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Dear Mr Nisbet

### **Aboriginal and Non-Aboriginal Archaeological Issues Crown Sydney Hotel Resort**

This brief report outlines the archaeological issues in relation to the proposed Crown Sydney Hotel Resort development 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 the Crown Sydney Hotel Resort at Barangaroo. The Hotel Resort is proposed in accordance with the approved Barangaroo Concept Plan (as modified) and is located within Barangaroo South.

#### **Crown Sydney Hotel Resort Development**

The Crown Sydney Hotel Resort development will comprise a single high rise building that will include a hotel, VIP gaming and residential apartments. More specifically approval is sought for:

- construction and use of a hotel, VIP gaming facilities and residential apartment building with associated retail and restaurant uses and a basement car park to accommodate parking and servicing allocated to the proposed uses within the development, comprising a total Gross Floor Area of approximately 77,500m<sup>2</sup> and a maximum building height of approximately 271 metres (RL 275);
- associated building signage; and
- provision of services and utilities required to service the building.

**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 in Blocks 2 and 3.

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 the proposed Crown Sydney Hotel Resort development 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: The proposed Crown Sydney Hotel Resort development.