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Dear Mr Moy

RE Regional Seismic Survey – Proposal for 2006.

Thank you for sending the information on your proposal.

As discussed on the phone I believe that the activity you are undertaking should generally not directly impact Aboriginal heritage, as long as the activity is undertaken on the verge of the road.

When you are within 500 metres of the coastal zone your work crew should be aware that Aboriginal middens might be present at the edge of some of the roads you are operating on. If there is shell evident at the edge of the road where you are undertaking your project you must find an alternative location for your testing. Aboriginal heritage has protection under State legislation, the *Aboriginal Relics Act 1975*. To impact an Aboriginal relic requires a permit. If there are any doubts about whether there is an Aboriginal site present the precautionary principle should be followed and the activity being undertaken should be moved to another location away from the shell. If you believe an Aboriginal site has been found please contact me and I will provide you with advice on what the best approach to the issue is..

The only location that is of specific concern to me is the private property you are accessing. The reason for my concern is that you will be off the main roads and in an area that has probably never been assessed for Aboriginal heritage. I would recommend that during this phase of your exploration you should have an experienced Aboriginal Heritage officer consultant present. The Aboriginal Heritage officer consultant should be present either during your works or he can inspect each of your work locations prior to the testing. Either way the locations you are testing on private land should be inspected before the testing to make sure that you are not impacting Aboriginal heritage.

Having an Aboriginal Heritage officer consultant inspecting the area of concern would alleviate any concerns that the Aboriginal community might have on the possible impacts to Aboriginal heritage. A list of Aboriginal Heritage Officer consultants can be gained from the Tasmanian Aboriginal Land and Sea Council at 4 Lefroy Street North Hobart. There is a cost involved in hiring an Aboriginal Heritage Officer consultant.

If you have any queries on the above please let me know.

Yours sincerely


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cc. Colin Hughes Manager Tasmanian Aboriginal Land and Sea Council