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Dear Ms Whiteman

DFS Galleria Refurbishment (SSD 6715) – Notice of Exhibition

Thank you for your letter dated 9 December 2014 inviting comments and advice on recommended conditions of consent for the refurbishment of DFS Galleria, located at 145 - 155 George Street, The Rocks.

It is understood that the proposed site comprises of four commercial buildings fronting George Street (listed as four separate heritage items on the State Heritage Register) and a 10 storey commercial building at the rear (not on the State Heritage Register), linked by a three storey glass covered courtyard.

The four buildings listed on the State Heritage Register (SHR) are:

- 145 George Street – SHR no. 01584
- 147 George Street – SHR no. 01585
- 149-151 George Street – SHR no. 01594
- 153-155 George Street – SHR no. 01563

As delegate of the Heritage Council of NSW, I have reviewed the documentation associated with the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Particular attention was made to the Heritage Impact Statement prepared by Caldis Cook Architects, dated 28 November 2014.

The bulk of the works will be internal and confined to the 1980s building at the rear of the heritage items. The only works that will occur within the State listed buildings are at 147 George Street in a ground floor space that has been modified in the 1980s. The works involve attaching display vitrines and glazed doors which will have little adverse impact. Works to the glass atrium at the rear will enhance the setting of the heritage buildings.

The following conditions are recommended if approval is granted:

- *Significant building fabric and elements are to be protected during the works from potential damage. Protection systems must ensure historic fabric is not damaged or removed.*
- *The installation of new fixings and services shall be carried out in such a manner as to minimise damage to or removal of historic fabric and shall not obscure historic features.*

- *All work to heritage fabric shall be supervised by a qualified heritage consultant to ensure that the impact of the works on the heritage significance of the building is minimised.*
- *The Applicant must ensure that if substantial intact archaeological deposits and/or State significant relics are discovered, work must cease in the affected area(s) and the Heritage Council of NSW must be notified. Additional assessment and approval may be required prior to works continuing in the affected area(s) based on the nature of the discovery.*

Should you have any queries, please contact Lily Chu, Heritage Officer of OEH on (02) 9873 8595 or at lily.chu@environment.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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As Delegate of the Heritage Council of NSW
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