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Dear Mr Fetterplace

**Notice of Exhibition of application for Taronga Zoo - Upper Australia Precinct MOD 1 (SSD-10456-Mod-1)**

Thank you for your referral dated 23 April 2021 inviting comments from the Heritage Council of NSW on the above State Significant Development Modification (SSD) proposal.

The Taronga Zoo – Upper Australia Precinct was approved subject to conditions on 21 December 2020. The proposed modification involves:

- The replacement of the approved Koala Talks area with a Dingo exhibit
- The replacement of Bradley's Head fence with lower koala containment fence
- Amend conditions in relation to Bushfire and Vegetation Management

Taronga Zoo, Bradley's Head is not listed on the State Heritage Register of NSW. Taronga Zoo is listed as a Heritage Item in the Mosman LEP 2012 and a number of items on the Section 170 Heritage and Conservation Register of the Taronga Conservation Society Australia are located within the SSD Modification area. Taronga Zoo has a Conservation Strategy (2002) and an Archaeological Management Plan (2004), which identify historical archaeological resources within the broader Zoo. This letter will focus on the impact of the Modification proposal on these aspects of the site (historical archaeological relics).

The following reports were considered in our assessment:

- *S4. 5 5 (1A) Modification: Taronga Zoo Upper Australia Precinct*. Prepared by URBIS dated 19 April 2021.
- *SSD-10456 Modification – Heritage Impact Statement*. Prepared by URBIS dated 15 April 2021.
- *Statement of Heritage Impact, Upper Australia Precinct Taronga Zoo*. Prepared by URBIS dated 24 July 2020.
- *Historical Archaeological Assessment, Upper Australia precinct, Taronga Zoo*. prepared by URBIS dated 23 July 2020.

The following comments are provided:

The S4. 5 5 (1A) Modification document (the Modification document) states that no additional excavation is proposed as part of the modification.

It is noted that the Modification area is situated within an area identified in the Historical Archaeological Assessment (2020) (HAA) as having no potential for subsurface archaeological evidence to remain (HAA, Figure 23).

We note that the Upper Australia Precinct was previously approved subject to heritage conditions B.20 and B.21 requiring that the recommendations of the HAA should be implemented and an Unexpected Finds protocol be prepared. If excavation occurs outside the area identified as having no potential for subsurface archaeological evidence to remain, the unexpected finds protocol should come into effect and a qualified historical archaeologist should assess and report upon the finds in accordance with Heritage Council guidelines and the requirements of S.146 of the NSW Heritage Act, 1977.

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](mailto:josh.madden@environment.nsw.gov.au).

Yours sincerely



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