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Attention: Matthew Rosel

Dear Mr Lusher

Re: SSDA5 - Exhibition of Environmental Impact Statement for – Sydney International Convention, Exhibition and Entertainment Centre Precinct, (SICEEP) Darling Harbour, City of Sydney – the Haymarket South West Plot Mixed Use Residential Building Precinct (SSD 6011 - 2013)

Reference is made to your letter dated 17 June 2013 regarding the above matter. That letter referred three separate SSD projects to the Heritage Division. The EIS (JBA, May 2013) for the project has now been reviewed. Please note that the Heritage Division will not be providing comment on Indigenous Archaeology as it is understood that the project has been separately referred to relevant sections of the Office of Environment and Heritage for specific review.

I note that the Project is a State Significant Development (SSD) Application for a detailed ('Stage 2') DA for a mixed use residential development within the South West Plot of The Haymarket and associated public domain works.

Updated Director-General's EIS Requirements (DGRs) were issued to the proponent in March 2013. Key issues related to non-Indigenous heritage identified in the DGRs included the need to:

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- *Address the impacts of the proposal on heritage significance of the site and adjacent area including any built and landscape heritage items including places, items or relics of significance to Aboriginal people; and*
- *Address opportunities for heritage interpretation within the public domain.*

A Statement of Heritage Impact (SOHI) for the Concept Proposal was prepared by TKD Architects and submitted with the Concept Proposal. The SOHI assessed the potential impacts on the heritage significance of The Haymarket and heritage items in the vicinity of the SSDA5 Site.

TKD Architects has prepared an amended SOHI relevant to SSDA5 which was provided as Appendix D of the EIS. The supplementary SOHI concluded that the proposed development is consistent with the Concept Proposal and that the assessment of the potential heritage impacts remains largely unchanged from that provided for the Concept Plan. The earlier assessment found the proposal acceptable in terms of its potential impacts to heritage items.

The EIS indicates that the setting of some heritage items is likely to be altered due to the changes to existing built form arising from the proposal. Some existing views will be partially blocked, however, some may be enhanced and therefore the SOHI found the impacts of the proposal acceptable in heritage terms.

The main mitigation measures recommended remain that a Heritage Interpretation Strategy for the entire SICEEP Site would be prepared in accordance with the NSW Heritage Manual and the OEH's Heritage Interpretation Policy and a 2008 publication prepared by the Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority.

A Non-Indigenous Archaeological Assessment and Impact Statement was prepared by Casey and Lowe and submitted with the Concept Proposal (SSDA2). The report provided as Appendix E of the present EIS is a supplementary non-Indigenous Archaeology Statement which has identified potential remains of both State and Local significance within the project area. Those potential remains include:

State significance:

- Dickson's dam wall (c1815)

Local significance:

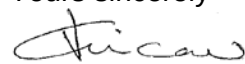
- Cormack cooperage, later Centennial cooperage; Chinese store; The Railway Hotel; and Biddell Bros confectionery factory.

Mitigation measure proposed are: to attempt to retain State significant archaeological remains in situ; to complete archaeological testing prior to detailed design; to record all found archaeology impacted by the project in accordance with Heritage Council guidelines and best practice. These recommendations are supported.

It is noted that appropriate Consent Conditions have been previously provided to the Department with comments on previous applications for the overall SICEEP development.

Thank you for referring this proposal. If you have any questions regarding the above matter please contact Siobhan Lavelle at the Heritage Division, Office of Environment and Heritage, using the details provided with this letter.

Yours sincerely

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