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Dear Mr Hearfield

Request for Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARS) for the Thrumster Wastewater Scheme (SSI-56980459). The proposed development is a State Significant Infrastructure under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.

Thank you for your referral dated 31 March 2023 inviting SEARS input from the Heritage Council of NSW on the above State Significant Infrastructure (SSI) proposal.

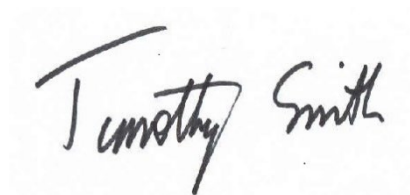
It is recommended that the following SEARS are included:

Heritage and archaeology

- a) A Statement of Heritage Impact (SOHI) prepared by a suitably qualified heritage consultant in accordance with the guidelines in the NSW Heritage Manual. The SOHI is to address the impacts of the proposal on the heritage significance of the site and adjacent areas and is to identify the following:
 - all heritage items (state and local) within the vicinity of the site including built heritage, landscapes and archaeology, detailed mapping of these items, and assessment of why the items and site(s) are of heritage significance;
 - compliance with the relevant Conservation Management Plan;
 - the impacts of the proposal on heritage item(s) including visual impacts, required BCA and DDA works, new fixtures, fittings and finishes, any modified services;
 - the attempts to avoid and/or mitigate the impact on the heritage significance or cultural heritage values of the site and the surrounding heritage items; and
 - justification for any changes to the heritage fabric or landscape elements including any options analysis.
- b) If the SOHI identifies impact on potential historical and/or maritime archaeology, an historical and/or maritime archaeological assessment should be prepared by a suitably qualified archaeologist in accordance with the guidelines *Archaeological Assessment* (1996) and *Assessing Significance for Historical Archaeological Sites and Relics* (2009). This assessment should identify what relics, if any, are likely to be present, assess their significance and consider the impacts from the proposal on this potential archaeological resource. Where harm is likely to occur, it is recommended that the significance of the relics be considered in determining an appropriate mitigation strategy. If harm cannot be avoided in whole or part, an appropriate Research Design and Excavation Methodology should also be prepared to guide any proposed excavations or salvage program.

If you have any questions regarding the above advice, please contact Erin McWhirter, Customer Services Officer, at Heritage NSW on 8837 6397 or Erin.McWhirter@environment.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Timothy Smith". The signature is written in a cursive style, with the first name "Timothy" and the last name "Smith" clearly legible.

Tim Smith OAM

Director Assessments

Heritage NSW

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As Delegate of the Heritage Council of NSW

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