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By email: Candice.Pon@planning.nsw.gov.au

Dear Ms Pon

Notice of Exhibition of application for MOD 1 Removal & replacement of 2 trees on Gloucester Walk (SSD-10384 - Mod-1)

Thank you for your referral dated 9 November 2021 inviting comments from the Heritage Council of NSW on the above State Significant Development (SSD) proposal.

The subject site is not an individually listed item of environmental heritage under the NSW State Heritage Register (SHR), but it is located within The Rocks Conservation Area on the Place Management NSW Section 170 Heritage and Conservation Register. The site is also located in the vicinity of several other SHR Items including the Mercantile Hotel (SHR No: 01560); Terraces - 29-31 George Street The Rock (SHR No: 016080); Avery Terrace (SHR No: 01529); Playfair's Terrace (SHR No: 01570); Playfair Street Terraces (SHR No: 01569); Metcalfe Bond Stores (SHR No: 01562); among several others.

It is noted that this modification application follows a State Significant Development Approval that was issued for the alterations and additions to the Sirius building including 'restoration and refurbishment for a mixed-use development' on 18 June 2021.

The proposed modification seeks to amend the approval to enable the removal of two *Platanus x hybrida* (Plane Trees) (Tree 50 and 51) on Gloucester Walk to allow the approved removal and reconstruction of the retaining wall on Gloucester Walk to proceed. It is proposed to replace these with new tree plantings comprising four (4) *Nyssa sylvatica* (Nyssa, Tupelo) plantings.

The submitted documentation including the Heritage Impact Statement prepared by Urbis dated 7 September 2021 has been reviewed. It is noted that the affected trees have been estimated at 20-25 years of age and do not form part of the original landscaping and setting of the site. Therefore, no objection is raised to the proposal on heritage grounds. As the works would require some excavation, condition regarding archaeology to cover for any unexpected finds is recommended.

If you have any questions regarding the above advice, please contact Shikha Jhaldiyal, Senior Heritage Assessment Officer, at Heritage NSW on 98738545 or shikha.jhaldiyal@environment.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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