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Dear Ms Evans

**SSD 7377 – DA 165-7-2005 MOD 1 - Expansion of extraction area by c.19ha; extension of life of quarry until 2046; use of mobile crushers and wet plant; importation of up to 100,000 tonnes of fill per annum.**

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Reference is made to your correspondence received on 11 October 2016 requesting comment from the Heritage Council of NSW (the Heritage Council) for the above proposed modification. As delegate of the Heritage Council, my comments pertain to historic heritage.

*Section 6.11 Historic Heritage* of the September 2016 Environmental Assessment, prepared for this modification, concluded on the basis of a 'review of relevant heritage databases' that:

There were no known statutory heritage listings or potential archaeological sites within or in the immediate vicinity of the quarry. The archaeological site survey discussed in Section 6.10 did not identify any potential historic heritage sites. No impacts on historic heritage are predicted as a result of the Modification.

It is confirmed that there are no State Heritage Register items on or in the vicinity of the quarry. However, based on the above information it appears that historic archaeological values have not been adequately addressed in either the 2005 EIS or the current Environmental Assessment document.

The fact that no potential historic heritage sites were identified during the *Aboriginal archaeological survey* referred to in Section 6.10 is not strictly relevant, as this survey specifically targeted Aboriginal heritage values. As far as can be determined, no historic archaeological assessment has occurred for the subject area, so the comment that 'No impacts on historic heritage are predicted as a result of the Modification' cannot be not supported without further assessment.

The following additional consent condition is therefore recommended:

An historical archaeological assessment should be prepared by a suitably qualified historical archaeologist in accordance with the Heritage Division, Office of Environment and Heritage Guidelines, including *'Assessing Significance for Historical Archaeological Sites and Relics'* 2009. This assessment should identify what deposits or relics, if any, are likely to be present, assess their significance and consider the impacts from the proposal on this potential resource. Where harm is likely to occur, it is recommended that the significance of the deposits or relics be considered in determining an appropriate

mitigation strategy. In the event that harm cannot be avoided in whole or part, an appropriate Research Design and Excavation Methodology should also be prepared prior to any excavation occurring to guide any proposed excavations. The archaeological mitigation program should be directed by a person who satisfies the Heritage Council of NSW Excavation Director criteria commensurate with the activity and significance level identified.

If you have any questions regarding the above matter, please contact Stuart Read, Assessment Officer at the Heritage Division, Office of Environment and Heritage on telephone (02) 9873 8554 or by e-mail: [stuart.read@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:stuart.read@environment.nsw.gov.au)

Yours sincerely



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