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Dear Ms Byers

Referral of Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for GQ Parramatta (SSD-35609161)

Thank you for your referral dated 2 August 2022 inviting comments from the Heritage Council of NSW on the above State Significant Development (SSD) proposal.

The proposed development involves:

- Demolition of existing structures;
- Construction of a 61-storey mixed use commercial and residential tower with five levels of basement carparking.

The proposed SSD will not affect a State Heritage Register (SHR) item.

The following reports were considered in our assessment:

- *12 Hassall Street, Parramatta. Historical Archaeological Assessment*, Comber Consultants, April 2022 (HAA),
- *12 Hassall Street, Parramatta. Statement of Heritage Impact*, Comber Consultants, April 2022 (HIA).

As delegate of the Heritage Council of NSW, I provide the following comments:

- The proposal area is significant as part of 100-acres granted to John Harris in 1794 and in association with prominent local couple Clara and Henry Byrnes from the 1882-3 construction of 'Northwood'.
- The proposal area has been assessed as having the potential to yield archaeological evidence that will contribute to an understanding of the transition from farming to residential development of Harris Farm in the nineteenth century and the early twentieth century utilization of Northwood as a private school.
- The proposal will result in the removal of all archaeological evidence from the land.
- The recommendations of the HAA and HIA to undertake a combination of archaeological monitoring, test and salvage excavation to mitigate against the loss of this resource are supported.
- An archaeological research design (ARD) and methodology should be developed to investigate and record the archaeological resource and contribute to a heritage interpretation plan for the site.

If you have any questions regarding the above advice, please contact Sam Higgs, Senior Assessments Officer - Historical Archaeology, at Heritage NSW on 9995 6824 or Sam.Higgs@environment.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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As Delegate of the Heritage Council of NSW
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