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Dear Mr Sargent

**RE: Heritage Council comments on Response to Submissions for Modification Section 75W Request, Maritime Facility (Former Sydney Heritage Fleet), Pyrmont (MP11\_0001 MOD 3)**

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I refer to your letter dated 29 November 2017 inviting comments for the above State Significant Development modification for Maritime Facility, Pyrmont. The original project application MP11\_0001 was approved under Part 3A of the EP&A Act on 26 March 2014 by the Minister of Planning and Infrastructure. Subsequent modifications, MP11\_001 MOD 1 & MP11\_001 MOD 2, were approved on 18 September 2015 and 15 March 2017 respectively.

MP11\_001 MOD 3 proposes the following:

- Use of wet land works comprising fixed wharf, floating pontoons, three (3) dolphins and a publicly accessible timber walkway (as approved for construction under the original Project Application); and
- Construction and use of the following dry land works:
  - a demountable office building with a floor area of 70 sqm clad with polycarbonate and zincalume sheet panels.
  - a secured storage compound.
  - 10 storage (6m long x 3m wide x 2.59m high) single stacked shipping containers.
  - 12 storage (12m long x 3m wide x 2.59m high) single stacked shipping containers.
  - Wall-mounted business identification signage at the Bank Street frontage.
  - Installation of a 5kl rainwater reuse tank.
  - Protection measures for ANZAC Bridge Pylon.

The proposal is a temporary use for the duration of up to 10 years.

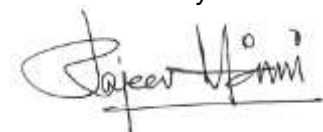
It is noted that the Heritage Council did not get an opportunity to provide comments on the current proposal at the EA exhibition stage, as the application was not referred to the Heritage Council by the Department.

The Preferred Project Report (PPR) along with the Environmental Assessment (EA) prepared by Roberts Day, the supporting documents including the Heritage Impact Assessment & Archaeology Assessment prepared by Urbis dated May 2017, and the drawings prepared by Bennett and Trimble dated May 2017 have been reviewed and the following comments are provided:

- Although the subject site is not within the curtilage of any State Heritage Register (SHR) listed item or historic archaeology, it is located in the vicinity of the SHR item 'Glebe Island Bridge' (SHR No 01914), which adjoins the site to the north and spans Johnstons Bay. The site is also located in proximity to the Anzac Bridge, a listed item under the RMS Section 170 Register and the former Saunders Quarry escarpment face listed under the City of Sydney LEP. These items are important landmarks in the area.
- The HIS provides an assessment of the site's heritage significance and notes that the site collectively does not meet the threshold for heritage listing. It further notes that the remaining sandstone wall within the broader context has some aesthetic and historic significance; however, the seawall is not located within the subject area and will not be impacted.
- It is noted that compared to the approved project, the modified PPR design will have lesser visual impacts due to the reduction in the footprint and scale of new buildings. The revised form and scale of the temporary structures would not visually dominate the settings of the heritage items in the vicinity. This is clearly illustrated in the submitted photomontages of approved and proposed development prepared by Bennett and Trimble. In addition, the proposed temporary use as compared to the approved permanent use will ensure the development is reversible. The proposal is, therefore, considered to have no additional adverse impacts on the heritage items in the vicinity. No objection is, therefore, raised on the modified proposal.
- The modified proposal deletes the approved fixed wharf and replaces it with a low profiled floating pontoon arrangement which may lessen impacts on any potential submerged maritime sites within the study area. It is noted the EA does not assess the impact of proposal on potential shipwrecks or submerged maritime heritage sites within the study area. 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, Senior Heritage Assessment Officer, Heritage Division, Office of Environment and Heritage, at email: [shikha.jhaldiyal@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:shikha.jhaldiyal@environment.nsw.gov.au) or on telephone 02 9873 8545.

Yours sincerely



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