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Attention: Matthew Rosel

Dear Mr Lusher

**Re: Exhibition of Environmental Impact Statement for – Sydney International Convention, Exhibition and Entertainment Centre Precinct, (SICEEP) Darling Harbour, City of Sydney – The Haymarket – North West Plot – Mixed Use Commercial Office Building and Public Car Park (SSD 6013 - 2013)**

Reference is made to your letter dated 17 June 2013 regarding the above matter. Three separate State Significant DAs were referred with that letter. The EIS (JBA, May 2013) for the project has now been reviewed by the Heritage Division. Please note that the Heritage Branch 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 The Haymarket North West Plot - Mixed Use Commercial Office Building and Public Car Park related to the SSDA4 site. The North West Plot will accommodate active ground floor uses, a multi-storey above ground public car park and a commercial office building above.

Updated Director-General's EIS Requirements (DGRs) were issued to the proponent on 27 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 Stage 1 DA.

TKD Architects has prepared a supplementary SOHI relevant to SSDA4 which was provided as Appendix D of the EIS. Following from the exhibition of the SSDA1 and SSDA2 a number of minor amendments were made to the SOHI, relating to matters such as the decision by the Heritage Council of NSW not to list the buildings as items of heritage significance; Providing additional assessment with regards to the potential impacts of the PPP proposal upon the Darling Harbour Rail Corridor; and Providing additional assessment with regards to the potential impacts of the student accommodation upon the Darling Harbour Rail Corridor and the Powerhouse Museum.

The supplementary SOHI has concluded that the proposed development is consistent with the Concept Proposal and that the assessment of the potential heritage impacts remains unchanged from that provided for SSDA1 and the Concept Plan. The earlier assessment found the proposal acceptable in terms of its potential impacts to heritage items.

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.

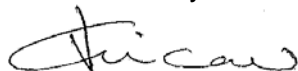
A Non-Indigenous Archaeological Assessment and Impact Statement was prepared by Casey and Lowe and submitted with the Concept Proposal (SSDA2). AN updated Archaeological Summary report was provided at Appendix E of the EIS.

As the SSDA4 site is located on wholly reclaimed land, Casey and Lowe confirm that there are no potential archaeological remains of local or State significance within the footprint of the proposed North West Plot. There is some possibility for proposed public domain works to the south of the mixed use commercial and public car park building (within future Dickson's lane) to impact on potential remains of local significance. Caey & Lowe therefore advise that works should occur in accordance with previous recommendations made for the overall SICEEP site.

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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