



## Heritage Assessment Proposed Sub-division 270A Lenah Valley Road Lenah Valley

for

**D M Crean**

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### Background

I have been requested to look at the proposed 16 lot sub-division at 270A Lenah Valley Road in Lenah Valley adjacent to the Lady Franklin Museum (located within Acanthe Park) to consider two matters. The first is to examine the historical material related to the extent of the Acanthe Park land holding and whether the proposed sub-division formed part of the historic holding, the second is to make comment on the sub-division in relation to the adjacency provisions of the Planning Scheme with regard to a heritage item as Acanthe Park is a heritage item at both local and state levels.

I have been briefed on this matter at the end of the assessment process and understand that there have been a series of meetings with Council to discuss the proposal that have resulted in the present application. As a result of the short time frame to prepare this report I have limited my assessment to the two matters noted above.

I also note that in association Ian Terry, historian, we prepared the 1993 Lenah Valley Heritage Review which identified the farm house at 290 Lenah Valley Road as a potential heritage item of local heritage value and also identified the Brushy Creek corridor as having landscape heritage value. I also note that there has been considerable development and sub-division within that corridor since the study was completed.

There has been some public comment related to the sub-division and in particular claims that the subject land formed part of Acanthe Park and that as a result there remain obligations over the land. This report addresses that issue.

Historical research on the history of Acanthe Park and the surrounding lands has been undertaken on behalf of the applicant by Dianne Snowden (historian), copies of the various documents are attached.

The second consideration is, assuming other matters are dealt with, to determine if there is an adverse impact on the heritage values of the Lady Franklin Museum site