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Our Reference: 24-0100rp1

Re: SummitCare Seniors Housing, Jamisontown NSW

Dear Robert,

We refer to the Response to Submission (RTS) issued by Heritage NSW, Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water, dated 16 February 2026. This letter provides our responses to Items 1 and 2 of the RTS.

Item 1

"Dense artefact scatter" and "background scatter" refers to artefact densities higher and lower than five artefacts/sqm respectively. As outlined in the ARD, 20% of each spit will be initially sieved during test excavation. If densities greater than five artefacts/sqm are recovered, the remaining material from that spit will also be sieved (noting that this material will have already been removed during machine excavation of the spit prior to sieving), and salvage excavation would commence from that depth.

This threshold is not proposed to vary with depth, as prior to test excavation it is unclear whether Aboriginal archaeological deposits are present, whether the significance changes stratigraphically, and if so, at what depth such changes occur. The threshold reflects the potential significance of Aboriginal archaeological finds and the fact that 20% of each spit is being initially sieved, resulting in a lower salvage trigger than is typically applied in commercial archaeology.

The Aboriginal archaeological methodology for this project has been successfully implemented elsewhere on this landform under HNSW-approved permits for the Peach Tree Creek Stabilisation Works (see ACHAR Section 2.2.2).

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Item 2

No machine excavation is proposed for salvage excavations, other than benching for WHS requirements should salvage be required below 1.5m below the surrounding ground surface. This benching would occur in accordance with the test excavation methodology outlined in Section 3.2.1 of the ARD. If required, salvage excavation would proceed in accordance with Section 3.2.2 during the benching process.

Should you require further information on our responses, please contact me on (02) 9319 4811 or by email.

Yours Sincerely,

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