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Advice on Amendment and Response to Submissions – State Significant Development

Proposal: Leichhardt Oval Refurbishment

Major Project reference: SSD-85149458

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Dear Mr Nash,

Thank you for seeking advice from Heritage NSW on the above State Significant Development (SSD) amendment and response to submissions. In preparing this advice Heritage NSW has reviewed the following documents:

- Relevant sections of *Amendment and Submissions Report Leichhardt Oval Refurbishment 68 Mary Street, Lilyfield* - prepared by Planning&Co, dated 15 May 2025.
- *Leichhardt Oval Refurbishment and Upgrades Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report (ACHAR)* - prepared by Artefact Heritage and Environment, dated 2 April 2026.

Previous advice from Heritage NSW (our ref: HMS ID 13291) noted that the that the ACHAR substantially meets the Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) for the project in relation to Aboriginal cultural heritage, but that further information was required to demonstrate that the ACHAR had assessed all works proposed as a part of the SSD application.

The updated ACHAR demonstrates that all works associated with Leichhardt Oval have been assessed, however Heritage NSW notes that the amendments to the proposal now include additional works in Hawthorne Canal Reserve and Darley Road Park for tree replacement plantings. These works have not been assessed as a part of updates to the ACHAR. The ACHAR also recommends that '*where there are changes to the project area or development proposal, additional archaeological assessment may be required*'.

Heritage NSW recommends that Planning require the proponent to demonstrate that works associated with these additional areas have been adequately assessed to comply with the requirements of the SEARs in relation to Aboriginal cultural heritage.

Provided that this matter can be adequately addressed and that no impact to Aboriginal cultural heritage is identified, recommended draft conditions of approval for the project have been provided in **Attachment A**.

Please note that this advice relates only to Aboriginal cultural heritage regulation matters. If you have any questions about this correspondence, please contact James Cole, Senior Assessments Officer at Heritage NSW on (02) 9873 8500 or heritagemailbox@environment.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely,

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Attachment A - Recommended draft conditions for Aboriginal cultural heritage, Leichhardt Oval Refurbishment (SSD-85149458)

Below are our recommended draft conditions for the protection of Aboriginal cultural heritage.

Aboriginal cultural heritage

1. All reasonable steps must be taken to avoid harm, modification, or other impact to Aboriginal objects except as authorised by this approval.
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:
 - a. be prepared by suitably qualified and experienced persons.
 - b. be prepared in consultation with Registered Aboriginal Parties and be reviewed by Heritage NSW.
 - c. include a description of the measures that would be implemented for:
 - i. ongoing consultation with Registered Aboriginal Parties, including consultation regarding changes to the management of Aboriginal cultural heritage.
 - ii. a contingency plan and reporting procedure for the management of Unexpected Heritage Finds and Human Remains that is prepared by suitably qualified and experienced heritage specialist in relation to Aboriginal cultural heritage, 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.
 - iii. ensuring workers on site receive suitable heritage inductions prior to carrying out any development on site, and that records are kept of these inductions.