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Moorebank Intermodal Precinct West - Stage 2 (SSD-7709)

Non-indigenous Heritage, Condition B150

Unexpected Finds Protocol, Condition B175

Dear Mr Johnson

I refer to your Non-indigenous unexpected find heritage investigation report submitted under condition B150(c) with a request dated 19 June 2024 to seek approval of the Planning Secretary to recommence works as per the Unexpected Finds Protocol approved under condition B175 of SSD-7709 (as part of the approved project CEMP under condition C2). I also acknowledge and thank you for your response to the Department's request for additional information.

I note that upon discovery of unexpected find, Heritage NSW (HNSW) was notified under condition B150(b).

The unexpected find heritage investigation report, prepared by Artefact, dated 18 June 2024, details the results of the investigation, as per condition B150(c) of SSD-7709. The report has been submitted to the Department, HNSW, Council and the local Historical Society.

The HNSW advised that the relic may be harmed (discovered, exposed, moved, damaged or destroyed) under MPW Stage 2 where the removal of the wooden stave pipe must be monitored by the project Archaeologist. A Management Strategy has not been requested by HNSW as per condition B150(d).

The unexpected find heritage investigation report states that:

- upon identifying the heritage find, works ceased and the item was barricaded to prevent any impacts occurring;
- the relic is a wood stave pipe that has met the local significance threshold;
- a detailed recording of a representative sample of the wood stave pipe has been undertaken as part of the response to the unexpected find protocol;
- the portion of the pipe exposed and now recorded needs to be removed as it is located within the alignment of electrical conduits that will travel under Moorebank Avenue via horizontal directional drilling where these alignments cannot be altered; and
- the impacts to the relic are broadly consistent with the existing approvals for MPW Stage 2 (SSD-7709), therefore the proposed impact to the wood stave pipe is an acceptable impact, if condition B150 process is implemented.

Accordingly, as nominee of the Planning Secretary, I have filed the Unexpected find investigation report, prepared by Artefact, dated 18 June 2024, for the Department's information under condition B150(c), and I approve a request to recommence works at the site in accordance with the Unexpected Finds Protocol approved under condition B175 of SSD-7709 once removal of the wooden stave pipe has been conducted in accordance with the requirements and advice of HNSW and Council, including those set out in the correspondence included in Aspect Environmental's response dated 9 August 2024 to the Department's request for information.

You are reminded that for any future works that may impact the areas where it is highly likely that the wooden stave pipe extends to the north and to the south, you are required to strictly follow the processes outlined in the Future Works section of the investigation report, prepared by Artefact, dated 18 June 2024.

Also, you are reminded to continue to liaise with Council to satisfy the four (4) requirements agreed to in obtaining landowners consent to lodge a s146 Discovery of Relic Notification with HNSW as per an email correspondence dated 18 July 2024.

If you have any questions, please contact Matt Wood at matthew.wood@dpie.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'D Crinnion', is written over a faint horizontal line.

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As nominee of the Planning Secretary