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Dear Ms Watson

**RE: Request for Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements for SSD 7080 –
Construction of an 18-storey mixed-use development at 80-88 Regent Street, Redfern
NSW 2016**

I refer to your letter received on 28 May 2015, requesting input from the Heritage Council of NSW (the Heritage Council) regarding the Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) for the preparation of the Environmental Impact Statements (EIS) for the above major project.

As delegate of the Heritage Council of NSW, I recommend that the following conditions should be included in the SEARs:

1. The Applicant should submit a Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) as part of the EIS. The HIA should address the potential heritage impacts of the proposed development on State significant heritage items in the vicinity of the site, including views and setting. The submitted report entitled *Request for Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements – 80-88 Regent Street, Redfern* dated May 2015 established that there are no heritage items on the site, or in the vicinity of the site. There are however two state heritage listed items within a 200m radius of the site; the Redfern Railway Station Group and Redfern Post Office. The HIA should identify these items and assess if the proposed works will have any impact on them, and how any potential adverse impacts will be mitigated. The HIA should also assess if the proposed works will have an impact on any archaeology protected under the *Heritage Act 1977*.
2. The relics provisions in the *Heritage Act 1977* require an excavation permit to be obtained from the Heritage Council of NSW, or an exception to be endorsed by the Heritage Council NSW, prior to commencement of works if disturbance to a site with known or potential archaeological relics is proposed. Where possible, refer to archaeological zoning plans or archaeological management plans held by Local Councils. If any unexpected archaeological relics are discovered during the course of work, excavation should cease. An excavation permit, or an exception notification endorsement, should be obtained.

If you have any further enquiries regarding this matter, please contact Stela Rahman, Heritage Officer at the Heritage Division, Office of Environment and Heritage on (02) 9873 8524.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gary Estcourt', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Gary Estcourt
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10 June 2015

As delegate of the Heritage Council of NSW