# Letter of Transmittal:

Per Early Heritage Research and Monitoring Commission

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Hello to the Early Heritage Research and Monitoring Commission.

The following report details our recommendation on where to begin searching for signs of early life on the island of Coolay. The recommendations given are based on prior research, excavations, and geological studies which have already taken place on the island. While many of these searches have come up empty they have allowed for the bigger picture of the early Coolay life to come into view. By understanding where many of the older settlements are placed along the island, it can then be theorized where civilizations likely began.

This report should help in making your decisions on how to start the archaeological research .

# Executive Summary

Based on the initial information provided in the letter and documents for our recommendation report we are being asked to find possible solutions to the following issues:

1. Discovery of the earliest human settlement on the island.
2. Reconstruction of pre-Romano-Coolish national/ tribal territories.
3. Location and thorough investigation of as many pre-viking archaeological sites as possible.

The options we have found based on the information provided include the following: checking at all the known sites, checking by food sources, checking where nothing has been found yet, or checking the villas on the southeast of the island.

We recommend searching the villas on the southeast of the island to check again for possibly missed artifacts.

# Methods

Check at all the known sites: we would go to each of the discovered sites to try and uncover new information. Most of the discovered sites were found in clusters, so searching them again could lead to finding new sites.

Check by food sources: we would look for new sites in areas where food sources could be found or raised. The primary exports of Coolay are, currently, fish and sheep. Sheep need grass to graze, and fish need to be in the water to survive. This would lead us to search for new sites in areas containing grassland near oceans.

Check where nothing has been found yet: we would look for new sites in areas where no sites have yet been found. If we are going to be looking for new sites, it might be helpful to look in places where none have been found.

The villas on the southeast of the island can be checked again for possibly missed artifacts: we would go to each of the discovered villas on the southeast of the island to try and uncover new information.

# Discussion

## Check at all the known sites

Pros: Checking all of the known sites could be a good idea because we know where they are at and that they weren’t fully looked though. it also appears as if lots of the discovered sites were within a close proximity of other sites and may lead to finding more.

Cons: A reason why this might not be a good idea is because looking in previously discovered sites may not help us find new sites or lead to finding any new discoveries.

## Check by food sources

Pros: Checking near food sources could be a good idea as it is reasonable to believe that the first settlements were in close proximity to food sources

Cons: However, the food sources for ancient settlements could be far different than what is currently on the island

## Check where nothing has been found yet

Pros: Checking where nothing has yet been discovered could be a good idea because nothing has been discovered yet, leaving the potential to discover something new

Cons: It would also be reasonable that there would really be nothing there at all.

## Check the villas on the southeast of the island

Pros: Searching the villas on the southeast of the island could be a good idea because it matches the proximity to food argument and searching known sites arguments.

Cons: It could be a bad idea because the ancient civilizations might have had differing food sources and checking already searched villas may not lead to any new discoveries

## comparison of options

We can cross out checking where nothing has been found because the idea of doing tons of work to discover absolutely nothing is too risky.

We can cross off checking all known sites because we have already looked there and if nothing new is found or nothing of interest is found that could be a large waste of time.

We can cross off checking by food sources because it could be possible that their food sources back then were completely different.

So, that leaves us with searching the villas on the southeast of the island to check again for possibly missed artifacts.

# Recommendations

The best recommendation for excavation and investigation are the string of villas on the southeast of the island. These sites are already known to have historical artifacts and could contain more that have chronological abilities. These sites are also near possible food sources, and it is reasonable to believe that old settlements would be set up near food sources.

# Conclusion

After looking at each option we have decided that the best course of action is to search the villas on the southeast of the island. This option seems to be the least risky and has a reasonable chance of success. It shared some aspect of other options, while confining it to a smaller area. These villas were in close proximity to food sources. They are some of the previously discovered sites. For these reasons we recommend searching the villas on the southeast of the island.