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Dear Mr Jennejohn,

Advice regarding the finalised Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report – Parramatta Powerhouse (SSD-10416)

Thank you for your referral dated 21 January 2021, seeking comment from Heritage NSW (HNSW) on revisions made to the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report (ACHAR) - Parramatta Powerhouse, prepared by Curio Projects and dated 21 January 2021.

Heritage NSW (HNSW) have previously provided comment on an earlier version of the ACHAR (3 November 2020, DOC20/840781), at which time it was advised that the ACHAR did not adequately address Aboriginal consultation requirements in accordance with the SEARs issued for the project and HNSW Guidelines.

HNSW have reviewed the finalised ACHAR and have determined that the new information sufficiently addresses the SEARs issued for the project. HNSW is satisfied that the consultation undertaken with the Aboriginal community as part of the project pre-approval Aboriginal cultural heritage assessment process, has been undertaken in accordance with the *Aboriginal cultural heritage consultation requirements for proponents* (DECCW 2010) (ACHCRs). Consultation with the Aboriginal community is noted as ongoing for the life of the project. HNSW advises that consultation must continue to adhere to the ACHCRs, ensuring there is sustained and meaningful engagement as well as active involvement with the Aboriginal community throughout all stages of the project.

Previous recommendations provided by HNSW are included below at Attachment A.

Please contact Rebecca Yit, Archaeologist at Heritage NSW, on 4927 3244 or rebecca.yit@environment.nsw.gov.au if you have any questions regarding this advice.

Yours sincerely

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Date: 22 January 2021

1. An Aboriginal cultural heritage management plan must be prepared and implemented for the project

An Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Plan (ACHMP) should be developed for the project in consultation with the RAPs, to manage and mitigate extant Aboriginal sites and objects that may be recovered from the archaeological excavation, to be undertaken within the project area. The ACHMP should also recognise and acknowledge the continued Aboriginal connection of the project area to the Aboriginal community, linking into the proposed Aboriginal Heritage Interpretation Strategy to be prepared and implemented for the project. Ensuring potential impacts on Aboriginal cultural heritage values are managed and mitigated and facilitating the ongoing Aboriginal involvement and engagement in the conservation and celebration of Aboriginal heritage values associated with the Parramatta River and the Powerhouse Parramatta project area.

HNSW recommends that a consent condition is created that requires an ACHMP be prepared for the project, in consultation with the RAPs.

2. Long term management of Aboriginal objects in the project area.

It is understood that consultation regarding the long term care and curation of Aboriginal objects recovered from the project area are ongoing with the RAPs.

HNSW recommends that the finalised long term care and control procedure for the management of any Aboriginal objects recovered from the project area including any extant sites, must be integrated into an ACHMP, to be prepared for the project (Recommendation 1). HNSW recommends that a long term management procedure be prepared for the project and integrated into the ACHMP.