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Dear Mr Tomkins

Thank you for your email of Friday 2 June 2023 expressing your concern that rehabilitation works proposed by Parks Victoria at Millennium Cave in the Gariwerd National Park may cause harm to significant Aboriginal cultural values.

I understand you have also raised concerns directly with Parks Victoria that the proposed works may cause harm to significant environmental values at this location.

The works proposed by Parks Victoria are authorised by a cultural heritage permit issued under section 40 of the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006*. This cultural heritage permit was issued following consultation and agreement with the relevant Traditional Owners.

I am satisfied the conditions set out in the cultural heritage permit will facilitate Parks Victoria's completion of the activity in a way that appropriately minimises harm to any significant Aboriginal cultural values.

Thank you again for raising your concerns with me and for your continuing efforts to recognise and protect significant Aboriginal cultural heritage in Victoria.

Yours sincerely

Matthew Lloyd

Executive Director, Traditional Owner Relationships and Heritage First Peoples – State Relations

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