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Advice on Environmental Impact Statement – State Significant Development

Proposal: Newington College Redevelopment (Concept and Stage 1)

Major Project reference: SSD-78268465

Received: 16 June 2026

Dear Ingrid,

Thank you for seeking advice from Heritage NSW on the above State Significant Development proposal. In preparing this advice Heritage NSW has reviewed the following documents:

- Relevant sections of *Environmental Impact Statement Concept Proposal & Stage 1 Newington College* - prepared by Urbis, dated 18 May 2026.
- *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Newington College, 200-244 & 221-235 Stanmore Road, Stanmore, NSW (ACHA)* - prepared by Urbis, dated 14 April 2026.

Based on our review, the ACHA meets the Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements in relation to Aboriginal cultural heritage. The ACHA has not identified any Aboriginal objects or areas of archaeological potential which would be impacted by the proposal.

Heritage NSW notes that the Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System (AHIMS) search cited in the assessment is greater than 12 months old at the time of submission. Heritage NSW generally requires that AHIMS searches are less than 12 months old. Heritage NSW recommends that Planning require the applicant to:

1. Complete an updated search of the AHIMS register to identify whether any Aboriginal sites have been recorded since the completion of the initial search in 2024 which may be impacted by the proposed works.

If this action indicates any change in the assessed impact to Aboriginal cultural heritage, Heritage NSW would recommend that further assessment is required prior to determination. If no change in impact to Aboriginal cultural heritage is identified, Heritage NSW has provided recommended draft conditions in **Attachment A**.

Please note that this advice relates only to Aboriginal cultural heritage regulation matters. If you have any questions about this correspondence, please contact James Cole, Senior Assessments Officer 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*

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Attachment A – Recommended draft conditions of approval for Aboriginal cultural heritage

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

Aboriginal cultural heritage

1. All reasonable steps must be taken to avoid harm, modification, or other impact to Aboriginal objects except as authorised by this approval.
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:
 - a. be prepared by suitably qualified and experienced persons.
 - b. be prepared in consultation with Registered Aboriginal Parties and be reviewed by Heritage NSW.
 - c. include a description of the measures that would be implemented for:
 - i. ongoing consultation with Registered Aboriginal Parties, including consultation regarding changes to the management of Aboriginal cultural heritage.
 - ii. a contingency plan and reporting procedure for the management of Unexpected Heritage Finds and Human Remains that is prepared by suitably qualified and experienced heritage specialist in relation to Aboriginal cultural heritage, 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.
 - iii. ensuring workers on site receive suitable heritage inductions prior to carrying out any development on site, and that records are kept of these inductions.