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Advice on Environmental Impact Statement – State Significant Development

Proposal: Fairfield Showground Community and Events Centre

Major Project reference: SSD-73365208

Received: 3 October 2025

Dear Cameron,

Thank you for your referral seeking advice on the above State Significant Development proposal. Heritage NSW understands that the proposal involves the construction of a building to be used for a range of sport and community activities/events with a capacity of up to 3,000 persons within the Fairfield Showground Precinct.

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

- Relevant sections of Environmental Impact Statement - prepared by DFP Planning Pty Limited, dated 17 September 2025
- Appendix AA: Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report - prepared by Unearthed Archaeology and Heritage, dated July 2025

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 adequately addresses the Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements for the project, including the associated recommendations for the management of Aboriginal cultural heritage. Additional information is required in relation to the following matters:

1. Please provide Heritage NSW with evidence that each Aboriginal stakeholder was contacted as part of all stages of 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. Please provide details of the survey undertaken as per Requirement 5 of the *Code of Practice for Archaeological Investigation of Aboriginal Objects in New South Wales* (DECCW 2010), including survey coverage table.

Pending submission of these documents to Heritage NSW, Attachment A contains draft Conditions of Consent for Aboriginal cultural heritage.

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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Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water

As Delegate under *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*

29 October 2025

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 to avoid harm, modification, or other impact to Aboriginal objects.
2. The Registered Aboriginal Parties must be kept informed about the SSD. The Registered Aboriginal Parties must continue to be provided with the opportunity to be consulted about the Aboriginal cultural heritage management requirements of the SSD.
3. Prior to carrying out any development, the Applicant must ensure Aboriginal heritage management procedures are prepared for the development and included in the Project's Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP). The Aboriginal heritage management procedures must include a contingency plan and reporting procedure for the management of Unexpected Aboriginal Heritage Finds and Human Remains that is prepared by suitably qualified and experienced heritage specialist, in consultation with the Registered Aboriginal Parties and in accordance with the *Code of Practice for Archaeological Investigation of Aboriginal Objects in New South Wales* (2010). The Unexpected Heritage Finds and Human Remains Procedure, as submitted to the Planning Secretary, must be implemented for the duration of construction.