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Dear Ms Fu

Re: Multi-storey Carpark at Westmead Hospital (SSD 7262) – Review of Environmental Impact Statement.

Thank you for referring the Multi-storey Carpark at Westmead Hospital Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) (herein referred to as the 'Project area') to the Heritage Council of NSW for comment and to identify appropriate conditions of consent to the Department of Planning and Environment. The Heritage Division received this request on 10 December 2015 which included the following information:

- 'Multi Storey Car Park Project, Westmead Hospital – Statement of Heritage Impact' prepared by RPS Australia East Pty Ltd dated November 2015 (the Assessment).

This report and supporting EIS were prepared based on Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) issued for the project on 1 October 2015

As Delegate of the Heritage Council of NSW I have reviewed the above information and provide the following comments and recommended conditions:

The Heritage Division notes the Project Area is located within three Archaeological Management Units (AMUs) identified in the Parramatta Historical Archaeological Landscape Management System (PHALMS), 2000. These AMUs include 2890, 2891 and 2893. These three AMUs relate to part of the former Government Domain (1810-1859) and to the Former Westmead Boys Home (1915-1985). The supporting information states there are likely to be minor impacts to the archaeological resources present within each AMU with some areas subject to more major disturbance.

It is considered the SOHI which supports this EIS does not adequately address the SEARs. This is due to the fact that the archaeological assessment was not prepared in accordance with the guidelines of the NSW Heritage Manual. In addition the SOHI does not include a detailed consideration of likely land disturbance activities relevant to the project area to inform this analysis of archaeological potential. This is necessary to adequately address the above named AMUs and their likely significance and archaeological potential.

Based on the above information the Heritage Division recommends the following conditions of approval.

1. A detailed historical archaeological assessment should be prepared by a suitably qualified historical archaeologist. This assessment should include relevant and

sufficiently detailed historical research of the project area to inform the archaeological potential and include a consideration of land use disturbance. Where harm will occur and cannot be avoided, appropriate mitigation measures should be identified, based on their assessed level of significance. This should be referred to the Heritage Council of NSW for review and approval prior to works commencing.

2. If the archaeological assessment identifies archaeological excavation is an appropriate mitigation measure, an Excavation Methodology and Research Design to guide this excavation must be prepared by a suitably qualified and experienced historical archaeology and referred for review and approval prior to commencing works as a condition of the approval.

Should you have any queries, please contact Chris Lewczak, Acting Archaeologist, at the Heritage Division, Office of Environment and Heritage on telephone (02) 9873 8500 or via email to.

Yours sincerely



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AS DELEGATE OF THE NSW HERITAGE COUNCIL OF NSW
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