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Advice on Environmental Impact Statement – State Significant Development

Proposal: Mixed-use development with in-fill affordable housing - Cecil Avenue and Roger Avenue, Castle Hill

Major Project reference: SSD-78156221

Received: 25 March 2025

Dear John,

Thank you for your referral seeking advice on the above State Significant Development proposal. Heritage NSW understands that the development involves demolition of existing buildings to facilitate the construction of in-fill affordable housing within mixed-use development.

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

- Relevant sections of Environmental Impact Statement - prepared by Sutherland & Associates Planning, dated March 2025
- Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report - prepared by Everick Heritage, dated December 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 (SEARs) 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. Please provide Heritage NSW with evidence that each Aboriginal stakeholder was contacted as part of Stage 1 consultation. This can comprise of copies of dated email records with all relevant email addresses shown and/or delivery / read receipts of the correspondence.
2. The ACHAR outlines that the project area has been subject to heavy disturbance through construction of extant buildings. However, Section 4.1 of the ACHAR states that the Glenorie

Soil Landscape can have moderately deep deposit. Further explication is required on the potential for the project area to contain deeper sediments and the likelihood that these deposits may 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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