

Weir Phillips Heritage and Planning

16th September 2021

Attention: William Pillon

Hawkesbury City Council
366 George Street
Windsor NSW 2756

RE: SSD-10394: St John of God, Richmond Hospital Redevelopment

Dear Sir,

This letter has been prepared in response to Hawkesbury City Council's request for a Conservation Management Plan (CMP) for the site, in their letter dated 19th February, 2021.

The client appreciates the requirement for a CMP to guide future management, conservation and development of the site. However, it is proposed in the first instance, to lodge a Conservation Management Strategy (CMS) in response to Council's request for more information. The shorter form version CMS will be more timely and enable the ongoing assessment of the current proposal as the CMP will take much longer to complete.

Heritage NSW provides the following description of a CMS:

An alternative to a full CMP is a conservation management strategy (CMS). A CMS is a shorter version of a CMP that will provide a broad overview of conservation approaches and management guidance.

A CMS may be useful in the following situations:

- *as an interim conservation and management document for State Heritage Register items pending the preparation of a standard conservation management plan*
- *for use with items of local significance*
- *for a range of heritage items of similar form and function (such as State agency owned infrastructure items).*

<https://www.heritage.nsw.gov.au/protecting-our-heritage/conservation-management-plans/>

The CMS would be targeted toward the proposed scope of work that impacts the heritage significant buildings on the site and include a detailed description of the proposed works and heritage methodologies of how the works are to be undertaken to reduce any physical or visual impact to the significant fabric.

The CMS would form the framework for a complete CMP of the entire site, to be undertaken as a condition of consent of the approved proposal. We trust Council will consider this option as an effective means to fulfill their request, continue the assessment process in a timely manner and protect the heritage significance of the site.

Yours faithfully,



James Phillips | Director