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Dear Ms Larkin,

**Re: Response to the Heritage Division's Requirements
Inner City High School**

I refer to the Heritage Division, Department of Environment and Heritage's request for additional information to be provided in a revised version of our Archaeological Assessment of the Inner City High School site (2016).

The details the Heritage Division have requested are:

- The assessment should address whether extra historical research is warranted for this site, additional to the research outlined in the Perumal Murphy Alessi Heritage Consultants Heritage Assessment;
- The assessment should include a comparative analysis, consideration of the site against the relevant NSW Historical Themes and how the themes might be reflected in the archaeological record at this site;
- The research framework proposed in the Archaeological Assessment Section 7 needs to consider relevant comparative information and the NSW Historical Themes in forming questions to be addressed during archaeological works;
- The Archaeological Assessment needs to provide more information to support the argument for limited research potential;
- In the archaeological assessment's proposed mitigation strategy, clearly describe when and why an archaeologist is required for monitoring and/or the discovery of unexpected finds;
- The management strategy should be guided by what is likely to be found and where impacts will occur. Some of the anticipated impacts are likely to be refined or expanded in detailed design.

In addition, they require:

15. The nominated Excavation Director shall revise the assessment of significance supporting the archaeological assessment to include comparative analysis and against the NSW Historical Themes to guide the research questions relevant to support archaeological investigation of this site.
17. All affected historical archaeological 'relics' and/or deposits of Local heritage significance are to be subject to professional archaeological excavation and/or recording before construction works commence which would impact those 'relics'. A Research Design including an Archaeological Excavation Methodology must be prepared in

accordance with Heritage Council guidelines by the Department of Planning and Environment Approved Excavation Director. Those documents should be prepared for the approval of the Secretary, Department of Planning & Environment upon receipt of advice from the Heritage Division of the Office of Environment & Heritage prior to works commencing on site.

The revised assessment would take into account any modification of development design in case the potential impact on archaeological remains has changed. It would add specific detail to address the above dot points, especially the last three points which deal with justification of the assessment's conclusions, discuss when monitoring would be required and the triggers for this, and to expand on the monitoring methodology in light of any development design changes.

The assessment would also put forward methodology to address the Heritage Division's requirement that:

All affected historical archaeological 'relics' and/or deposits of Local heritage significance are to be subject to professional archaeological excavation and/or recording before construction works commence which would impact those 'relics'.

The methodology would include locations of suggested test trenches, which archaeologist would undertake the testing, the details of the excavation methodology to be used, and the Research Design, i.e. what kinds of research question the testing and general archaeological program would try to answer.

The revised assessment would again be reviewed by the Heritage Division for 'adequacy'. It is suggested that a dialogue with the relevant Heritage Division archaeologist is likely to be required so that their requirements are met.

Please let me know if you would like any other aspect of the Heritage Division's response addressed.

Yours sincerely,



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