

## Attachment 1

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After the disappointment of the time, effort and resources invested in the negotiations with the RBC coming to nothing, the committee set out on a new tack in late 2011. We decided to further investigate the prospect of developing the Scout block (lot 8), the Police block (lot 12) and the ARTC block at the end of Caalong St.

We settled on the Scout block as the best option, for several good reasons. Sharon Makin put considerable work into re-drawing our previous D.A. to suit lot 8 as a full D.A. We arranged a meeting with John Flarrey, Group Leader, Crown Lands Division of the NSW Govt, Goulburn. This was initially promising as we had been having trouble getting meaningful negotiations with the Scout's representatives. However, John came back to us with the news that the NSW Aboriginal Lands Council had placed a claim on lot 8, and his advice was that these claims usually took a minimum 5 years to work through, and nothing could happen in the interim.

As a result we switched our attention to lot 12, the Police block, which John said was all clear of claims. We made a survey of the block and determined it was of sufficient size and proportion. We then made approaches through local member Gareth Ward, to the Police Minister. Frustratingly, the only response we received referred to the police station block on the other side of the road! At this point in time we are trying to get recognition from the Police Dept. that there is a block (lot 12) which they are meant to control.

I can only report that it has been a very frustrating and bewildering year. I hope for everyone's sake on the committee that we can get some resolution quickly.

I still believe the aims of RADSPA are achievable and that we should continue to work to this end. I want to thank all the members for their efforts and continued enthusiasm, and hope something positive will develop before too long.

John Thomas

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