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Advice provided via the Major Projects Portal

Dear Ms. Burn

Advice regarding Environmental Impact Statement – State Significant Infrastructure – Blast Furnace 6 Reline – Wollongong City LGA (SSI-22545215)

I refer to your email dated 23 March 2022, seeking advice from Heritage NSW (HNSW) for the proposed Blast Furnace 6 (BF6) Reline (SSI-22545215), at BlueScope's integrated iron and steel making plant, Port Kembla Steelworks (PKSW), located within the Wollongong Local Government Area.

HNSW has reviewed the following documentation prepared to support the project, including the *Environmental Impact Statement* (EIS), dated 7 March 2022 prepared by GHD. From the information supplied, HNSW understands that up to 2011, two blast furnaces (Blast Furnace 5 (BF5) and BF6) operated concurrently at the PKSW site, after which time BF6 transitioned into care and maintenance and BF5 remained in operation. The proposed reline of BF6 will allow the transfer of ironmaking from BF5 to BF6 when BF5 needs to be decommissioned between 2026 and 2030.

Previous HNSW advice (DOC21/497782-3) dated 30 June 2021 in relation to Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) issued for the project acknowledged the highly disturbed nature of the development site and recommended the SEARs include an avenue for consultation with the Aboriginal community. HNSW noted the requirement to identify 'potential impacts on Aboriginal cultural heritage values through consultation with the Aboriginal community' as per the SEARs issued for the project. HNSW is of the view that the consultation completed for the project does not currently satisfy the project SEARs by failing to provide adequate evidence to demonstrate how community consultation has been undertaken. HNSW recommends that additional information be supplied, clearly articulating how consultation with the Aboriginal community has been addressed by the proponent.



If you have any questions regarding the above advice, please contact Rebecca Yit, Senior Assessments Officer at Heritage NSW, on 4927 3244 or rebecca.yit@environment.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely

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