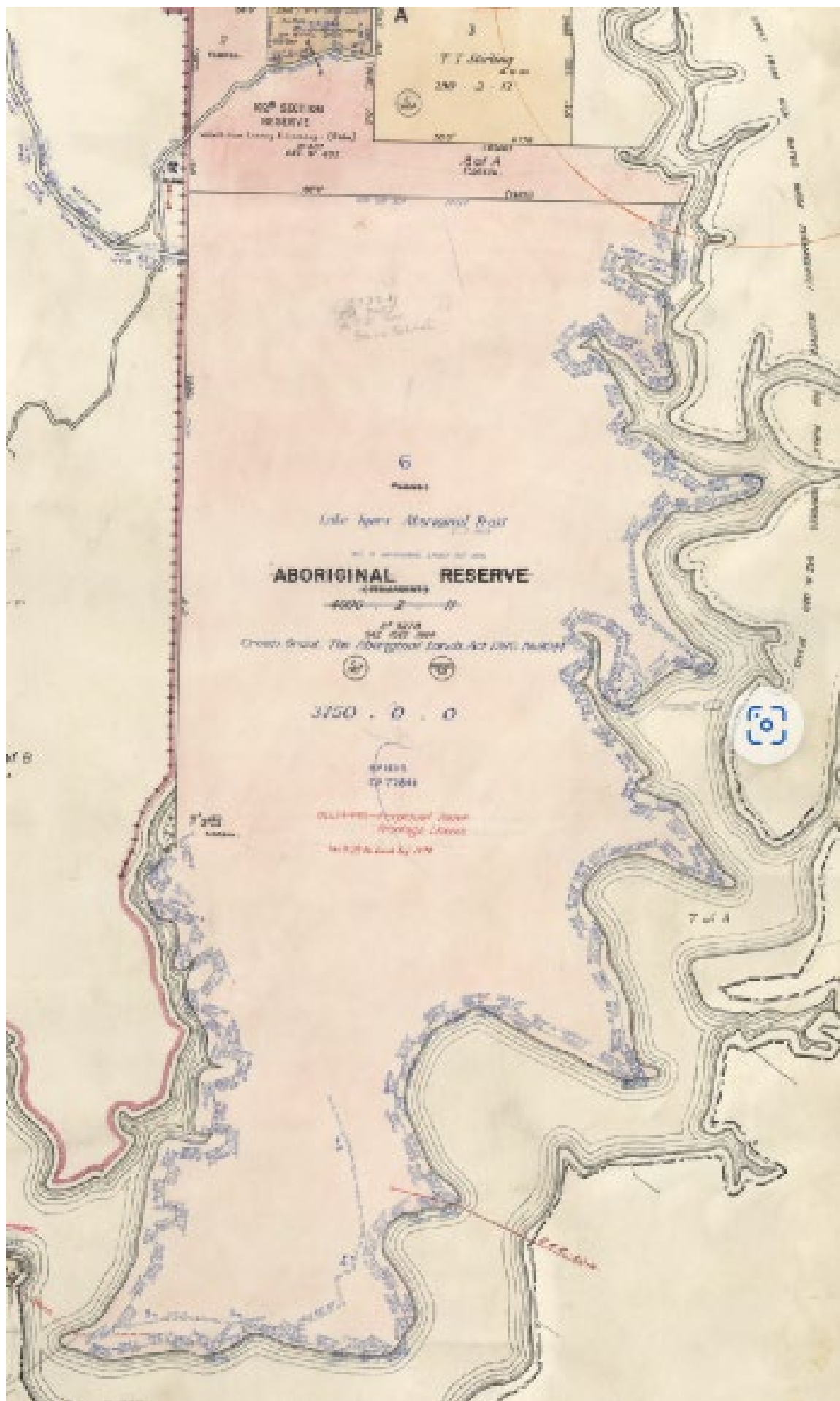
The proposed works are considered “a structure that is a fixture” which constitutes the establishment of public works under Part 15, Division 4, Section 253 of the *Native Title Act 1993*.

The non-extinguishment principle applies.



Fiona Munson
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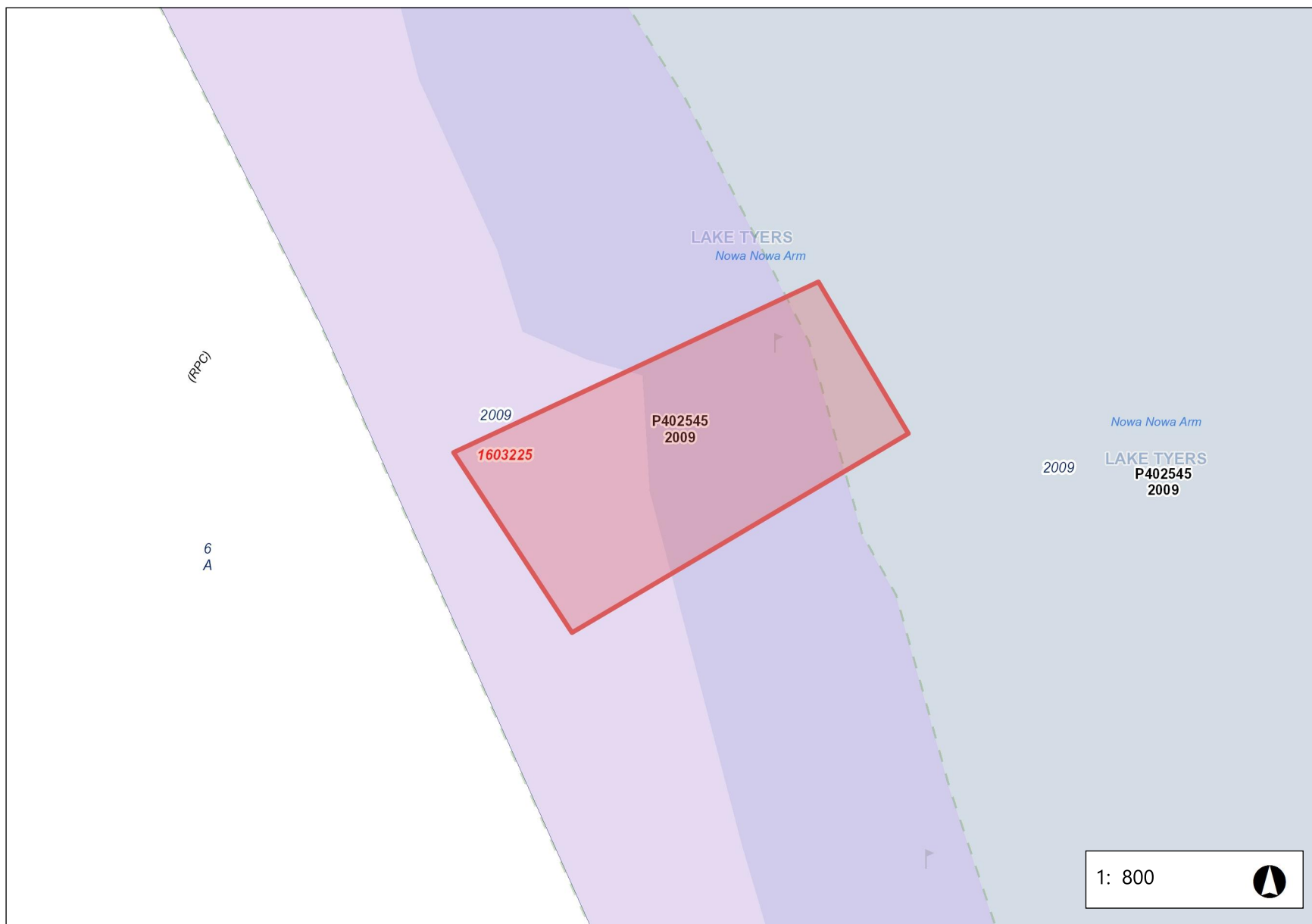
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