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Dear Guy,

**Re: Oakdale South – Proposed Revision to the Master Plan**

The revised Oakdale South Estate Master Plan has been reviewed in comparison the previous impact assessment for Aboriginal heritage within the project area (Artefact Heritage 2016). This review has found that there has been no increase in the proposed impacts to Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal sites identified during the investigations conducted for the Oakdale South Estate (Artefact Heritage 2015, 2016). The review has found that there has been no substantial increase in impacts to the area of archaeological potential identified in association with the Ropes Creek corridor.

Therefore, the mitigation measures recommended for the Oakdale South Estate are considered to be appropriate for the impacts associated with the proposed revision to the Oakdale South Master Plan.

In regards to Aboriginal Heritage these recommendations include (Artefact Heritage 2016: 41-42):

- No further investigation is required at Oakdale South AS1 (#45-5-4524) as this site will not be impacted by the proposed works.
- If impacts cannot be avoided, no further archaeological investigation is required at the four sites that have been assessed as demonstrating low archaeological (OC5 #45-5-3386, Oakdale South IF1 #45-5-4527, Oakdale South IF2 #45-5-4525, and Oakdale South AS2 #45-5-4526).
- Salvage excavation would be undertaken at sites Oakdale South AS3 (#45-5-4528) and Oakdale South AS4 (#45-5-4529) if impacts are unavoidable.
- The retrieved artefact assemblages should be reburied at a nearby location within the study area that will not be impacted by any future development works. Consultation regarding this was conducted as part of the Aboriginal stakeholder review of the ACHAR, and a preference for reburial has been indicated. The reburial site would be determined through consultation with the proponent and the registered Aboriginal stakeholders during the salvage excavation. A site update card should be forwarded to the OEH AHIMS Registrar with information on the location and depth of reburial.
- Site impact recording forms should be submitted to AHIMS for all six sites that would be impacted by the proposed works (OC5 #45-5-3386, Oakdale South IF1 #45-5-4527, Oakdale South IF2 #45-5-4525, and Oakdale South AS2 #45-5-4526, Oakdale South AS3 #45-5-4528 and Oakdale South AS4 #45-5-4529) following the commencement of work.

- Inadvertent impacts to Oakdale South AS1 (#45-5-4524), which is located outside the project boundary, should be avoided by including information on its location in the CEMP. Where necessary fencing may be used to create an exclusion zone around the site extent.
- A CEMP and accompanying unexpected finds procedure will provide a method to manage potential heritage constraints and unexpected finds during construction works. Aspects of site area protection that should be included in the CEMP include:
  - Establishing no-harm areas where appropriate. Depending on the nature and timing of works in the vicinity of identified Aboriginal sites that will not be impacted by the proposed works, it may be appropriate to establish visual markers around no-harm areas to avoid inadvertent impacts.
  - Nature of the visual markers around no-harm areas. The CEMP should document what type of visual marker will be put in place, such as temporary fencing, high visibility tape, and temporary signage.
  - Provide clear guidance to all site workers on access restrictions to no-harm areas.
- Unexpected finds procedure would include: if Aboriginal objects are identified during construction work should stop immediately and DLALC, OEH and an archaeologist contacted to identify and record the objects.
- If suspected human remains are located during any stage of the proposed works, work should stop immediately and the NSW Police and the Coroner's Office should be notified. The OEH, DPE, Aboriginal stakeholder groups and an archaeologist should be contacted if the remains are found to be Aboriginal.
- Should any changes be made to the proposed works boundary, these should be assessed by an archaeologist in consultation with the registered Aboriginal stakeholder groups and further investigation may be necessary.
- The ACHAR (Artefact Heritage 2016) and accompanying documentation should be forwarded to registered Aboriginal stakeholders, DPE and OEH.

In regards to non-Aboriginal heritage these recommendations include (Artefact Heritage 2015: 30):

- A program of detailed archaeological salvage excavation and monitoring should be undertaken prior to ground disturbance and excavation work in the Lochwood Estate outbuildings area (area identified in Figure 34, Artefact Heritage 2015).
  - Salvage excavation and detailed recording of the archaeological remains identified in Trench 4.
  - Monitoring and recording during initial topsoil stripping or ground works in the wider area indicated by orange shading (Artefact Heritage 2015: 30).
- An archaeological monitoring and salvage methodology should be prepared to guide the recommended archaeological program.
- The results of detailed archaeological excavation and any suitable salvaged materials should be considered as part of heritage interpretation within the new development.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you require any further information.

Kind Regards,



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# References

Artefact Heritage 2015, *Oakdale South Estate Results of non-Aboriginal Archaeological Test Excavation*, Report to Goodman

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