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Dear Ms Anderson

RE: Sancrox Quarry Expansion Project – SSD 7293 (Port Macquarie Hastings LGA) – EIS stage review

I refer to your email dated 25 October 2019 inviting comments from the Heritage Council of NSW and advice on recommended conditions for the above State Significant Development application for the Sancrox Quarry Expansion. The proposed development involves expanding the existing hard rock quarry by a further 10 years and excavating to a depth of AHD 40m:

There are no State Heritage register listed items within the Study area. In August 2017 in preparing the SEARS, Heritage Division, OEH, as delegate of the Heritage Council, advised the then Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) that there was a National Trust listed grave site identified in the Sancrox area. The referral recommended this item be addressed in the EIS for the project.

The supporting EIS prepared for the Sancrox Quarry Expansion, by ERM dated October 2019 has been reviewed and does not discuss the location of the National Trust grave site in relation to the development. The EIS states a survey was undertaken but no historical heritage items were found during the survey. The EIS reviews the historical development of the area at a broad level and concludes, following the survey, that there are no historic heritage constraints relevant to the expansion proposal.

While this is acknowledged that a survey was undertaken, a lone grave, if that is what this National Trust reference relates to, may not be in good condition and physical evidence may have been removed since the Trust recorded it and may no longer mark its location. It would be appropriate for the DPIE to request the Proponent to clarify this outstanding question at the response to submissions stage. This would clearly resolve whether this grave would or would not be affected by the proposed expansion activity.

If you have any questions regarding the above matter please contact Felicity Barry, Senior Historical Archaeologist, at Heritage NSW, Department of Premier and Cabinet on (02) 9873 8500 or at Felicity.Barry@environment.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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