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## Input to SEARs – State Significant Development

**Proposal:** Mixed-use Development with Infill Affordable Housing - Blocks A and B -37-39 Hill Rd, Wentworth Point

**Major Project reference:** SSD-109593990

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Dear Akshay,

Thank you for your referral seeking input to the Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements from the Heritage Council of NSW for the above State Significant Development proposal.

In preparing this advice Heritage NSW has reviewed the provided scoping report. The proposed SSD site is in the vicinity of State Heritage Register item Newington Armament Depot and Nature Reserve (SHR no. 01850).

It is recommended that the following SEARS are included:

### Heritage and archaeology

1. A Statement of Heritage Impact (SOHI) prepared by a suitably qualified heritage consultant in accordance with the *Guidelines for preparing Statements of Heritage Impact* <https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/publications/guidelines-preparing-statement-heritage-impact> The SOHI is to address the impacts of the proposal on the heritage significance of the site and adjacent areas and is to identify the following:
  - a. all heritage items (state and local) within the vicinity of the site including built heritage, landscapes and archaeology, detailed mapping of these items, and assessment of why the items and site(s) are of heritage significance;

- b. the impacts of the proposal on heritage item(s) including visual impacts
  - c. the attempts to avoid and/or mitigate the impact on the heritage significance or cultural heritage values of the site and the surrounding heritage items; and
  - d. justification for any changes to the heritage fabric or landscape elements including any options analysis.
2. If the SOHI identifies impact on potential historical archaeology, an historical archaeological assessment should be prepared by a suitably qualified archaeologist in accordance with the *Archaeological Assessment guidelines* <https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/publications/archaeological-assessments-guidelines> and *Assessing Significance for Historical Archaeological Sites and Relics* <https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/publications/assessing-significance-historical-archaeological-sites-and-relics>. This assessment should identify what relics, if any, are likely to be present, assess their significance and consider the impacts from the proposal on this potential archaeological resource. Where harm is likely to occur, it is recommended that the significance of the relics be considered in determining an appropriate mitigation strategy. If harm cannot be avoided in whole or part, an appropriate Research Design and Excavation Methodology should also be prepared to guide any proposed excavations or salvage programme.

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

Yours sincerely,

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