

25 August 2022

Attention: Kris Letsch
Western Parkland City Authority

Dear Mr Letsch,

Memo: Aboriginal heritage assessment for First Building

Extent Heritage Pty Ltd (Extent Heritage) was engaged by the Western Parkland City Authority to prepare an assessment of archaeological potential for the First Building site (subject area) within the Bradfield City Centre development area.

Accordingly, an Aboriginal Archaeological Report on the First Building (the report) was prepared to investigate the likelihood of Aboriginal objects and/or places being present within the subject area. The report assessed whether the proposed development has the potential to harm Aboriginal objects that may exist in subsurface deposits. The report also provided advice relating to any potential Aboriginal archaeological constraints.

The subject area is within the boundaries of the ongoing Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report (ACHAR) currently in preparation for the broader Bradfield City Centre masterplan area (referred to as Attachment B in the preliminary ACHAR). The Aboriginal Archaeological Report was prepared in accordance with the *Code of Practice for Archaeological Investigation for Aboriginal objects in NSW* (DECCW 2010), and guided by the *Guide to Investigating, Assessing and Reporting on Aboriginal Cultural Heritage in New South Wales* (OEH 2011), and included the following:

Comprehensive background research of the AHIMS register, statutory and non-statutory heritage listings.

- Analysis of landscape features and their potential to retain Aboriginal objects.
- Analysis of historical land use and its impact on archaeological potential within the study area.
- Archaeological survey of the subject area.
- Test excavation of eight test trenches within the First Building subject area, in accordance with the *NSW Code of Practice for Archaeological Investigation of Aboriginal Objects in NSW* (DECCW, 2010).
- Review by RAPs registered for the Bradfield City Centre Masterplan ACHAR.

The conclusions were that:

- There are no registered Aboriginal objects and/or places located within or in close proximity of the First Building subject area.
- The area of the First Building is generally disturbed, with the removal of the upper part of natural soils leaving a thin layer of soil with low potential for isolated Aboriginal objects (artefacts).
- Works can proceed with caution in the First Building area, using an unexpected finds protocol.

The assessment was sent to RAPs who are registered for the broader *Bradfield City Centre ACHAR* study area for review, in line with *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents 2010*. No concerns regarding the findings of the Aboriginal Archaeology Report were raised by RAPs. The report for First Building and all consultation relating to that report has been finalised.

The *Bradfield City Centre Master Plan ACHAR* is still underway and is being undertaken in line with the *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents*. In addition to archaeological values, cultural, historical and intangible values have been assessed for the wider cultural landscape as part of this ACHAR. Upon completion of the masterplan, the Bradfield City Centre ACHAR will be sent for final RAP review.

To conclude, notwithstanding the ongoing masterplan ACHAR assessing a range of values for the wider Bradfield City Centre, the report for First Building and consultation relating to it has been finalised and no further assessment is required.

Kind regards,



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