

**RE-ASSESSMENT OF POSSIBLE GRAVE FOR
NYALA FARM BROILERS**

FOR NYALA FARM CC

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Abbreviations

HP	Historical Period
IIA	Indeterminate Iron Age
LIA	Late Iron Age
EIA	Early Iron Age
ISA	Indeterminate Stone Age
ESA	Early Stone Age
MSA	Middle Stone Age
LSA	Late Stone Age
HIA	Heritage Impact Assessment
PIA	Palaeontological Impact Assessment

INTRODUCTION

Umlando originally surveyed the proposed Nyala Farm broilers on 18 May 2022. The survey noted several isolated Early Stone Age artefacts along the upper part of the hill. There was a stone cairn on the western border of the footprint. This feature was described in the HIA report: *“A stone cairn, that resembles a grave, was noted in the southern part of the study area. While it is unlikely to be a human grave, it currently falls within the definition of a human grave and needs to be treated as such. This cairn will need to be buffered.”*

KZNARI undertook a site inspection and agreed that the cairn should be buffered.

The landowner later confirmed that it was part of an excavation with a TLB, and not a grave. I suggested that this is tested by removing some of the rocks on the cairn to determine if it is a grave. This was to be *pro bono*. KZNARI rejected this and requested GPR analysis. This would be an extra and unnecessary cost to the project.

I then contacted the landowner stating that if they cleared the vegetation, without disturbing the cairn, then a second assessment may provide more information. The grass was very long and dense in May and it restricted visibility.

The vegetation was cut on the day I revisited the study area and I re-assessed the site and cairn. The cairn is clearly the result of a small excavated trench. The material from the trench was placed in one pile that subsided into a ~1.2m x 2m pile of rocks with sand in the middle. The profile of both sides of the trench are clear indications that there is no grave and that the cairn is only a pile of rocks placed on top of the surface.

The photos below indicate that the cairn is what I originally stated: "A stone cairn that resembles a grave but is probably not a grave." I can now state that it is definitely not a grave.

Trench and cairn



Arrow indicating excavated trench



Cairn And Trench



Trench cutting eastern side



Trench cutting west side

