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Dear Ms Scott

**RE: SSI 15\_7400 – Sydney Metro - City & Southwest Project  
(Chatswood to Sydenham) – Modification No. 1**

Reference is made to your email received on 7 June 2017 which contained links to the documents for the above modification currently available on the Department's website.

The Sydney Metro Project Chatswood to Sydenham was approved by the Minister for Planning on 9 January 2017 (SSI 15\_7400). Modification No. 1 involves the:

- relocation of the Victoria Cross services building and a new station entrance to 50 McLaren Street North Sydney; and
- relocation of the Artarmon substation to 98-104 Reserve Road within the Artarmon industrial area.

It is noted that the Heritage Council of NSW made previous submissions on the project EIS by letter dated 27 June 2016 and on the PIR by letter dated 18 November 2016.

The report submitted with the application and titled *Sydney Metro City and Southwest, Chatswood To Sydenham Victoria Cross Station and Artarmon Substation Modification Report, TfNSW* has been reviewed.

The assessment of the approved project identified impacts associated with the Victoria Cross Station northern services building at 194-196A Miller Street, related to noise levels and nearby sensitive receivers such as Monte Sant' Angelo Mercy College. Condition A21 of the planning approval required Sydney Metro to investigate alternative locations for the northern services building with better environmental outcomes.

The report found that the preferred option for the Victoria Cross Station services building would be relocation of the approved northern services building 50 McLaren Street, North Sydney and also incorporating a new northern station entry at this location. The associated construction site for works would be relocated to the adjacent lot at 52 McLaren Street, North Sydney.

Heritage impacts were assessed in Chapter 12 of the report. The proposed modification results in six local heritage items no longer impacted due to the change in location, one item where impacts would be reduced, and five new local heritage items potentially impacted as a result of the proposed modification. Impacts are generally limited to views and setting with some potential impacts from vibration during construction activities. The main local item

potentially affected by vibration is the Shop at 243 Miller Street also known as "Garston" (LEP item).

The range of impacts to the local items at Victoria Cross would be similar under the proposed modification as they were for the approved project. Mitigation measures already required under the approved project would be sufficient to manage any impacts on the local LEP listed items.

The Archaeological Assessment of the revised location is presented in pages 148-149 of the report. The assessment is unclear and in part contradictory. Table 12-5 notes that there may be surviving resources of local significance but has concluded that for resources from the eras pre-1860 and mid to late 19<sup>th</sup> century that there would be nil to moderate potential for resources to survive. There appears to be an error in Table 12-5 regarding 20<sup>th</sup> century archaeology where these are stated both to not meet the threshold of local significance and also to be of local significance.

It is noted that the existing management measures for the approved project such as CEMPs and relevant sub-plans would continue to apply to the project.

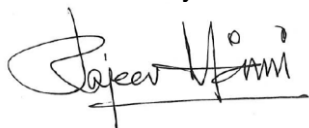
The Artarmon substation modification involves relocating the Artarmon substation from Butchers Lane, north of the Gore Hill Freeway, to 98-104 Reserve Road, within the Artarmon industrial area. The form of the substation would be generally consistent with the approved project, and would include an aboveground building with an associated shaft to reticulate cables to the tunnels below.

The proposed relocation of the Artarmon substation to the Artarmon industrial area would reduce noise and other amenity impacts on Barton Road and Butchers Lane residences, would largely affect less sensitive industrial receivers and would be more compatible with the character of the surrounding area. The proposed modification does not result in impacts to any above ground heritage items as there are no listed LEP items within the area.

The revised site has low potential for archaeology and any surviving archaeology is not likely to meet the threshold for local significance. It is, therefore, considered that there would be no need for any new mitigation measures to manage heritage issues for the Artarmon substation component of the proposed modification.

If you have any questions arising from this letter, please contact Siobhan Lavelle, Senior Team Leader, Archaeological Heritage at the Heritage Division, Office of Environment and Heritage on telephone (02) 9873 8546 or by e-mail: [siobhan.lavelle@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:siobhan.lavelle@environment.nsw.gov.au).

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