

30 October, 2012

Executive Director  
Major Projects Assessment  
NSW Planning & Infrastructure  
23-33 Bridge Street  
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Northbank Enterprise Hub (MP10\_0185)  
Exhibition of Environmental Assessment**

The National Trust owns and manages the State Heritage Register listed Tomago House which is surrounded on three sides by this development proposal. The Trust was not included as one of the stakeholders in the formal Stakeholder Consultation.

However, the NSW Heritage Office has provided a written response in the Stakeholder Consultation to this development which is being dealt with under Part 3A of the EP&A Act 1979 on the basis of transitional arrangements.

The NSW Heritage Office noted that

*“Tomago House and adjoining Tomago Chapel are listed as an item of state heritage significance on the State Heritage Register. The house and chapel are owned and operated by the National Trust of Australia (New South Wales) as a historic property, function and events centre and a place to visit on the tourist trail.”* (page 76 of the Environmental Assessment Report) Comment – Noted.

*“the lands subject to the development proposal form part of the historical setting to Tomago House and Chapel,” and “The National Trust (New South Wales) should be consulted in relation to the proposal”.* (page 77 of the Environmental Assessment Report) Comment – it is noted that consultation with the National Trust (New South Wales) was not included in the DGRs. It is considered that the National Trust (New South Wales) will be provided with adequate opportunity to comment on the proposal during the assessment of the Part 3A Project.

While the National Trust has met with the development proponent there are a number of concerns which have not been addressed regarding impacts of the development on the Trust’s Tomago House and Chapel and which need to be brought to the notice of the proponent and the Department of Planning:

1. Filling of the lands to the south and south-east of the Trust’s Tomago House and Chapel and the eventual construction of industrial buildings on these lands will degrade the “historical setting to Tomago House and Chapel” and will impact adversely on the operation and viability of Tomago House and its chapel to operate as a *historic property, function and events centre and a place to visit on the tourist trail*.

**There does not appear to be any proposal and funding for the early planting of appropriate screening vegetation on the National Trust property to ameliorate the impacts listed above in 1.**

2. Filling of these lands will leave a significant depression on the National Trust State Heritage Register listed property directly behind Tomago House and this may result in worsening the drainage problems on the National Trust property and the incidence of major mosquito infestation.

**There does not appear to be any acknowledgment of these potential problems nor any proposals and funding for dealing with these significant impacts.**

The National Trust would welcome an opportunity to meet with the Department to discuss this application. For any queries please do not hesitate to contact me on 9258 0179.

Yours sincerely,



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