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Dear Ms Watson

SSD 7064 175-177 Cleveland Street and 1-5 Woodburn Street, Redfern

I refer to your letter dated 19 October 2015 seeking comment from the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) on the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the mixed use hotel, residential and retail development at 175-177 Cleveland Street and 1-5 Woodburn Street, Redfern (SSD 7064).

OEH has reviewed the report *175-177 Cleveland Street and 1-5 Woodburn Street, Redfern: Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment, Final, for Construct Corp, AHMS, September 2015* (Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment) and provides the following comments.

Aboriginal cultural heritage

The Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment states that no further Aboriginal cultural heritage assessment or investigation is required prior to the development, based on the densely developed nature of the Cleveland Street area. It is stated that the construction of the factory buildings that are currently on the site are likely to have required footings and foundations and that these will have disturbed the site sufficiently to ensure that no Aboriginal objects will be present. However, no information about historical land uses at the site and past construction methodologies appear to have been considered and were not presented. As a result of this, the extent of impact to any archaeological objects that may be on site is not known. Many older buildings have discrete footings and foundations and no basements. Aboriginal objects and intact deposits have been located in between footings in other urban areas. Intact pre-European soil horizons have been recorded in other locations along Cleveland Street and may be present here. OEH considers that further assessment relating to this should occur, including an extensive site history and disturbance mapping.

OEH notes that no evidence of consultation with the local Aboriginal community is presented in the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment. If consultation has taken place, the results of that

consultation should be provided. If not, OEH considers that consultation should occur and that the results of this consultation inform the recommendations of the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment.

If you have any queries regarding this matter please contact Marnie Stewart, Senior Operations Officer, on 9995 6868.

Yours sincerely

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