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Dear Mr Nixey

RE: Heritage Council comments on MP06_0037 MOD 5 – Modification request Marine Refuelling and Supply Facility, Berth 6, White Bay, Balmain

I refer to your email dated 6 October 2017 inviting comments on the above State Significant Development modification for Marine Refuelling and Supply Facility, Berth 6, White Bay, Balmain. The original project application MP06_0037 was approved under Part 3A of the EP&A Act on 12 June 2009 by the Minister of Planning.

The modification involves the following amendments:

- Reorientation of the footprint of Building 1;
- Two new purpose built workshops (Building 3 and Building 5);
- Extension of Building 2 to support additional undercover boat maintenance tenancies;
- Boat storage for up to 126 boats on portable racks on the hardstand area of the site;
- An extension to the main office (Building 4);
- A new floating finger pontoon and pile attached to the existing marina;
- An increase in the number of car parking spaces from 45 to 81;
- Identification signage;
- Boat maintenance zones; and
- Administrative changes to some existing conditions of the approval, including to permit extension of hours of operation during summer time daylight savings and peak periods.

The Environmental Assessment (EA) dated 10 August 2017 prepared by EMM Consulting has been reviewed. It is noted that the proposed modifications incorporate dedicated zones for each of the activities undertaken on site, primarily refuelling, boat maintenance and storage and are aimed at optimising the site.

The following comments are provided:

- The EA notes that there are no listed heritage items located within the subject site and identifies an existing metal gantry on site that is of some heritage significance. It is noted the gantry will be retained and protected during the construction phase of the project which will have a positive impact.

- Although the subject site is not within the curtilage of any State Heritage Register (SHR) listed item or historic archaeology, it is located near the SHR items White Bay Power Station (SHR No 01015) and Glebe Island Bridge (SHR No 01914), which are important landmarks in the area. These items are, however, located well over a kilometre away from the site and the proposed modifications will have no major adverse impact on the views to and from these items. No objection is, therefore, raised on the modified proposal.
- It is noted that the EA does not provide adequate heritage assessment of the proposal and does not address impacts of the modified development on places of heritage significance near the SSD site. It is recommended that any future modification proposal should be supported by an EA which gives due consideration, to potential visual impacts on nearby heritage items.
- The proposed works include the construction of a new floating finger pontoon and pile attached to the existing Marina. The sinking of this new pile will have a direct impact on the seafloor. However, the EA does not assess the impact of the new pile on potential shipwrecks or submerged maritime heritage sites within the study area. A desktop assessment was undertaken including the review of relevant heritage registers, however, the NSW Maritime Heritage Database does not appear to have been searched. It is recommended that any future modification proposal involving impacts to the seafloor should be supported by an EA which addresses impact to potential maritime heritage sites including a search of the maritime heritage database.

If you have any questions regarding the above advice, please feel free to contact Shikha Jhaldiyal, Heritage Officer, Heritage Division, Office of Environment and Heritage, at email: shikha.jhaldiyal@environment.nsw.gov.au or on telephone 02 9873 8545.

Yours sincerely



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As Delegate of the Heritage Council of NSW