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Dear Mr Cheong

RE: Heritage Division comments on State Significant Development Application for Alterations and additions to Grosvenor Place, 225 George Street, Sydney (SSD 7163)

I refer to your letter dated 14 October 2015 inviting comments on the above SSD for minor alterations and additions in the northwest portion of Grosvenor Place. These works are proposed to improve site access.

As delegate of the Heritage Council of NSW, I provide the following comments:

The proposal comprises minor alterations that are consistent with existing scale and architectural expression of Grosvenor Place, and would have no impact its contribution to The Rocks Conservation Area. The proposal provides a substantial visual and physical separation from SHR listed items in the vicinity of the site, and would have no impact on the heritage value of these SHR items.

The EIS states that no excavation is required as a part this proposal, and for this reason an archaeological assessment has not been provided. If any excavation is required following the approval of this SSD, an assessment of any aboriginal and non-aboriginal archaeological impacts must be prepared and submitted to the Heritage Council for comment prior to any excavation works commencing.

If you have any questions regarding the above advice, please feel free to contact Nina Pollock, Acting Senior Planning Officer, Heritage Division, Office of Environment and Heritage, at nina.pollock@environment.nsw.gov.au or 9873 8520.

Yours sincerely

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As Delegate of the NSW Heritage Council
12 November 2015