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Advice on Environmental Impact Statement – State Significant Development

Proposal: Mixed-Use Development with In-Fill Affordable Housing - 691-699 Pacific Highway, Chatswood

Major Project reference: SSD-77127711

Received: 11 June 2025

Dear Adam,

Thank you for your referral seeking advice on the above State Significant Development proposal.

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

- Relevant sections of 691-699 Pacific Highway Chatswood Environmental Impact Statement – prepared by Mecone, dated 27 May 2025
- Appendix U 691-699 Pacific Highway Chatswood Geotechnical Investigation – prepared by DPG Project 38 Pty Ltd, dated 14 January 2025
- Appendix AE (ii) 691-699 Pacific Highway Chatswood Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report - prepared by Artefact Heritage and Environment, dated May 2025
- Appendix AE (iii): Consultation Log - prepared by Artefact Environment and Heritage
- Appendix AE (iv) 691-699 Pacific Highway Chatswood Aboriginal Technical Report - prepared by Artefact Heritage and Environment, dated May 2025

The Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report (ACHAR) has been prepared in reference to the relevant guidelines as required by the Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs). Heritage NSW notes, however, that the last recorded consultation with the Registered Aboriginal Parties (RAPs) was in September 2024. Heritage NSW requires that consultation with RAPs is continuous and under our guidelines, breaks in consultation of over six months may not constitute continuous consultation. We therefore recommend that Planning remind the applicant that they are

required maintain continuous consultation with RAPs throughout the application process and to keep this in mind for future projects. Heritage NSW agrees with the proposed Management Measures and Recommendations (Sections 8 and 9 of the ACHAR). Recommended draft conditions for Aboriginal cultural heritage have been provided in **Attachment A**. Heritage NSW has no further comments on the proposal at this time.

Please note that the above comments relate only to Aboriginal cultural heritage regulation matters. If you have any questions about this correspondence, please contact Sarah McGuinness, Senior Assessments Officer at Heritage NSW on (02) 9873 8500 or heritagemailbox@environment.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely,

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As Delegate under *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*

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Attachment A - Recommended Draft Conditions for Aboriginal Cultural Heritage

Below are our recommended draft conditions for the protection of Aboriginal Heritage.

Aboriginal Heritage

1. All reasonable steps must be taken so as not to harm, modify or otherwise impact Aboriginal objects except as authorised by this approval.
2. The Registered Aboriginal Parties (RAPs) must be kept informed about the SSD. The RAPs must continue to be provided with the opportunity to be consulted about the Aboriginal cultural heritage management requirements of the SSD.
3. An Unexpected Aboriginal Finds Procedure must be developed in consultation with RAPs for inclusion in the Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP). This procedure must include:
 - a. A minimum 20 m no-works buffer zone for any unexpected finds or skeletal material.
 - b. A notification requirement to Heritage NSW and the Department of Planning for any unexpected finds.