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PC
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CABBAGE TREES, North of SOLDIERS Rd, PELICAN FLAT ITEM No. PC - 01

PREVIOUS/OTHER NAMES OR USES:

Small forest of Cabbage Tree Palms and Paperbark Trees

ADDRESS:

N-W Cnr Pacific Hwy & Soldiers Rd

2281 Pelican Flat

S.H.I.P. REF. No.

DATE INSPECTED:

PARISH: KAHIBAH

COUNTY: Northumberland BY: Doring

PRESENT OWNER(S) (Name & Address):

REAL PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:

SITE AREA: CURRENT ZONING:

CATEGORY:

Area

MAP 1:25000 No. 9231-4-N

SUBCATEGORY:

Vegetation group

NAME: SWANSEA GRID: 736 402

HISTORICAL THEMES:

S.K.I.P.:

Ref. Nos. for RELATED ITEMS

LOCAL:

HISTORICAL PERIOD -

n/a

n/a USED:

BUILDER:

n/a

n/a DATE BUILT:

ARCHITECT/DESIGNER:

n/a

BUILT:

The western fringe of a small PHOTOGRAPH &/OR SKETCH PLAN (and caption): forest of Cabbage Tree Palms & Paperbarks, which runs along the north side of Soldiers Road between the Pacific Highway & the Lake. (Doring Neg. 467-02)



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NAME/IDENTITY CABBAGE TREES, North of SOLDIERS Rd, PELICAN FLAT ITEM NO. PC - 01				
KNOWN HERITAGE LISTINGS:				
PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS Townscape or Landscape Features: A strip of land about 900m long & 200m wide, very low-lying & flat, & mostly thickly covered with Cabbage Tree Palms (Livistona australis) & Paperbarks (Melaleuca linariifolia). This land appears never to have been cleared or disturbed. Although it has suffered some invasion some other Details of Physical Appearance: of weeds, these should be controllable. The strip of land also runs along the south side of the Airport, & probably acts as a windbreak for the runway.				
DESCRIPTION: The quality of this group of trees is very impressive. The Cabbage Tree Palms are particularly numerous & tall. There are proclaimed Reserves for Native Flora on both sides of the Pacific Highway adjoining the subject strip of land, but neither appears to have as fine or thick stands of Cabbage Tree Palms, nor are they as prominent nor as accessible to the public.				
MODIFICATIONS: The highway & lakeside ends of the strip of land have been cleared.				
PRESENT USE: NONE				
HISTORICAL NOTES:				
REFERENCES:				
EVALUATION CRITERIA: HISTORIC Rare () Associative () Representative () AESTHETIC Rare () Associative () Representative () SOCIAL Rare () Associative () Representative () SCIENTIFIC Rare () Associative () Representative () OTHER Rare () Associative () Representative ()				
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE: A remnant group of some original vegetation species, formerly growing in large stands around the lake, but now found in only a few patches. The paperbarks are endemic to the coastal lake country, and provide a spectacular feature of the landscape when in flower. The cabbage tree palms are endemic to the coastal rain forests & swamps of the Illawarra & Hunter. As very little of their habitat is left, indigenous stands of the trees are increasingly rare. This stand is a particularly fine one, in a prominent location & easily accessible to the public. RECOMMENDATION: Consider statutory protection. Carry out a weeding program in				
accordance with the National Trust Bush Regeneration system.				

Local Significance - very high Regional Signif. - moderate

