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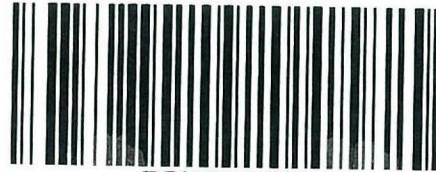
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Dear Mr Woodland

RE: SCG Stage 2 Nobel/Bradman Stand Redevelopment



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Thank you for referring the proposed modifications to the Sydney Cricket Ground Stage 2 Nobel/Bradman Stand Redevelopment, to the Heritage Branch for assessment.

The main modifications to the approved design comprise: demolition of the whole of the Dally Messenger Stand; provision of a dedicated level for media and corporate use; moving spectator seats closer to the field; provision of a new members lobby and atrium space; an increase to the size and ambience of the new function room from 500 persons to around 700 persons; and increased circulation area and a higher standard of general amenities for spectators.

Section 3.2 of the Environmental Assessment notes that the heritage impacts of the new design have been assessed in a specialist report, which is included as Appendix 2 of the documentation. That report 'Heritage Impact Statement Sydney Cricket Ground Stage 2 – MA Noble/Bradman Redevelopment Proposed by Sydney Cricket and Sports Ground Trust' prepared by Godden, Mackay Logan, was reviewed by the Heritage Branch. Also reviewed was the Statement of Commitments by the Proponent.

Godden, Mackay Logan's Heritage Impact Statement advises that the new design, which entails an increase in the height, bulk and scale of the new building, will result in additional impacts and changes to some previously identified impacts on Sydney Cricket Ground (SCG) heritage items. The report also identifies some positive impacts provided by the new design. While it would be preferable that any further impacts on SCG heritage items be avoided, it is noted that the proposed new design will assist the site's use as a sports ground under contemporary needs and underpin the long term functionality and viability of the site. It is also noted that mitigation measures recommended in the Heritage Impact Statement prepared by Godden Mackay Logan will reduce the impacts to some extent.

The Heritage Branch recommends the following conditions if the Section 75W is approved by the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure:

1. Future detailing of the Member stand link should be referred to the Heritage Council of NSW for comment;
2. Archival recording of heritage items should be undertaken at the site prior to the commence of works. The MA Noble should be archivally recorded both prior to and during demolition. The archival records should be prepared using the Heritage Council's guidelines for archival recording;
3. The interpretation plan for the site should be referred to the Heritage Council for comment;
4. The Heritage Council is to provide comment in the final design phases on the articulation, materials and colour of the new stand to ensure that they are sympathetic to adjacent heritage items;
5. The Heritage Council is to provide comment on detailed landscaping plans for alterations adjacent to the Western Tower, Member Stand and Members Garden and on the design for the Walk of Honour to ensure the alternations are sympathetic to heritage items;
6. An Archaeological Research Design and Methodology must be prepared in accordance with Heritage Council guidelines and referred to the Heritage Council for comment;
7. All construction contractors, subcontractors and personnel are to be inducted and informed by the nominated heritage consultant prior to the commencement of work on site as to their obligations and requirements in relation to historical archaeological sites and 'relics' in accordance with guidelines issued by the Heritage Council;
8. The mitigation measures detailed in the Heritage Impact Assessment prepared by Godden Mackay Logan must be implemented.

In regards to the Statement of Commitments the Heritage Branch makes the following comments:

Point A of 8.6.1 should be amended to: "Archival recording will be undertaken at the site prior to and during the demolition works. The Noble stand and interior of the Western Tower will be archivally recorded both prior to and during the demolition works. The archival records will be prepared using the Heritage Branch, Department of Premier and Cabinet guidelines for archival recording. A copy of the archival recording will be provided to the Heritage Branch. Heritage Council endorsement will be sought to carry out a lesser level of recording for other elements of the site prior to their demolition."

Point B of 8.6.1 should be amended to: "Demolition of the Noble stand will be undertaken in consultation with a heritage professional. The removal of footings and underground services will be supervised by a suitably qualified archaeologist. During and after the demolition process, an assessment will be made of what elements or fabric of potential heritage significance can be salvaged for interpretation purposes."

Point C of 8.6.1 should be amended to: "Heritage Council guidance will be sought in the design phases as to the articulation, materials and colour of the façade elements and detailed design of the linking bridge at the western end of the new stand such that they are sympathetic to the adjacent Members stand."

Point D of 8.6.1 should be amended to: "In the design phases Heritage Council guidance will be sought on the articulation, materials and colour of the new stand to ensure that they are sympathetic to adjacent heritage items."

An additional commitment should be added to Section 8.6.1 stating that the proponent will implement the mitigation measures detailed in the Heritage Impact Assessment prepared by Godden Mackay Logan.

Point B of 8.6.5 should be amended if the Minister grants approval for the proposed modifications subject to approval condition 5 above, to read that works will be undertaken in accordance with the Archaeological Research Design and Methodology. Should approval condition 5 not be included in any approval of works then, point B.1 should be amended to read: "...be monitored by a suitably qualified archaeologist with the appropriate qualifications and experience commensurate with the significance of the site and the scope of the major project works." Point B.3 should be amended to from "...should be washed, labelled and store in a secure place," to "washed, labelled, catalogued and store in a secure place."

An additional commitment should be added to Section 8.6.5 stating that, should any unexpected historic archaeology be located on site, all works in the vicinity should cease and a suitably qualified archaeologist should be contacted to assess the find and determine appropriate mitigation strategies. If the finds are assessed as 'relics' as defined by the Heritage Act 1977, the Heritage Council must be notified in accordance with Section 146 of the Act."

Point A of Section 8.20 should be amended to include "Any items of heritage significance salvaged during the redevelopment works will be stored appropriately on site."

I trust this information is of assistance. If you have any further enquiries regarding this matter, please contact Tracy Appel on (02) 9873 8559.

Yours sincerely



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