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Advice on Submissions and Amendment Report – State Significant Development

Proposal: Mixed-use development with in-fill affordable housing - Cecil Avenue and Roger Avenue, Castle Hill

Major Project reference: SSD-78156221

Received: 17 March 2026

Dear Nathan,

Thank you for your referral seeking advice on the above State Significant Development proposal. Heritage NSW provided comment on the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), requesting additional consultation information and clarity of the potential for subsurface archaeological deposits.

Heritage NSW has reviewed the Submissions and Amendment Report, prepared by Sutherland & Associates Planning, dated March 2026, and Appendix 36: Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report (ACHAR), prepared by Everick, dated February 2026. The responses provided in these documents have adequately addressed comments provided by Heritage NSW on Aboriginal cultural heritage matters related to the above State Significant Development. In future, please ensure that all records of consultation with Registered Aboriginal Parties (RAPs), including Stage 1 notifications, are retained in a format that can be included in an ACHAR, and that additional supporting information (i.e., geotechnical reports) are referenced in the ACHAR to support its conclusions.

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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As Delegate under *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*
30 March 2026

Attachment A – Recommended draft conditions for Aboriginal cultural heritage

Below are our recommended draft conditions for the protection of Aboriginal heritage.

Aboriginal Heritage

1. All reasonable steps must be taken to avoid harm, modification, or other impact to Aboriginal objects.
2. The Registered Aboriginal Parties must be kept informed about the SSD. The Registered Aboriginal Parties must continue to be provided with the opportunity to be consulted about the Aboriginal cultural heritage management requirements of the SSD.
3. Prior to carrying out any development, the Applicant must ensure Aboriginal heritage management procedures are prepared for the development and included in the Project's Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP). The Aboriginal heritage management procedures must include a contingency plan and reporting procedure for the management of Unexpected Aboriginal Heritage Finds and Human Remains that is prepared by suitably qualified and experienced heritage specialist, in consultation with the Registered Aboriginal Parties and in accordance with the *Code of Practice for Archaeological Investigation of Aboriginal Objects in New South Wales* (2010). The Unexpected Heritage Finds and Human Remains Procedure, as submitted to the Planning Secretary, must be implemented for the duration of construction.