THE ANCIENT MONUMENTS AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL AREAS ACT 1979 13237
ENTRY IN THE SCHEDULE OF MONUMENTS

The monument known as Cragabus, chambered cairn 75m SW of Lower Cragabus, Islay comprises a Clyde-type chambered cairn of Neolithic date, dating probably to the third millennium BC. It survives as the remains of a chamber and horned façade built of earthfast stone slabs. The chamber is aligned E-W and measures 4.8m long by 1m wide. The façade is to the NE of the chamber and comprises a number of earthfast stones, the most northerly of which stands to an impressive 1.8m in height and is likely to be the survivor of a pair of portal stones marking the original entrance. On the line of the entrance to the chamber, a second stone protrudes some 0.13m through the turf. The adjacent upright to the S appears to have fallen forward and only just protrudes above the grass. The final stone on the line of the façade has also fallen, but is about 2.1m long, at least 0.4m broad and 0.3m thick. The monument is situated within lightly grazed grassland and, apart from the protruding stone slabs forming the chamber and façade, is turf-covered. The cairn lies on the W side of a small rocky outcrop known as Creag Mhor, approximately 70m above sea level and has excellent views to the NE across lower lying agricultural land and towards the sea. The area to be scheduled is irregular on plan. It includes the remains described above and an area around them within which evidence relating to the monument's construction, use and abandonment may survive. On the N side it extends up to but does not include the post-and-wire fence; elsewhere the scheduling specifically excludes the above-ground elements of all post-and-wire fences to allow for their maintenance. The monument, which lies in the Parish of Kildalton and Oa and the County of Argyll as shown in red on the Plan annexed and executed as relative hereto and which forms part of the subjects registered in the

[redacted]

is hereby included in the Schedule of Monuments appearing to the Scottish Ministers to be of national importance compiled and maintained by them under section 1(1) of the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979.

Subscribed by Barbara Cummins, Director of Heritage Management with Historic Scotland, being an officer of the Scottish Ministers at Edinburgh on the 14th day of March Two thousand and thirteen, before this witness Victoria Murray, of Longmore House, Salisbury Place, Edinburgh.

[redacted]

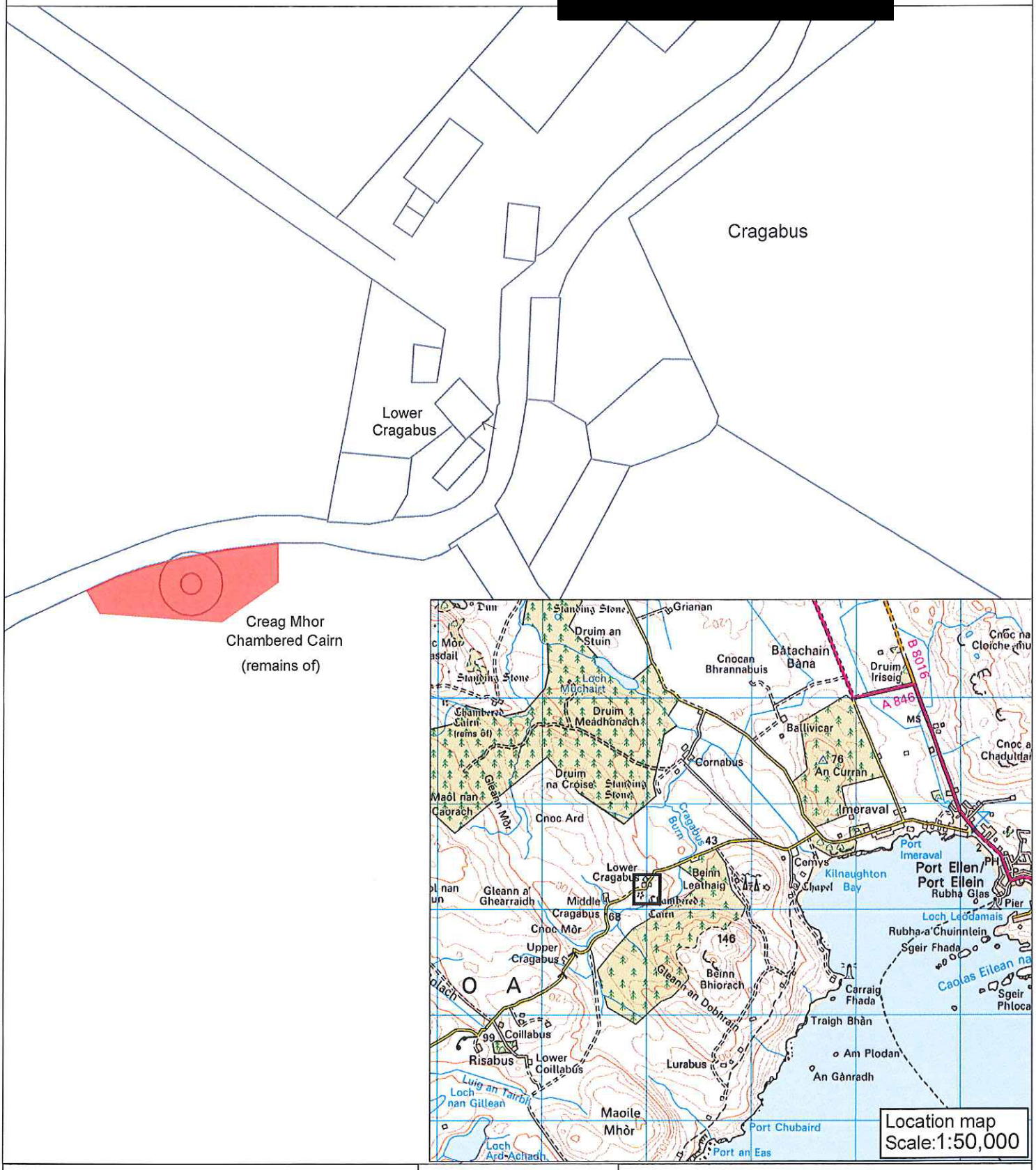
Director of Heritage Management

Witness

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This is the plan referred to in the entry in the Schedule affecting:
Cragabus, chambered cairn 75m SW of Lower Cragabus, Islay

dated: 14 / 3 /13 and is signed as relative thereto. [redacted]



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Cragabus, chambered cairn
75m SW of Lower Cragabus, Islay

Kildalton and Oa Parish
Scheduled Area

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Mapsheet(s):
NR34NW

Scale: 1:1,250
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Entry in the Schedule of Monuments

2013

Re: The Monument known as
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in the Parish of Kildalton and Oa
and
County of Argyll

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