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Dear Mr. Peng,

Heritage NSW - Aboriginal Cultural Heritage - Major Projects - Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) - Grenfell Poultry Breeder Farm (SSD-13855453) (Weddin Shire)

Thank you for your referral dated 9 December 2021, inviting comments on the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on the above State Significant Development (SSD) proposal, with respect to Aboriginal cultural heritage. HNSW has reviewed the *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report - Grenfell Poultry Breeder Farm, Grenfell, NSW 2810, Baiada Properties Pty Limited, OzArk Environment & Heritage, October 2021*, and make the following comments.

Heritage NSW understands that OzArk Environment & Heritage (OzArk), was engaged by PSA Consulting (Australia) Pty Ltd, on behalf of Baiada Properties Pty Limited (the proponent), to complete an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report (ACHAR) for the proposed Grenfell Poultry Breeder Farm (the project). The assessment will form part of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Heritage NSW notes that the project is located north of Grenfell off Gooloogong Road and will involve the construction of a poultry breeder farm. Access will be via Gooloogong Road and internal access tracks to be constructed to link the farms.

Assessment of the study area took place on 26 August 2021, with the assistance of a site officer from the Cowra Local Aboriginal Land Council. During the survey, one Aboriginal site (Wallah Wallah Creek OS-1) was recorded, a low-density artefact scatter with associated potential archaeological deposit. The ACHAR notes that any associated subsurface deposits are considered unlikely to be intact, due to previous levels of disturbance. The site is located within the impact footprint of the proposed access track and will be partially impacted by the project. As such, the site will require management and mitigation measures to be completed prior to the proposed work for the project commencing.

The ACHAR recommendations concerning Aboriginal cultural values within the study area include:

- Following development consent of the project, the proponent will develop an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Plan (ACHMP), which is to be agreed to by the Registered Aboriginal Parties (RAPs) and the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) (with input from Heritage NSW), to manage Aboriginal cultural heritage associated with the project. The ACHMP will include the salvage methodology, long-term management of any artefacts, an unanticipated finds protocol, an unanticipated skeletal remains protocol and heritage site inductions for staff and contractors.
- Following approval of the ACHMP, the portion of Wallah Wallah Creek-OS1 in the impact footprint should be subject to the surface collection methodology set out in Section 9.2.1.1; the excavation methodology set out in Section 9.2.1.2 and fencing outlined in Section 9.2.1.3. The salvaged objects should be managed in accordance with the agreed long-term management option detailed in Section 9.2.1.4. 3. All land-disturbing activities must be confined to within the study area. Should the parameters of the proposed work extend beyond this, then further archaeological assessment may be required.

Heritage NSW concurs with all the recommendations documented in the ACHAR with respect to the management and mitigation of the Aboriginal cultural heritage sites and values associated with the proposal.

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

Yours sincerely



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