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Advice on Modification Report – State Significant Development

Proposal: Thunderbolt Windfarm – Modification 1: Transport route

Major Project reference: SSD-10807896-Mod-1

Received: 28 November 2025

Dear Erin,

Thank you for your referral seeking advice on the above State Significant Development proposal. Heritage NSW understands that the modification relates to upgrades to 12 intersections to enable transport of turbine blades.

In preparing this advice Heritage NSW has reviewed the following documents:

- Relevant sections of Modification Report - prepared by Umwelt, dated November 2025
- Appendix 5: Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Constraints Report - prepared by OzArk Environment and Heritage, dated May 2025

Heritage NSW acknowledges that the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Constraints Report (ACHCR) is sufficiently detailed for the proposed scale of impact. To ensure that the ACHCR has adequately assessed all Aboriginal cultural heritage values associated with the project area, Heritage NSW recommends the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) request the following:

1. Please clarify if the ACHCR was provided to the project's Registered Aboriginal Parties (RAPs) for comment to ensure that any cultural values associated with modification area were captured. If consultation did not occur, Heritage NSW recommends that the ACHCR is provided to the RAPs for comment.
2. Heritage NSW notes that the Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System (AHIMS) search is greater than 12 months old at the time of submission. Heritage NSW generally requires, as per Requirement 1b of the *Code of Practice for Archaeological Investigation of Aboriginal Objects in NSW* (DECCW 2010), that AHIMS searches are less than 12 months old. Please provide an updated AHIMS search.

3. Please update the ACHCR to include survey coverage as per Requirements 5-10 of the *Code of Practice for Archaeological Investigation of Aboriginal Objects in New South Wales* (DECCW 2010).

Please note that the above comments relate only to Aboriginal cultural heritage regulation matters. If you have any questions about this correspondence, please contact Corey O'Driscoll, Practice Lead at Heritage NSW on (02) 9873 8500 or heritagemailbox@environment.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely,

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