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Attention: Chris King

Dear Ms Jones

RE: SCG Stage 2 Noble/Bradman Stand Redevelopment MP08_0103 MOD 3

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

The Branch understands that the main modifications to the approved design comprise the following:

- Deletion of the two storey link between the Member's pavilion and the new stand. The Branch concurs with Godden Mackay Logan's assessment that this is a positive conservation action;
- Retention of Light Tower 6 in its existing locations;
- Redesign of the Member's entrance and atrium;
- Light Tower 1 moved a further 20m (15m assessed by HIS) to the north along the Fox Studio boundary;
- The Western Tower is to be retained as a free standing element instead of its integration into the Member's entrance/atrium. The first floor is to be removed and the upper levels of the Western Tower will be inaccessible. The ground floor is to be fitted as a food and beverage outlet;
- Temporary cladding on the west and south sides of the Tower will be replaced by perforated metal instead of terracotta and glass walls;
- The design of the proposed stand is less stepped and taller beside the Western Tower;
- Storage area added between the proposed stand and ground floor of the Western Tower, the plant removed;
- A new design for the roof which is more enclosed than the previously approved design. The eastern edge is less transparent with only one section on the leading edge facing the oval being transparent. The leading edge of the roof will be 4.99m higher than what has been previously approved;

- Extension of the northern building line further north by approximately 5m forward of the retained Western Tower;
- The new stand is more enclosed on the west at the upper level
- A minor re-orientation of the video scoreboard with the consequence that it projects beyond the SCG boundary. There are existing buildings immediately east of the proposed new grandstand within Fox Studios (Fox Buildings 24, 25 & 26). The applicant has stated that these buildings have been identified by Fox Studios Australia as being capable of demolition and redevelopment and that they have no heritage significance;
- Modifications to glazing on north and west elevation of the proposed stand.

Godden, Mackay Logan's Heritage Impact Statement indicates that the proposed modifications will result in additional impacts on the heritage significance of the site, largely as a result of the increased height, bulk and scale of the proposed development. The Heritage Branch, while acknowledging that the redevelopment will assist in maintaining the functionality and viability of the site as a sports ground, wishes to express its concern at the increased impacts on the site's heritage values as a result of the revised development proposal. The Branch is of the opinion that further consideration should be given to how the additional impacts identified in the Heritage Impact Statement could be mitigated.

The Heritage Branch recommends the following conditions should the application be approved by the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure:

1. The interpretation plan (Stage 2 & 3) for the site should be referred to the Heritage Council for comment;
2. The Heritage Council is to provide comment at the final design phase on the articulation, materials and colour of the new stand to ensure that they are sympathetic to adjacent heritage items;
3. The landscape design should be referred to the Heritage Council for comment;
4. 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;
5. The mitigation measures detailed in the Heritage Impact Assessment prepared by Godden Mackay Logan must be implemented.

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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