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Dear Mr Nisbet

**Aboriginal and Non-Aboriginal Archaeological Issues
Stage 1C, Barangaroo South**

This brief report outlines the archaeological issues in relation to the proposed Stage 1C remediation and earthworks redevelopment at Barangaroo South.

Site Location and Context

Barangaroo is located on the north western edge of the Sydney Central Business District (CBD), bounded by Sydney Harbour to the west and north; the historic precinct of Millers Point (for the northern half), The Rocks and the Sydney Harbour Bridge approach to the east; and a range of new development dominated by large CBD commercial tenants and the King Street Wharf/Cockle Bay precinct to the south.

The 22ha Barangaroo site is generally rectangular in shape and has a 1.4 kilometre harbour foreshore frontage, with an eastern street frontage to Hickson Road. The site has been divided into three distinct redevelopment areas (from north to south) – the Headland Park, Barangaroo Central and Barangaroo South, and has been subject to multiple investigations that detail the physical and natural characteristics of the site.

Purpose of Report

This report has been prepared on behalf of Crown Resorts Limited to accompany a State Significant Development Application (SSDA) for remediation and earthworks at Barangaroo South.

Stage 1C Remediation and Earthworks

These works, the subject of the SSDA are termed the Stage 1C remediation and earthworks.

The land which is the subject of the Stage 1C remediation and earthworks SSDA is located in the north-western corner of Barangaroo South. With reference to the Barangaroo 'development blocks', as identified within the approved Concept Plan Urban Design Controls (MP06_0162 MOD 6), the Stage 1C remediation and earthworks area is located to the west of Blocks 4A, 4B and 4C and incorporates part of Globe Harbour.

The Stage 1C remediation and earthworks are described as follows:

- carrying out of remediation and validation within the Stage 1C remediation and earthworks area to ensure it is suitable for the intended future uses of the land;
- construction of a perimeter retention wall system and internal stabilising walls (called the 'Stage 1C groundwater retention wall system') to the west of Block 4B and Block 4C. The Stage 1C groundwater retention wall system would be fully integrated with the Stage 1B retention wall system (as specified by Lend Lease in the EIS for SSD 5897-2013), with direct connections to create a unified groundwater retention wall system across Stage 1B and Stage 1C; and
- bulk excavation within the perimeter of the Stage 1C groundwater retention wall, and the installation of lateral restraining structures to support the perimeter retention wall system.

Archaeology, Barangaroo South

Casey & Lowe's reports on Barangaroo Stage 1 *Archaeological Assessment, Barangaroo Stage 1* (June 2010) and the *Archaeological Research Design & Management Strategy* (May 2010) identified and addressed the non-indigenous archaeological issues at the site. In addition Comber Consultants (on behalf of Casey & Lowe) addressed the Aboriginal archaeological issues in *Aboriginal Archaeological and Cultural Heritage Assessment* (May 2010) and *Aboriginal Archaeological Management Plan and Research Design, Barangaroo Stage 1* (May 2010) and identified that any potential significant archaeological resource was limited to segments of the original foreshore likely to survive in the eastern 10 to 30m of Blocks 2 and 3. No potential Aboriginal archaeology was found during the archaeological program.

These reports assessed the whole of the footprint of development Blocks 1 to 4 and identified that the archaeological issues were restricted to the eastern 40m of Barangaroo South for non-indigenous archaeology and 10 to 30m for Aboriginal archaeology. No significant archaeological remains are predicted to the west of the 30m to 40m zone as this area was within the harbour and underneath the water until the 1960/70s wharfage was constructed.

The currently approved impacts for Barangaroo South will remove all archaeological remains within Blocks 1 to 4 so there are no changes to impacts on the archaeological resource as a result of the current proposal. All archaeological work has been completed within Blocks 1, 2 and 3. The section of Block 4 within the EPA declaration area will be subject to remediation and is part of a separate SSDA.

The proposed SSDA for Stage 1C is to the west of the 30m-40m zone of archaeology and therefore there are no archaeological issues. There are no additional impacts on the identified archaeological resource from this proposal.

Yours sincerely



Dr Mary Casey
Director



Figure 1: Stage 1C (red hatching) is outside the area of archaeological potential at Barangaroo South. The EPA Declaration area reflects the location of the earlier foreshore and later reclamation for the former AGL gasworks.