

NOTICE OF DECISION

Work Application under Part 3.2 of the *Heritage Act 2011* (the Act)

Applicant	Dr Chris Urwin – Monash Indigenous Studies Centre
Location	Yulbarra (Vanderlin Island) and Karruwa (Little Vanderlin Island) apart of the Sir Edward Pellew Islands.
Proposed work in brief	Excavate five (5) Aboriginal archaeological places
Application submission	Applications submitted to the Department of Lands, Planning and Environment 20 February 2026
Decision maker	Minister for Lands, Planning and Environment

THE DECISION

In accordance with Section 75 of the Act, I have decided to approve the work outlined in the two applications.

The approval is valid for a period of 42 months from the date of this notice. Work must be completed by the expiration date, or a revised application submitted.

The approval does not extend to any work beyond the work stipulated in the applications. All new works require a separate application.

In accordance with section 76 of the Act, I impose the following conditions to this approval. These conditions are:

1. Work is conducted only as detailed in the applications, particularly that specified in Table One;
2. That a labelled ceramic plate or similar marker is buried where archaeological objects are recovered or returned to mark the disturbance;
3. Annual progress reports are to be submitted to the Heritage Branch of the Department of Lands, Planning and Environment;
4. That any outstanding reports as part of previous work approvals are submitted before new work commences; and
5. The work approval expires after 42 months from the date of this notice.

A separate Reasons for Decision is provided.



The Hon. Joshua Burgoyne

Minister for Lands, Planning and Environment

DATE 14 - 5 - 2026