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Dear Mr Gibson

Reference is made to your correspondence to the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) dated 3 March 2015, regarding the exhibition of a State Significant Development Application and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for a new biological sciences building at the University of New South Wales (SSD 6674).

OEH provides a response on flood risk management and Aboriginal cultural heritage matters in Attachment 1.

Should you have any queries in regard to this correspondence please contact Jennifer Charlton on (02) 8837 6311 or by email at jennifer.charlton@environment.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely

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ATTACHMENT 1: OEH comments regarding the exhibition of a State Significant Development Application and EIS for a new biological sciences building at the University of New South Wales (SSD 6674)

1. Flood Risk Management

The proposed development is located within the University of New South Wales and involves three design stages for the construction of a nine storey building. The current stages of the proposal (Stages 1 and 2) are limited to internal stormwater drainage design, and accordingly OEH makes no flood risk management comments. OEH advises however, that consultation with Randwick City Council may be prudent for the various stages of the project.

2. Aboriginal Cultural Heritage

OEH notes the project occurs in a highly disturbed area however an Aboriginal site occurs within approximately 300 m. The Preliminary Site Investigation conducted by Douglas Partners (February 2014) confirmed that the subject site has not been a part of the nearby former landfill activities, and that the natural material at the site is classified as Virgin Excavated Natural Material (VENM). Given the apparent lack of prior disturbance specific to the subject site and the recording of a nearby Aboriginal site, OEH recommends that consideration is given to the possibility of Aboriginal objects remaining on site, prior to undertaking any excavation of previously undisturbed areas. Consideration should be given to how any remaining Aboriginal objects may be affected, if at all, through the proposed development.

(END OF SUBMISSION)