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Dear Mr Meyer

Re: Replacement of Ground Floor Slab, former Exhibition Centre

Further to our discussion in relation to the decision by Lend Lease to replace the ground floor slab of the Exhibition Centre buildings, these slabs have an RL of 2.56m. In response to this request I have reviewed the archaeological issues for both Aboriginal and European archaeology, including the results of the testing/salvage undertaken in December 2013 and January 2014.

Our understanding is that Lend Lease currently proposes to demolish the ground slab and replace it without removal of any fill material beneath the slab. As long as this is undertaken in accordance with this methodology there are no archaeological issues.

The archaeology is buried beneath the 1980s fill imported onto the site as the base for the current ground slab. Archaeological testing and salvage identified that the 1980s fill is sometimes quite shallow, sometimes this fill is only 200mm deep below a 200mm layer of blue metal and as much as 500mm to 650mm in other areas. The archaeology of the Iron Wharf (eastern area) is approximately 500mm to 650mm below the slab, between RL 1.82m to 1.95m.

As long as there is no disturbance or removal or excavation into the 1980s fill, immediately beneath the blue metal, there should be no archaeological requirements. If there is to be any disturbance or removal or excavation into the 1980s fill then we may need to undertake further archaeological work. This would be undertaken in accordance with the current research designs and the findings of the recent archaeological testing. In conclusion, it is considered that the replacement of the ground floor slab will have a negligible impact on the archaeology buried beneath the fill.

Please contact the undersigned if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely



Dr Mary Casey
Director