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Dear Iwan

**Exhibition of Amendment Report and Submission for proposed Uungula Wind Farm, (SSD 6687)**

Thank you for the opportunity for Heritage NSW (HNSW) to review and comment on the amended State Significant Development (SSD) proposal.

HNSW have reviewed and considered the amended Aboriginal cultural heritage (ACH) assessment for the project prepared by, Austral Archaeology (September 2020) including, the proponent responses to submissions prepared by the former Biodiversity and Conservation Division (BCD).

**HNSW have identified no ACH issues with regards to the proposed amended footprint**

HNSW accepts the findings of Austral Archaeology with regards to the proposed minor development extensions. HNSW further recognise that the, Chance Finds Protocol, is an adequate measure to mitigate harm to any Aboriginal object within the amended proposal, in this instance. HNSW recognise the high levels of land use disturbance (extensive land clearing, ploughing and road construction).

HNSW also note that the recent test excavations of areas previously judged as potential archaeological deposits have been determined low significance (Austral Archaeology 2020:2 table 1). This finding also aligns with the general ACH assessment results overall regarding landscape site distribution patterns within the project area. HNSW also note that the proposed amendment to the footprint expands across areas of low archaeological potential.

**HNSW accept proponent response to submission**

HNSW is satisfied with the responses to submission of the 6 ACH matters raised by BCD. HNSW have no comment about the separate submissions raised by other parties as described in the Submission Report dated, November 2020.

If you have any questions regarding the above advice, please contact Phil Purcell, Archaeologist at Heritage NSW on 68835341 or [phil.purcell@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:phil.purcell@environment.nsw.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

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