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Attention: Pilar Aberasturi

Notification of modification to amend the approved landscape masterplan and signage strategy for Australian Technology Park (SSD 7317 MOD12)

Dear Mr Aberasturi,

Reference is made to your letter dated 23 July 2018, to the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) regarding the Section 4.55(1A) modification application relating to the Australian Technology Park site (SSD 7317 MOD12).

Please find attached OEH comments in Attachment 1.

Should you have any queries regarding this matter, please contact Svetlana Kotevska, Senior Conservation Planning Officer on 8837 6040 or at Svetlana.kotevska@environment.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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Attachment 1 – Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) comments - Australian Technology Park (SSD 7317 MOD12)

This modification application for the Australian Technology Park (ATP) seeks to:

- amend the approved landscape masterplan and public domain works
- provide public domain signage and an external signage strategy and
- introduce two new landscaping and public domain conditions of consent (B53E and B53F).

The original SSD 7317 involved the construction of 3 buildings and extensive landscaping and public domain improvements throughout the precinct. As part of this modification application the landscape masterplan is proposed to be modified to create an indigenous garden and a wellness precinct that includes a 'junior scooter and skate park'.

The following amendments are proposed to the detailed landscape and public domain plans for the wellness precinct including earthworks and soil depths, mounds and rails of levels suited to younger children, terraced edges, inground interpretation signage in various areas of the precinct, as detailed in the modification document prepared by Ethos Urban dated 13 July 2018 and shown on the landscape masterplan. It is likely that excavation may be required in both the wellness precinct and Indigenous garden areas that are currently turfed.

A Heritage Impact Statement (HIS) was prepared by Curio Projects (November 2015) and submitted in support of the original ATP development SSD 7317 for "detailed works associated with the redevelopment of Lots 8, 9, and 12 (principally for commercial/business premises) and associated public domain/landscaping works." The HIS also included an analysis of the Aboriginal archaeological potential and impacts of the development (s.51 and s 7.41). In relation to Aboriginal Cultural Heritage values the HIS stated

"The ATP site, and its surrounding suburbs have an important and strong legacy of Aboriginal historical connections to the region" (pg 22).

No Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report was prepared for the original SSD that was approved on 20 December 2016. An ACHAR is typically required with an SSD application where Aboriginal Cultural Heritage issues are relevant. However, it is noted that this proposal is the twelfth modification to SSD 7317 with the three buildings and Stage 1 public domain areas currently under construction. It is considered that there would be low potential for Aboriginal archaeological deposits to be present due to:

- Historic site disturbance to the ATP site for the construction of buildings, workshops, warehouses and infrastructure. Notably, Building 1 and the wellness public domain precinct is less than 6m from the underground Illawarra Railway line tunnel as shown on Figure 6 below
- extent of fill on site between 2.5m and 4m
- groundwater at depths of 1.5m - 3m below surface level and
- site contamination.

As such no ACHAR will be required for this modification.

OEH recommends that the Wellness Precinct planting plan shall include native plant species and refer to the City of Sydney recommended indigenous species list.

(END OF SUBMISSION)