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Dear Nathan

**Advice regarding EIS – Shoalhaven Hospital Redevelopment (SSD-35999468)  
Environmental Impact Statement**

Thank you for your referral dated 28 September 2022 requesting advice from Heritage NSW on the above State Significant Development (SSD).

In preparing this advice, Heritage NSW has considered the following reports:

- Environmental Impact Statement – Shoalhaven Hospital Redevelopment (SSD 35999468) (\_Planning, September 2022); and
- Appendix M – Shoalhaven Hospital Redevelopment - Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment (Eco Logical, v3 27 June 2022).

We understand from the reporting in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) that the Shoalhaven Hospital Redevelopment:

- Is for the construction of a new Acute Services Building (ASB) and ancillary works;
- The new building will be 7 levels high, approximately 28,500m<sup>2</sup> GFA, with rooftop plant and helipad.
- The ASB will be located to the south of the existing hospital within areas presently predominantly occupied by the Shoalhaven Community Pre-School and part of the former Nowra Park.

We note that Aboriginal community consultation has been completed in accordance with the SEARs and the *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents* (DECCW 2010)(ACHCRs). No cultural heritage values were identified within the area of the proposed development, and the Registered Aboriginal Parties have not expressed any objections to the development.

No Aboriginal objects are present within the land of the proposed development, and Eco Logical has assessed the study area has low archaeological potential due to moderate to high levels of previous ground disturbance.

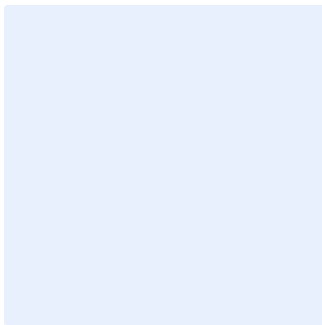
While the proposed development appears to have low potential to impact on Aboriginal cultural heritage, we support raising the cultural awareness of contractors working on site. We also provide the following recommendations:

- Any Aboriginal cultural heritage awareness inductions would benefit from the involvement of Aboriginal community representatives.

- An Unexpected Finds Protocol for Aboriginal objects needs to be included as part of any Construction Environmental Management Plan (CMP) prepared for the development works.

If you have any questions regarding the above advice please contact Sarah Robertson on (02) 6229 7088 or via email at [sarah.robertson@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:sarah.robertson@environment.nsw.gov.au).

Yours sincerely



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(As Delegate under *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*)

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