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Advice provided via the Major Projects Portal

Dear Ms Pon

Advice on EIS and RTS – State Significant Development – Expansion of the Museums Discovery Centre (SSD 10472)

Thank you for your referral uploaded to the Major Projects Portal on 19 March 2021 seeking advice on the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) report response to submissions (RTS) and recommended conditions for the above state significant development (SSD) proposal.

I have reviewed the Museum Discovery Centre Expansion, Castle Hill. Aboriginal cultural heritage report prepared for Create NSW by Curio Projects, dated 4 March 2021 (the ACHAR) and the response to submission amendments report.

Heritage NSW (HNSW) notes that while the AHCAR does not comply with HNSW guidance, this is not a requirement of the SEARs issued for this project. The ACHAR identifies that Aboriginal objects are unlikely to be harmed by the proposed works and none of the submissions received related to harm to Aboriginal objects.

Heritage NSW provides the following advice with regards to draft conditions:

1. An Aboriginal heritage interpretation strategy be developed and implemented in consultation with the Registered Aboriginal parties to celebrate and acknowledge the significance of the land to the Aboriginal community.
2. The unexpected finds policy as presented in section 6.3 of the ACHAR be included as a condition.

If you have any further questions in relation to this matter, please contact me on 9995 6824 or email at sam.higgs@environment.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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