

Public Authority Response

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Classification

Support

Notes:

Heritage NSW has reviewed the Aboriginal cultural heritage component of the EIS as requested.

Heritage NSW notes that the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report - Wee Waa High School NSW, prepared by OzArk Environment & Heritage (OzArk), prepared for NSW Education School Infrastructure, dated October 2021,

which notes that no Aboriginal cultural heritage values or objects were identified within the study area - during field survey or through consultation with the Aboriginal community.

As a result of this assessment, the ACHAR recommends that the Aboriginal cultural values within the study area are managed via the following management strategies:

1. Following approval of the proposal, Aboriginal cultural heritage values will be managed by the policies within an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Plan (ACHMP). The ACHMP will be developed in consultation with the RAPs and must be approved by the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE). The recommendations of this ACHAR will normally be incorporated into the ACHMP. 2. This ACHAR concludes that the proposal may proceed without further archaeological investigation under the following conditions:

a. All land and ground disturbance activities must be confined to within the study area, as this will eliminate the risk of harm to Aboriginal objects in adjacent landforms. Should the parameters of the proposal extend beyond the assessed areas, then further archaeological assessment may be required.

b. All staff and contractors involved in the proposed work should be made aware of the legislative protection requirements for all Aboriginal sites and objects. The procedures to conserve Aboriginal cultural heritage values in the ACHMP should also be made clear to all personnel involved with ground disturbing activities.

3. The ACHMP will contain procedures for the management of unanticipated finds and human skeletal material.

Heritage NSW supports all the recommendations listed above and documented in the ACHAR, and has not additional comments or recommendations to the development proceeding.

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