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Advice on Environmental Impact Statement – State Significant Development

Proposal: Malek Fahd Islamic School Expansion

Major Project reference: SSD-56264716

Received: 13 January 2025

Dear Dimitri,

Thank you for your referral seeking advice on the above State Significant Development proposal. Heritage NSW understands the project proposal involves construction of new school buildings, earthworks, tree clearance, demolition, and installation of utilities.

In preparing this advice Heritage NSW has reviewed the following documents:

- Relevant sections Environmental Impact Statement - prepared by Willowtree Planning, dated 4 October 2024
- Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report - prepared by Curio Projects, dated March 2024
- Relevant sections Geotechnical Investigation - prepared by JK Geotechnics, dated 18 March 2024

Following the review of the above documents, Heritage NSW concurs with the recommended management and mitigation measures present in the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report (ACHAR), however additional information is required to ensure that the ACHAR adequately addresses the Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements for the project, including:

1. We request that additional documentation of the consultation process be provided. The applicant needs to provide evidence that consultation was kept continuous as the last consultation recorded in the ACHAR is dated February 2024. Heritage NSW requires that consultation with Registered Aboriginal Parties (RAPs) is continuous. Under our policy and guidelines, breaks in consultation of over six months may not constitute continuous consultation.

2. Please provide documentation of the consultation with the RAPs. This documentation can comprise copies of dated email records with all relevant email addressed shown and/or delivery/read receipts of correspondence. Please provide the relevant documentation for all stages of consultation undertaken, including newspapers articles and all comments from the Registered Aboriginal Parties (RAPs) and responses to any comments.
3. Heritage NSW notes that the Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System (AHIMS) search is greater than 12 months old at the time of submission. Heritage NSW generally requires, as per Requirement 1b of the *Code of Practice for Archaeological Investigation of Aboriginal Objects in NSW* (DECCW 2010), that AHIMS searchers are less than 12 months old. Please provide an updated AHIMS search.

Please note that the above comments relate only to Aboriginal cultural heritage regulation matters. If you have any questions about this correspondence, please contact Corey O'Driscoll, Practice Lead at Heritage NSW on (02) 9873 8500 or heritagemailbox@environment.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely,

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