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8 December 2023

Attention: Daniel Abela  
Hickory Construction Redfern Pty Ltd  
68 Clarke Street  
Southbank, VIC 3006

Dear Mr Abela,

## **Elizabeth Street Redfern –Historical archaeological assessment cover letter**

Extent Heritage Pty Ltd ('Extent Heritage') understand that the Elizabeth Street Redfern project's (SSD-51274973) Planning Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs), issued on the 16 December 2022, include the following condition:

### **20. Environmental Heritage**

*Where there is potential for direct or indirect impacts on the heritage significance of environmental heritage, provide a Statement of Heritage Impact and Archaeological Assessment (if potential impacts to archaeological resources are identified), prepared in accordance with the relevant guidelines, which assesses any impacts and outlines measures to ensure they are minimised and mitigated.*

A Historical Archaeological Assessment (HAA) was initially prepared by Extent Heritage to support Stage 2 of the Stage Significant Precinct (SSP) process in May 2018. Following recommendations of the HAA, an Archaeological Research Design (ARD) was prepared in July 2021 and test excavation was carried out later in 2021. A post-excavation report was prepared in December 2022. In 2023 salvage excavation of a portion of the site was undertaken in response to the level of survival of deposits and structural remains discovered during testing., The post-excavation report for the salvage was completed in September 2023.

This letter confirms that the HAA and post-excavation reporting comply with and fulfil the SEARs and are consequently relevant to the SSDA.

The HAA and post-excavation reporting were prepared in accordance with all relevant guidelines, including:

- *The Burra Charter: The Australian ICOMOS Charter for Places of Cultural Significance* (2013); and
- *Assessing Significance for Historical Archaeological Sites and 'Relics'* (Heritage Branch, Department of Planning, 2009)

The assessment of historical archaeology included the identification of potential for remains associated with nineteenth century occupation within the study area and a recommendation for



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further investigation in the form of test excavations and archaeological monitoring. As outlined above, test excavation has been undertaken (under s140 permit number S140/2021/021). Following excavation it was recommended that the site be managed under an Unexpected Finds Procedure (UFP) and a recommendation for archaeological monitoring during demolition of the PCYC building was upheld.

These measures and the works undertaken to date comply with the SEARs and anticipate any Conditions of Approval regarding the management of historical archaeological resources that may be raised.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Graham Wilson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "G" and "W".

**Graham Wilson**

**Principal Heritage Advisor | Extent Heritage**