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Dear Keith Ng,

Heritage NSW - Aboriginal Cultural Heritage - Environmental Impact Statement – Sydney Metro West – Rail Infrastructure, Stations, Precincts, and Operations (SSI-22765520)

Thank you for your referral dated 23 March 2022, inviting comments on the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on the above State Significant Infrastructure (SSI) proposal, with respect to Aboriginal cultural heritage. Heritage NSW has reviewed the *Rail infrastructure, stations, precincts and operations, Environmental Impact Statement*, prepared for Sydney Metro West, by AECOM Australia and bd infrastructure and provide the following comments.

Heritage NSW has no comments to make on the project as there is no proposed impact to Aboriginal cultural heritage. Though it should be noted that two earlier stages of the project (SSI-10038 and SSI-19238057) have previously been submitted to Heritage NSW for comment regarding proposed impacts to Aboriginal cultural heritage. Please refer to our responses to SSI-10038 (Sydney Metro West - Concept and Stage 1) and SSI-19238057 (Sydney Metro West – The Bays to Sydney CBD).

with respect to the management of Aboriginal cultural heritage, Heritage NSW concurs with all the recommendations documented in the EIS, including the Conditions of SSI-10038 and comments provided by Heritage NSW on SSI-19238057. As such, Heritage NSW does not require further consultation respect to this proposal again. Heritage NSW recommends that the project continues consultation with the project's Registered Aboriginal Parties (RAPs) to aid in the implementation of the Heritage Interpretation Strategy. Should you require any further information, please contact Corey O'Driscoll, Senior Assessments Officer, Heritage NSW on 6229 7079 or corey.odriscoll@environment.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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