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Exhibition of SSD 6471 - Art Gallery of NSW expansion (Sydney Modern)

I refer to your email of 24 April 2018 requesting further advice from the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) on the proponent's final response to submissions dated 20 April 2018 for the proposed Art Gallery of NSW expansion (Sydney Modern) (SSD 6471).

Please find attached OEH comments in Attachment 1.

Please note that a separate response may be provided on heritage matters by the Heritage Division of OEH as delegate of the Heritage Council of NSW. Should you have any queries regarding this matter, please contact Svetlana Kotevska, Senior Conservation Planning Officer on 8837 6040 or at Svetlana.kotevska@environment.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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Attachment 1 – OEH comments Art Gallery of NSW expansion (Sydney Modern) SSD 6471

Biodiversity

The additional information and correspondence provided by WSP in the addendum letter dated 28 February, 2018 is noted by OEH and the conclusions and recommendations contained therein supported. OEH concerns have been addressed and OEH recommends the following condition on any forthcoming approval to ensure the use of species endemic to the site, which is consistent with recommendations in paragraph 11.1.3 of the Arborist Report:

“Replacement trees should preferably include some locally indigenous species in appropriate areas. These will be most appropriate to the site conditions and be most valuable in terms of preserving the landscape character and wildlife habitat of the area, and with consideration of enhancing connectivity for native fauna. Consultation regarding the selection of replacement trees should be undertaken with both the Royal Botanic Gardens wildlife ecologist and City of Sydney’s urban ecologist.”

Please request that the proponent clarify the following matter identified in the Arborists report Appendix 4 – why is T2941 to be removed if there is “no adverse impact”, as identified?

Aboriginal Cultural Heritage

It is understood that an Aboriginal cultural heritage assessment is currently underway as indicated in the Response to Submissions. This is consistent with OEH original advice in its letter dated 15 February, 2018. This assessment needs to be considered prior to any determination being made.

Flooding

The flooding comments in our letter dated 15 February, 2018 have been addressed in the Response to Submissions.