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Dear Mr. Gotsis

Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) - Heritage NSW - Aboriginal Cultural Heritage - Upgrades to John Palmer Public School (SSD-23330227) (Blacktown)

Thank you for your referral on 15 October 2021, inviting comments from the Heritage NSW on the above SSD proposal with respect to Aboriginal cultural heritage.

Heritage NSW has reviewed Appendix L of the EIS - the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report (ACHAR), dated 11 October 2021. Heritage NSW understands that School Infrastructure NSW, is preparing a development application for increased student accommodation and the removal of temporary demountable buildings at John Palmer Public School, located at The Ponds Boulevard, The Ponds NSW 2769, within the Blacktown Local Government Area.

The ACHAR determined that there are no Aboriginal objects or sites located within the study area, and the site has have been significantly disturbed as a result of historical land clearing, and urban development including the construction of the school, that the site no longer retains any original soil profiles. The ACHAR concludes that no further archaeological investigations or mitigation measures are considered necessary.

Based on the assessment provided in the ACHAR, Heritage NSW supports the recommendation that no further archaeological investigations or mitigation measures are required with respect to Aboriginal cultural heritage in relation to the proposal. Heritage NSW has no further comment to make on this proposal with respect to Aboriginal heritage.

Should you require any further information, please contact Nicole Davis, Archaeologist, Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Regulation North, Heritage NSW at Nicole.davis@environment.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely



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