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Advice on Modification Report – State Significant Development

Proposal: Cabbage Tree Road Sand Quarry Mod 4 Western Extension

Major Project reference: SSD-6125-MOD-4

Received: 3 July 2025

Dear Mr Blane,

Thank you for your referral seeking advice on the above State Significant Development modification. In preparing this advice Heritage NSW has reviewed the following documents:

- Relevant sections of SSD-6125- Cabbage Tree Road Sand Quarry Western Extension Modification Report No.4 - prepared by Wedgetail Project Consulting, dated 6 February 2025.
- Appendix 5: Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report - prepared by Archaeological Risk Assessment Services, dated January 2025.

It is understood that the applicant is seeking to modify the consent for SSD-6125 to allow for the inclusion of an additional 7.3ha to the extraction area.

Based on our review of the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment (ACHA), provided in support of the Modification Report, there is insufficient information provided for Heritage NSW to advise the Department on whether the management recommendations are adequate. Heritage NSW recommends the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure request the following evidence from the applicant prior to project approval to ensure that the ACHA has been completed in substantial compliance with the guidelines.

1. We recommend that additional documentation of the consultation process is requested, specifically:
 - a. Noting the response from the Office of the Registrar (dated 7 May 2024) included in Appendix 4, please demonstrate that the Worimi Conservation Lands (Nadine Russell, Joint Management Coordinator) was contacted to determine if they wished to register an interest in the project.

- b. Please confirm if the Worimi Local Aboriginal Land Council is a Registered Aboriginal Party (RAP) for the project. While they are not noted in Table 2 of the ACHA, a registration of interest is noted in the Appendix 4.
- c. Please provide evidence that the draft assessment methodology (Stage 2/3) and the draft ACHA (Stage 4) were provided to all RAPs.

Evidence of the above-mentioned correspondences are required to assist in Heritage NSW's evaluation of the adequacy and completeness of the consultation process. This evidence can comprise of copies of all dated email records with all relevant email addresses shown and may be provided to Heritage NSW separately for our review/records.

2. Heritage NSW notes that the Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System (AHIMS) search (provided in Appendix 4) is greater than 12 months old at the time of submission. Heritage NSW generally requires, as per Requirement 1b of the Code of Practice, that AHIMS searches are less than 12 months old. Please provide an updated AHIMS search.
3. The ACHA notes an existing Aboriginal Heritage Management Plan for the SSD (required as per Condition 32 of SSD-6125 consolidated consent). Please provide a copy of this document to Heritage NSW.

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

Yours sincerely,

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