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Dear Ms Weerasinghe

Request for Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARS) for Taronga Zoo Sydney Wildlife Hospital (SSD-17655146)

Thank you for your referral dated 20 May 2021 inviting SEARS input from the Heritage Council of NSW on the above State Significant Development (SSD) proposal.

We note that the document *TARONGA ZOO SYDNEY WILDLIFE HOSPITAL* Scoping Report prepared by Urbis dated 16 April 2021 has advised in Section 6.6 that in accordance with Clause 5.10 of MLEP 2010, a Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) be prepared as part of the EIS to assess the impact of the proposed development on locally listed and Section 170 register items within the site.

It is recommended that the following additional SEARS are included:

Heritage and archaeology

- a) A Statement of Heritage Impact (SOHI) prepared by a suitably qualified heritage consultant in accordance with the guidelines in the NSW Heritage Manual. 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:
 - all heritage items (state, local and agency) 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;
 - compliance with the relevant Taronga Zoo Conservation Strategy, prepared by GML, dated July 2002;
 - the impacts of the proposal on heritage item(s) including visual impacts;
 - 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
 - justification for any changes to the heritage fabric or landscape elements including any options analysis.
- b) 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 guidelines *Archaeological Assessment* (1996) and *Assessing Significance for Historical Archaeological Sites and Relics* (2009). 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.

As the site contains items listed on the Section 170 Heritage and Conservation Register administered by Taronga Zoo and other Section 170 register items are in the vicinity, advice should be sought from Taronga Zoo.

If you have any questions regarding the above advice, please contact Joshua Madden, Senior Historical Archaeology Officer, Specialist Services at Heritage NSW on josh.madden@environment.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Lavelle', written in a cursive style.

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