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Dear Ms Berzins,

Notice of Exhibition of application for St John of God Richmond Hospital Redevelopment (SSD 10394)

Thank you for your referral dated 13 January 2021 inviting comments from the Heritage Council of NSW on the above State Significant Development (SSD) proposal.

The proposed development involves:

- Construction of upgraded and expanded facilities resulting in an additional 24 beds, partial demolition of existing buildings, retention of Belmont House and integrated open space and landscaping.

The proposed SSD is adjacent to the State Heritage Register (SHR) item Yobarnie Keyline Farm (SHR no. 01826) located at 108 Grose Vale Road, North Richmond.

The following reports were considered in our assessment:

- *Heritage Impact Statement, St. John of God Hospital, 177 Grose Vale Road, Richmond*, prepared by Weir Phillips Heritage & Planning, dated October 2020.

As delegate of the Heritage Council of NSW, I provide the following comments:

It is noted that the SEARs issued on 5 December 2019 required:

'9. Heritage

- *Provide a statement of significance and an assessment of the impact on the heritage significance of the heritage items on the site in accordance with the guidelines in the NSW Heritage Manual (Heritage Office and DUAP, 1996).*
- *Address any archaeological potential and significance on the site and the impacts the development may have on this significance.'*

Historic Heritage:

The statement of significance and evaluation of heritage impacts on the values of the site contained in the Heritage Impact Statement by Weir Phillips Heritage & Planning are concise and follow the guidelines in the NSW Heritage Manual 2001, Heritage NSW is satisfied with Statement of Significance outlined in *4.7 Discussion and Revised Statement of Significance* and the assessment of the impact on the heritage significance of the heritage items under *7 Effect Of Works On The Subject Site* in the Heritage Impact Statement by Weir Phillips Heritage & Planning, which meets the SEARs request.

As the site contains a local heritage item (St John of God Hospital, LEP 2012, I412), and other local items are in the vicinity, advice should be sought from the relevant local council.

Historical Archaeology:

It is noted that the EIS does not contain an archaeological assessment despite the requirement for it to be addressed in the SEARs.

It is considered that the site may have high archaeological potential to contain the main house and associated structures known as Belmont Park and associated with Archibald Bell. Archaeological information associated with the large-scale estate may be of State heritage significance and requires conservation driven consideration prior to the approval of the project. It is recommended an archaeological assessment is completed as soon as possible to ensure this potential archaeological resource is appropriately managed.

- The archaeological assessment should be in accordance with HNSW guidelines and be completed by a suitably qualified historical archaeologist. This assessment should identify whether relics of local or state significance may be harmed by this activity and whether appropriate mitigation measures or alteration of the design should occur based on the significance of the relics which may be present.
- Recommended conditions of consent for archaeology:
 - The Applicant shall submit an archaeological assessment prepared by a suitably qualified and experienced historical archaeologist. This assessment should identify whether relics of local or state significance may be harmed by this activity and whether appropriate mitigation measures or alteration of the design should occur based on the significance of the relics which may be present.

If you have any questions about this correspondence, please contact please contact Tim Olliver, Senior Heritage Assessment Officer, at Heritage NSW, on (02) 4927 3203 or Timothy.Olliver@environment.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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As Delegate of the Heritage Council of NSW
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