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Advice on Environmental Impact Statement – State Significant Development

Proposal: Uniting War Memorial Hospital Waverley

Major Project reference: SSD-61389706

Received: 10 March 2024

Dear Tuong Vi Doan,

Thank you for your referral seeking advice on the above State Significant Development proposal. Heritage NSW understands that the development is in relation to the construction and operation of seniors housing.

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

- Relevant Sections of Environmental Impact Statement - prepared by Willowtree Planning, dated November 2024
- Relevant Sections of Appendix 21: Geotechnical Investigation - prepared by Douglas Partners, dated December 2024
- Appendix 3: Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report - prepared by Austral Archaeology, dated November 2024

Following the review of the above documents, Heritage NSW requests additional information to inform its advice to the Department on whether the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report (ACHAR) adequately addresses the Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements for the project, including the associated recommendations for the management of Aboriginal cultural heritage. Additional information is required in relation to the following matters, including:

1. Figures 1.1 and 1.2 of the ACHAR outlines that only the central portion of the project area will be impacted, however the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) states that most of the buildings in the project area will be demolished. Please update the mapping and relevant

sections of the ACHAR to accurately reflect the scale of impacts proposed across the project area.

2. Please provide evidence that the La Perouse Local Aboriginal Land Council received Stages 2 and 3 consultation documents as required by the *Aboriginal cultural heritage consultation requirements for proponents 2010* (DECCW).
3. Please provide the email correspondence from the Aboriginal stakeholders requesting registration for the project.
4. The ACHAR outlines that the project area has been subject to various levels of ground disturbance since the mid-19th century and the likelihood of Aboriginal objects is low. Heritage NSW notes that the geotechnical investigations show that there is up to 60 cm of sandy deposit. Please include discussion on the potential for these soils to contain Aboriginal objects.

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, Senior Assessments Officer at Heritage NSW on (02) 9873 8500 or heritagemailbox@environment.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely,

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