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Advice on Submissions and Amendment Report – State Significant Development

Proposal: Hunter Indoor Sports Centre (HISC)

Major Project reference: SD-65595459

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Dear Teresa,

Thank you for your referral seeking advice on the above State Significant Development Submissions and Amendment Report. Heritage NSW understands that the proposed amendment relates to changes in project design, though ground disturbance impacts are largely consistent with those outlined in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

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

- Relevant sections of Submission and Amendment Report - prepared by Urbis, dated 11 August 2025
- Appendix AA: Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report (ACHAR) - prepared by Artefact Heritage Services, dated May 2025
- Appendix BB: Aboriginal Archaeological Technical Report (AATR) - prepared by Artefact Heritage Services, dated 23 May 2025

Heritage NSW provided comment on the EIS, requesting further information on the potential for subsurface archaeological material and investigation on creek lines from the late 19th to early 20th centuries. The ACHAR and AATR have been updated in response to the proposed Amendment. These documents outline that there is an additional site in the vicinity of the project area and in the same soil landscape. The documents provided in support of the Amendment Report have not adequately addressed the previous comments from Heritage NSW nor considered the additional potential archaeological deposit (PAD) in the vicinity of the project, noting other assessments in the region identify any PADs to hold significant ACH values. Further information is required on the potential for

the project area to contain PAD, the likelihood of any such deposits to be impacted by ground disturbance works, and management and mitigation measures for such deposits.

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, Practice Lead at Heritage NSW on (02) 9873 8500 or heritagemailbox@environment.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely,

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