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Dear Chris

RE: Supporting letter for Ivanhoe Estate Redevelopment Stage 1 SEARs

In October 2017, EcoLogical Australia (ELA) was engaged in by Citta Property Group on behalf of Frasers to conduct an Aboriginal and historical heritage assessment for the proposed Ivanhoe Estate Redevelopment Concept Development Application. The reports were prepared as a response to specific requirements requested in the Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) issued on 25 September 2017 for Ivanhoe Estate Redevelopment (Concept Development Application), Macquarie Park (SSD 8707). An Aboriginal and historical assessment was completed by ELA in November 2017 which supported the DA for the approved redevelopment of the site.

This letter has been drafted in response to point 17 in the current Ivanhoe Estate Redevelopment Stage 1, Development Application (SSD 8903), SEARs dated 12th December 2017 addressing heritage and archaeology. The relevant SEARs (SSD 8903: Section 17 – Heritage and Archaeology) requirements are reproduced below:

- Provide an assessment that documents and addresses the impacts of the proposal on any heritage significance of the site and adjacent areas, including heritage items, places or relics significant to Aboriginal or European culture or history. The EIS must demonstrate attempts to avoid impact upon heritage values of the site, identify any conservation outcomes and outline proposed mitigation measures where impacts are unavoidable;
- Where Aboriginal cultural heritage values are identified, consultation with Aboriginal people must be undertaken and documented. The significance of cultural heritage values for Aboriginal people who have a cultural association with the land must be documented in the EIS; and
- Provide a Heritage Interpretation Plan that reflects and interprets the history of the site.

These are the same documents required for the previous Concept Development Application and rather than duplicating works already completed, a summary of the previous work is contained in this letter and the previous report has been attached. All results of the previous assessment are relevant to the current Stage 1 Development.

Previous assessment

The Aboriginal and historical assessment completed by ELA in November 2017 for the Ivanhoe Estate addressed the same requirements as those in the current SEARs. The results of that assessment are relevant for SEARs SSD 8903 and have been applied to the requested requirements of point 17.

The conservation and management of Aboriginal objects and places, historic heritage items, places and archaeological sites is subject to a range of statutory provisions in Commonwealth and State Government legislation. The relevant statutory and non-statutory heritage listings and legislations were applied during the assessment and included the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*, *Heritage Act 1977 (NSW)*, *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (NSW)* and the SEARs.

An extensive search of the Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System (AHIMS) database was conducted on 26 October 2017. A total of nine (9) AHIMS sites were identified during this search, but were located at a substantial distance away with zero AHIMS sites located within the study area boundary. All registered AHIMS sites identified in this search were all located in close proximity to the Lane Cove River and Lane Cove National Park approximately 1.5 km to the north of the study area.

Searches were also made of the following heritage databases on 1 November 2017:

- World Heritage List (WHL);
- National Heritage List (NHL);
- Commonwealth Heritage List (CHL);
- NSW State Heritage Register (SHR);
- NSW State Heritage Inventory (SHI);
- Section 170 Registers;
- Ryde LEP (2014).

No additional Aboriginal or historical heritage objects or places were recorded on any of these databases.

During the assessment, ELA archaeologist Andrew Crisp (BA [Hons Archaeology] University of Sydney) completed a site survey on Thursday 2nd November 2017 which found that the vast majority of the site was covered in buildings, roads, paving or paths. Open areas were limited to scrubby native regrowth which bounded Epping Road and Herring Road and a park adjacent to Shrimpton Creek. None of the trees were old enough to display cultural scarring as most of the vegetation post-dates the construction of the buildings and landscape modifications. The site inspection did not identify any Aboriginal artefacts, potential archaeological deposits or sites and confirmed that the study area has low potential for Aboriginal archaeological sites.

Prior to the construction of the housing estate in the 1980s and 1990s, the southern part of the study area bounding Epping Road was partially cleared, uninhabited scrub while the northern part of the was used as an orchard and market garden. Until the 1960s, much of the land adjacent to Shrimpton Creek was market gardens and remained undeveloped due to flooding. The survey and historical research undertaken for the heritage assessment did not identify any potential for a historical archaeological resource and the level of ground disturbance within the study area confirms that there is no potential for historical sites or relics to be present.

Conclusions

In response to the requirements of SEARs SSD 8903 ELA has undertaken an extensive search of the Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System (AHIMS) database maintained by the Office of Environment & Heritage (OEH) and a review of available background reports. The AHIMS data showed that no registered AHIMS sites will be impacted by the proposed works.

A site inspection was undertaken in accordance with the *Code of Practice for Archaeological Investigation of Aboriginal Objects in NSW* (DECCWA 2010) and identified no Aboriginal artefacts, Potential Archaeological Deposits or sites. This assessment confirms that the study area is highly developed and has no potential for any intact sub-surface archaeological sites. However, in accordance with the SEARs, it is recommended that an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment is undertaken once a Masterplan has been developed, rather than undertaking an additional assessment for Stage 1.

The site is not a heritage item and there are no heritage items in the vicinity. The proposal will have no impact on any heritage significance of the site or adjacent areas.

A heritage Interpretation plan has not been prepared and is unwarranted because the site does not contain any recorded or unrecorded Aboriginal or historical heritage items and has no heritage significance.

Yours Sincerely,



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