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Dear Ms Dawson

RE: Comments on Statement of Environmental Effects for the proposed Bulga Optimisation Project Modification 1 (SSD 4960).

I refer to your email dated 13 July 2016 referring a Statement of Environmental Effects (SoEE) for the Bulga Optimisation Project Mod 1 for comment from the Heritage Council of NSW for this phase of the project.

The following document was reviewed to provide comment in this letter:

- 'Bulga Surface Operations Eastern Emplacement Area Modification Statement of Environmental Effects Final Report dated July 2016 prepared by Umwelt.
- A letter dated 10 December 2015 from Department of Planning and Environment which sets out the terms of reference for the preparation of the SEE for this project, signed by Mr Howard Reed.

The Heritage Council of NSW has previously provided comment on other phases of the Bulga Optimisation Project, particularly the Bulga Open Cut Extension Project. I note that during review of the Bulga Optimisation Project a concern was raised about impacts to parts of the State Heritage Listed Great North Road (known as Charlton Road) within the study area. In response to Heritage Council comments, modifications to the project occurred to avoid impact to this area and its significant heritage values.

It is unclear how the proposed modification relates to the areas containing known heritage items. It is further noted that historic heritage is discussed once within the SEE, in Table 6.1. However this table only states that a survey was undertaken and no historic heritage items were identified. Consequently it recommends that no further action is required for historic heritage items for this modification.

The Heritage Council recommends the SEE be amended to reflect the location of known heritage items in relation to the proposed modification works. This could then be used to demonstrate whether these items and values would or would not be affected by the proposal.

If you have any questions regarding the above matter please contact Felicity Barry Acting Senior Team Leader, Archaeology, at the Heritage Division, Office of Environment and Heritage on 9995 6914 or at Felicity.Barry@environment.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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