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Advice provided via the Major Project Portal

Dear Mr Glasgow

Supplementary Response to Submissions - Atlassian - Office and Hotel Development (SSD-10405) (City of Sydney)

Thank you for your referral dated 9 August 2021 inviting comments from Heritage NSW on a Supplementary Response to Submissions Report for the above state significant development (SSD) application.

We appreciate that a draft Aboriginal and Historical Archaeological Test Excavation Methodology and Research Design (methodology) has now been prepared in response to our previous submission. We note this methodology outlines a high-level process for a consolidated historical archaeological and Aboriginal archaeological test excavation program based on the initial findings and recommendations of the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment. We also now understand that it is expected for the test excavation program to be undertaken after SSD approval, in conjunction with or prior to early site works.

As the test excavations have not been completed prior to development approval, and the nature of any Aboriginal cultural heritage values remain unknown, we continue to advocate for a commitment to the results of the test excavation program being used to inform detailed design of the project. This will ensure the adequate consideration and management of Aboriginal cultural heritage values in line with the principles of ecologically sustainable development (ESD), as outlined in the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report prepared for this project.

We continue to recommend ongoing consultation and input from Heritage NSW during development of the detailed design and following results of the test excavation program. We also support ongoing consultation with the Registered Aboriginal Parties as part of the test excavation program and any subsequent construction activities.

If you have any questions regarding the above advice please contact me on (02) 6229 7089 or via email at jackie.taylor@environment.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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