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Advice on SEARs – State Significant Development

Proposal: Kurri Kurri Integrated Resource Recovery Centre, Cessnock City

Major Project reference: SSD-71547218

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Dear Ellen,

Heritage NSW recommends that the following SEARs be included with respect to Aboriginal cultural heritage (ACH) in relation to the proposed Kurri Kurri Integrated Resource Recovery Centre (SSD-71547218) (Cessnock City).

Provide an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report (ACHAR), prepared in accordance with relevant policy and guidelines, identifying, describing, and assessing any impacts to Aboriginal cultural heritage sites or values associated with the project.

- The ACHAR must be prepared in accordance with the *Guide to Investigating, Assessing and Reporting on Aboriginal Cultural Heritage in NSW* (OEH, 2011) and the *Code of Practice for the Archaeological Investigation of Aboriginal Objects in NSW* (DECCW, 2010), including results of thorough archaeological survey and test excavations (where required).
- Include evidence of adequate and continuous consultation with Aboriginal stakeholders in determining and assessing impacts, developing, and selecting options for avoidance of Aboriginal cultural heritage and mitigation measures (including the final proposed measures), having regard to the *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents* (DECCW, 2010).

If you have any questions regarding these comments, please contact Nicole Davis, Manager Assessments, at Heritage NSW on 4927 3156 or nicole.davis@environment.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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As Delegate under *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*

6 June 2024