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Dear Ms White,

RE: RE-DEVELOPMENT OF PICTON HIGH SCHOOL, 480 Argyle Street, Picton (SSD-8640) - Notice of Exhibition

I refer to your letter dated 7 May 2018 inviting comments on the above State Significant Development application including the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the re-development proposal involving the following works:

- Early works, including demolition, excavation and tree removal;
- Teaching space to accommodate for 1,500 students and core facilities for 2,000 students; including the construction of a two to three storey building and the retention, repurposing or refurbishment of existing buildings;
- Reconfiguration of existing access and pick-up/drop-off areas, including a new vehicular access via Wonga Road, an internal access road and additional parking;
- Relocation of existing sporting field and agricultural zone;
- Boundary adjustments; and
- Landscaping.

There are no LEP or SHR items within the subject site, 480 Argyle Street, Picton. The heritage item that is closest to the subject site area is Koorana Homestead - which is located 400m to the south of the subject site on 2240 Remembrance Drive, Picton. Koorana Homestead is listed in the Wollondilly LEP. A group of trees surrounding the homestead are listed as a separate LEP item - Koorana Trees, Koorana Group. Both the homestead and trees are part of specialist heritage studies.

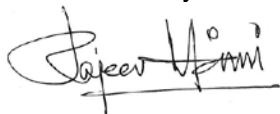
The EIS prepared by Ethos Urban is generally satisfactory in addressing the SEARS requirements. However, the Heritage Division notes that Argyle Street, which is a boundary

for the school, was the former Old Hume Highway alignment. The Hume Highway is an historic road alignment (also known as the Great South Road) and development in Picton region dates from the c1820s, with the town established from the c.1840s. The site itself appears to be on the boarder of the town.

The documents supporting the EIS do not include an outline of the historical development of this site to understand whether earlier occupation may have occurred on the site and generated historical archaeological relics within the meaning of the *Heritage Act 1977*. It is recommended that although the Department of Planning and Environment did not identify Non-Indigenous Heritage as a requirement for the current EIS, it would be appropriate to request the Applicant to prepare a short letter report documenting the historical development of the subject site through land title and other historical records to identify whether there may be an historical archaeological resource of local or state significance requiring management at this site as a result of the proposed development. It is recommended this short report is prepared prior to determination of this application and referred to the Heritage Council of NSW for comment by the DPE. This would provide a clearer understanding to DPE and the Applicant whether there is an historical archaeological resource requiring management at this site and what conditions would be appropriate as a result. This short report should be prepared by a suitably qualified and experienced historical archaeologist.

If you have any questions regarding the above advice, please feel free to contact Reena Goyal, Senior Heritage Assessments Officer, Heritage Division, Office of Environment and Heritage, at email: Reena.Goyal@environment.nsw.gov.au on telephone: 8837 6370.

Yours sincerely



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AS A DELEGATE OF NSW HERITAGE COUNCIL
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