

10 March 2016

Tim Ireson
Hansen Yuncken
On behalf of
Steven O'Connor
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Dear Tim,

Re: Mamre West Precinct State Significant Development (SSD) Project Update
Project no. 20995

Biosis is currently undertaking the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment for the Mamre West Precinct SSD Project. Following the completion of test excavations within the SSD Application Area in November and December 2015, the draft Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report (ACHAR) has been prepared and submitted to Registered Aboriginal Parties (RAPs) for comment. The deadline for receipt of comments from RAPs concluded on 10 February 2016 and the ACHAR was finalised.

Following a meeting held between Alex Beben (Principal Archaeologist, Biosis) and Nicole Castle (Archaeologist, Biosis), Tim Ireson (Hansen Yuncken) and Steven O'Connor (Altis Property Partners) on 4 February 2016 at the Biosis Sydney office, it has been determined that a proposed storm water easement, sewer line, and external roadworks providing road access to the SSD Application Area from Mamre Road are required as a part of the Project. The assessment of these impacts in terms of Aboriginal heritage will therefore need to be included as an update to the existing ACHAR. A site meeting was undertaken for these areas by Tim Ireson, Alex Beben and Nicole Castle on February 2016.

The results of this site meeting confirmed that the location for the proposed storm water easement is within the assessed Project Area, to the northwest of the SSD Application Area, within a natural drainage depression. The proposed storm water easement is located within an area identified in the archaeological survey undertaken on 21 August 2015 as having high archaeological potential for sub surface archaeological deposits. The inspection confirmed that although the elevated landforms either side of the natural drainage depression contain a high archaeological potential, there is a low potential for Aboriginal sites to be present within the actual drainage depression itself. Therefore the existing report must be updated to reflect the results of this recent site meeting, as well as the report mapping to reflect the low archaeological potential present within the natural drainage line. No further assessment is required in this area of low potential provided that the impacts associated with the construction of the storm water easement are limited to within 5 metres either side of the natural drainage depression and not within areas of high potential.

The site meeting confirmed that the proposed Sewer Investigation Area is located within the Project Area, to the north of the SSD Application Area and running parallel to Mamre Road, on the western side of the road reserve and within the private property boundaries. The Sewer Investigation Area will include a 600mm wide trench extending from the northern boundary of the Project Area to the northwestern corner of the SSD Application Area, with a 10 metre buffer to allow for its construction. The Sewer Investigation Area includes areas identified during the archaeological survey on 21 August 2015 as having high archaeological

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potential, and some with low archaeological potential associated with prior land disturbances. This was again confirmed during the recent inspection. It is recommended that further investigation in the form of sub surface test excavations be conducted for those areas mapped as having high archaeological potential within the Sewer Investigation Area, due to impacts being unavoidable within this area. The subsurface testing will establish the nature, extent and significance of Aboriginal objects and sites within the easement and will inform appropriate mitigation measures. It would be efficient to undertake test excavation in this area concurrently with the recommended salvage excavation within the SSD Application Area, and it is recommended that this be discussed further with the Department of Planning and Office of Environment and Heritage.

The proposed external roadworks to enable road access to the SSD Application Area from Mamre Road, located within the existing road reserve were also inspected. This area was not included in the original Project Area or SSD Application area boundaries. The inspection confirmed that due to the extensive sub surface disturbance evident as a result of the construction of Mamre Road and the pipeline to the south, that there is very little potential for Aboriginal sites to be present within this area. Given that this area was not included in the consultation with RAPs undertaken for the Project and due to the low likelihood for Aboriginal sites in this location, it is proposed to present the results of this inspection as a separate short letter report in accordance with the *Due Diligence Code for the Protection of Aboriginal Objects in NSW* (DECCW 2010) and to include this as an appendix to the existing ACHAR. No further assessment will be required for this area of the external roadworks.

A test excavation methodology document will be submitted shortly to the RAPs for 28 days review and comment prior to conducting test excavations within the Sewer Investigation Area. The draft ACHAR and Archaeological report will need to be updated (including mapping) following completion of the test excavation program and post-excavation analysis. This will also include updating the report to include the stormwater easement, external roadworks appendix, and Aboriginal consultation for the Project. The updated draft report will be sent to Hansen Yuncken and Altis for comment before it is sent to the RAPs for comment prior to a final version which will include comments from the RAPs.

Please contact me on (02) 9101 8700 or 0408 556 105 if you have any enquiries.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nicole Castle'.

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