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Re: Mineral Exploration – Meridian Lake MV2004C0021

We have reviewed the permit application and note that the area has not been explored for archaeological sites, but that numerous sites have been recorded in the region north of the development zone. Our files also show that the development zone is an area of intense traditional use.

Because of the concentration of archaeological sites nearby and the importance of the area to traditional land users, we would expect the development area to show a very high potential for the presence of archaeological sites.

Consequently, we recommend that the company be required to undertake an archaeological impact assessment before the land use permit is issued.

Sincerely

Tom Andrews
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