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Dear Dimitri

Advice regarding Environmental Impact Statement – State Significant Development – Upgrade to North Sydney Public School (SSD – 11869481)

Thank you for your referral dated 7 September 2021, inviting comment from Heritage NSW (HNSW) in relation to the proposed Upgrade to North Sydney Public School (SSD - 11869481), located at 182 Pacific Highway, North Sydney NSW.

HNSW has reviewed the information prepared for the proposal including:

- *Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) - Upgrades to North Sydney Public School SSDA – 11869481*, dated 27 August 2021, prepared by Gyde Consulting Pty Ltd
- *North Sydney Public School, North Sydney - Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment (ACHA)* (dated 10 August 2021); and *North Sydney Public School, North Sydney - Aboriginal Archaeological Report (AAR)* (dated 13 August 2021), prepared by Austral Archaeology Pty Ltd

HNSW is satisfied that the supplied documentation has adequately identified and assessed the impact of the proposal on any Aboriginal cultural heritage (ACH) matters within the development area, in accordance with the SEARs for the project and ACH regulatory requirements. Based on the findings documented in the ACHA report and noting the high level of historical and modern day urban impacts within the proposal area, as well as our understanding of Aboriginal land use and occupation of the North Sydney landscape, HNSW supports the recommendation to not undertake any further ACH investigation within the curtilage of the proposal area.

Stop work procedures have been recommended in the event that unexpected finds including Aboriginal objects and/or human remains are encountered during development works. HNSW supports the preparation and implementation of an unexpected finds protocol for managing and mitigating any such newly identified Aboriginal objects and/or human remains in the proposal area.

It is recommended that a Condition of Consent be created to ensure an unexpected finds protocol is developed for the SSD proposal, in consultation with the RAPs for the project.

Please contact Rebecca Yit, Archaeologist at Heritage NSW, on 4927 3244 or rebecca.yit@environment.nsw.gov.au if you have any questions regarding this advice.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'SH' or similar initials, located below the 'Yours sincerely' text.

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Date: 1 October 2021