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Heritage NSW - Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Review - EIS - Newcastle Grammar School - Park Campus (SSD-13895306) - Newcastle City - Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report (ACHAR), prepared by Heritage Now Pty Ltd, November 2021.

Heritage NSW understands that Heritage Now Pty Ltd, was engaged to undertake an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report (ACHAR) for the Newcastle Grammar School - Park Campus. The Project is a State Significant Development and the ACHAR forms part of the Environmental Impact Statement. The Project Area is on the corner of Union Street and Parkway Avenue, Cooks Hill, within the Newcastle Local Government Area and the Awabakal Local Aboriginal Land Council Boundaries.

Heritage NSW concurs with the assessment provided in the ACHAR that there is a high potential for sub surface archaeological material to still be present within the subject area due to the proximity of the area to an old creek line and the known archaeological record of the Newcastle CBD area generally. The ACHAR identified - HN-PW-PAD01 (a Potential Archaeological Deposit - PAD) as having high cultural significance for tangible and intangible Aboriginal cultural values.

As a result - the ACHAR recommends further archaeological investigation, which is supported by HNSW.

HNSW supports the recommendations in the ACHAR - that an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Plan is to be developed to facilitate archaeological testing and salvage excavations, prior to the natural soil layers being disturbed. The timing of the archaeological testing and salvage post-approval is designed to ensure the areas of impact are targeted and that impediments to investigation (current buildings) are removed. The Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Plan will include protocols for unexpected finds and human remains, as well as on-site inductions and interpretation. The assessment has also responded to the Aboriginal cultural values in relation to Designing with Country. Discussions and consultation thus far with the Registered Aboriginal Parties has indicated that the tangible evidence provided by archaeological investigations in the general locality are important for telling the story of Newcastle.

Should you require any further information, please contact me directly at Nicole.Davis@environment.nsw.gov.au
I will upload this email to the MPP shortly.

Regards Nicole Davis

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