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To whom it may concern,

SSD-10456 MODIFICATION - HERITAGE IMPACT STATEMENT

INTRODUCTION

In 2020 the Taronga Conservation Society Australia (TCSA) received State Significant Development (SSD) approval for the redevelopment of the proposed Upper Australia Precinct (SSDA-10456) within Taronga Zoo, Mosman, NSW. This Heritage Impact Statement (HIS) has been prepared to accompany an application to modify the approved design. The modifications are set out below in this statement.

The entirety of Taronga Zoo is included in the Mosman Local Environmental Plan (LEP) (Item I34), and individual items are specifically identified in that heritage entry, in the Heritage and Conservation Register (s170) of the Zoological Parks Board of NSW; as well as in other non-statutory listings such as the National Trust of Australia (NSW) register and the Royal Institute of Architects Australia register.

Please refer to the HIS prepared by Urbis for the SSDA (July 2020) for a comprehensive description of the subject site, relevant historical information, statement of significance and identification of significant elements.

PROPOSED ALTERATIONS

This application seeks the following modifications to the approved plans:

- Replacement of the approved Koala Talks area with a Dingo exhibit
- Replacement of Bradley's Head fence with lower koala containment fence
- Amend conditions in relation to Bushfire and Vegetation Management

The following plans prepared by Lahzimmo have been referenced in the preparation of this report:

- A-DA-2-00 Cover Page
- A-DA-2-01 Site Demolition

- A-DA-2-02 Site Plan
- A-DA-2-03 Site Sections/Elevations
- A-DA-2-04 Boundary Fence
- A-DA-2-05 Dingo Exhibit

ASSESSMENT OF HERITAGE IMPACT

Replacement of the approved Koala Talks exhibit with a Dingo exhibit

The replacement of the Koala Talks exhibit with a Dingo exhibit would represent a minor reconfiguration of the approved elements in the area and a similar level of intervention. There are no additional visual impacts assessed as a result of the modification of this approved element.

The amendment to the southern link would result in a requirement to remove two additional trees (trees 90 and 91). Tree 91 has been noted for removal in the Aboricultural Report. The tree of high retention value is not individually listed on the relevant Section 170 Register and the impact of its removal is considered from an Aboricultural perspective in the accompanying report. While it is noted that the two additional trees to be removed are not individually identified to be significant from a cultural heritage perspective, their contribution to the presentation of Item 123L (Australian Sections Landscaping) is acknowledged. It is considered that the removal of two additional tree is of minor significant in the context of the precinct overall.

The HIS for the SSD noted that the removal of the retaining wall to the west of the Nocturnal House entry was to be demolished and salvaged. Following this investigation is to be undertaken into the incorporation of the retaining wall on a new alignment. This recommendation remains relevant to this modification.

This modification is not considered to have any additional heritage impact when considered in relation to the proposed plans.

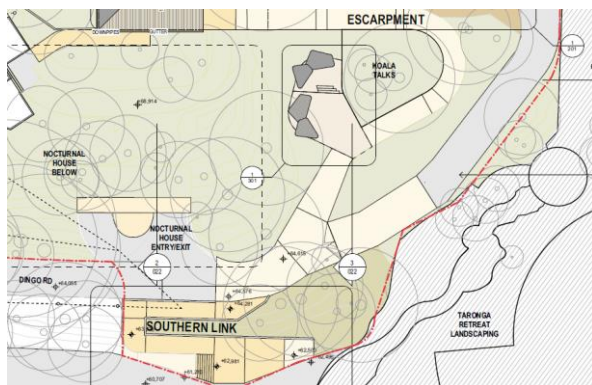


Figure 1 Approved Koala Talks exhibit.

Source: lahznimmo architects

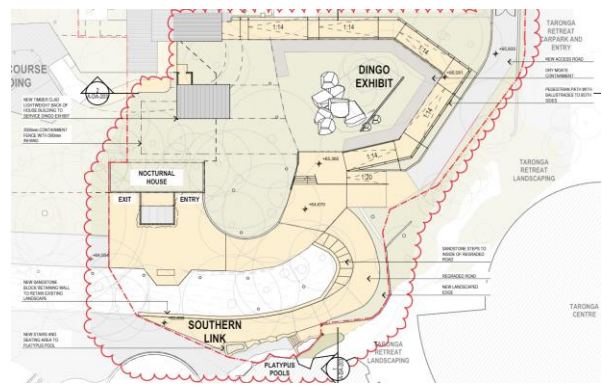


Figure 2 Proposed modifications to Koala Talks exhibit.

Source: lahznimmo architects

Replacement of Bradley’s Head fence with lower koala containment fence

As shown in the images below it is proposed to significantly decrease the height of the fence to Bradley’s Head Road.

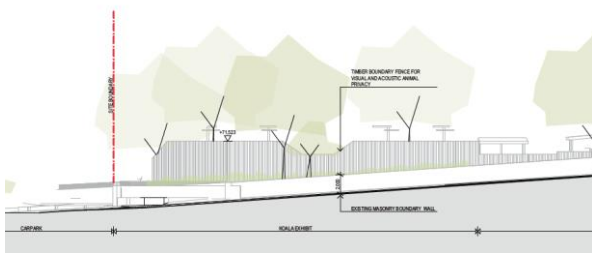


Figure 3 Approved fence to Bradley’s Head Road.

Source: lahznimmo architects

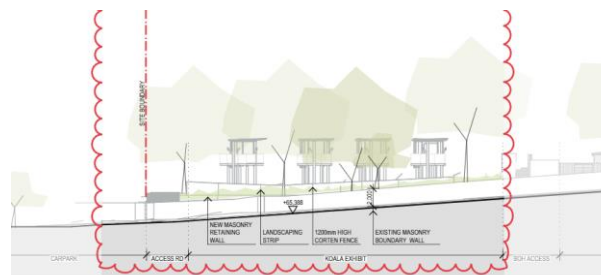


Figure 4 Proposed modifications to fence to Bradley’s Head Road.

Source: lahznimmo architects

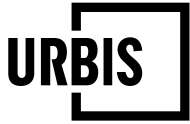
The HIS for the SSD acknowledged that the fence would be highly visible and would change the existing character of the backdrop behind the original stone wall (of exceptional significance) which extends along the boundary. The fence as originally proposed was supported on the basis of the mitigation measures set out in that HIS. However, it is noted that this modification would be significantly less visible as shown below. The fence is not easily visible behind the early stone wall and the vegetation that will be planted between the two walls.

There is no heritage impact as a result of this modification.



Figure 5 Proposed fence to Bradley’s Head Road.

Source: lahznimmo architects



Amend conditions in relation to Bushfire and Vegetation Management

This modification is addressed by others. In general it is noted that a modification which results in less intervention in the landscape/vegetation would have a positive impact in terms of generally retaining the landscape character of the precinct.

CONCLUSION

Based on the observations set out in this statement, the proposed modifications to the plans would have no detrimental impacts on the significance of the subject site.

Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned if you require any further information.

Kind regards,

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