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Input to SEARs – State Significant Development

Proposal: Chatswood Dive Site - Concept and Stage 1 Works

Major Project reference: SSD-100360960

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Dear Ms Craig,

Thank you for inviting comments from the Heritage Council of NSW on the above State Significant Development (SSD) proposal.

The proposed SSD site includes locally listed Mowbray House (I96) and in the vicinity of State Heritage Register items Chatswood Reservoirs No.1 and 2 (SHR no. 01321) and Chatswood South Uniting Church and Cemetery (SHR no. 00694) and locally listed items Great Northern Hotel (I107) and Chatswood Zone Substation No.80 (I4).

Heritage NSW recommends that the following Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements be included with respect to environmental Heritage

1. A suitably qualified heritage consultant is to:
 - a. Identify all heritage items within the site and its vicinity including built heritage, landscapes and archaeology, map these items, and assess why the items and site(s) are of heritage significance;
 - b. Assess the impacts of the proposal on any identified heritage items in accordance with the Guidelines for Preparing Statements of Heritage Impact. Discuss the attempts to avoid and/or mitigate the impact on the heritage significance of the site and the surrounding heritage items including any options analysis.
 - c. Assess the visual impacts of the proposal on any heritage item(s) within the view catchment of the proposal.

- d. A historical archaeological assessment should be prepared by a suitably qualified archaeologist in accordance with the guidelines Archaeological Assessment and Assessing Significance for Historical Archaeological Sites and Relics.

As the site contains a local heritage item, and other local items are in the vicinity, advice should be sought from the relevant local council.

If you have any questions about this correspondence, please contact Alison Lamond at Heritage NSW on (02) 9873 8500 or heritagemailbox@environment.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely,

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