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Advice provided via the Major Projects Portal

Dear Ms Nowland

## Aboriginal Cultural Heritage – Recommended SEARs – Bank Street Park – SSD-53386706

Thank you for the opportunity to provide our advice on the draft Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) for Aboriginal cultural heritage for the proposed Bank Street Park at Tjerruing Blackwattle Bay, Pyrmont.

We have reviewed the Scoping Report prepared by Architectus (dated 21 December 2022) and draft SEARs provided with the referral. We support the preparation of an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report (ACHAR) as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIS). The ACHAR needs to be prepared in accordance with Heritage NSW guidelines and include Aboriginal community consultation and archaeological assessment. We note that areas of potential archaeological deposit (PAD) are identified in the Scoping Report. Archaeological test excavation of any PADs in the proposed impact area is required to inform the EIS.

Relevant Heritage NSW guidelines include the:

- Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents (DECCW 2010)
- 2. <u>Guide to Investigating, Assessing and Reporting on Aboriginal Cultural Heritage in New South Wales (OEH 2011)</u>
- 3. Code of Practice for Archaeological Investigation in NSW (DECCW 2010).

If you have any questions regarding the above advice please contact Nicole Davis, Manager Assessments, at Heritage NSW on (02) 4927 3156 or via email at nicole.davis@environment.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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(As Delegate under National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974)

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