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Your ref: SSD-8477614

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Dear Sally

Input into Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements – State Significant Development – Eastern Creek Energy from Waste Facility, Eastern Creek industrial Estate – Blacktown LGA (SSD-8477614).

I refer to your request dated 21 July 2020 seeking input into the Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) for the preparation of an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIS) for a proposed Electricity Generating Facility, to be developed in the Eastern Creek Industrial Estate, Honeycomb Drive, Eastern Creek, of Part Lots 1 & 2 and Lot 3 DP1145808. The proposed development is within the Blacktown local government area.

Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Regulation of Heritage NSW understands that the proposed development is an energy recovery facility, termed Energy from Waste (EfW) Facility, currently under consideration as a State Significant Development (SSD) under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*. The EfW proposal was the subject of a previous SSD application (SSD-6236) lodged in April 2015, subsequently refused in February 2020, after amendments to the development application were deemed to constitute a new application.

Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Regulation has reviewed the scoping report as prepared by Urbis Pty Ltd (dated May 2020) and has prepared Standard SEARs which are presented in **Attachment A**.

If you have any further questions in relation to this matter, please contact Rebecca Yit, Archaeologist, on 4927 3244 or at rebecca.yit@environment.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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Enclosure: Attachments A



Attachment A – Standard Environmental Assessment Requirements

Aboriginal cultural heritage

1. The Environmental Impact Assessment (EIS) must identify and describe the Aboriginal cultural heritage values that exist across the whole area that will be affected by the development and document these in the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report (ACHAR). This may include the need for surface survey and test excavation. The identification of cultural heritage values should be guided by the *Guide to investigating, assessing and reporting on Aboriginal Cultural Heritage in NSW (DECCW 2011)* and consultation with Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Regulation of Heritage NSW.
2. Consultation with Aboriginal people must be undertaken and documented in accordance with the *Aboriginal cultural heritage consultation requirements for proponents 2010 (DECCW)*. The significance of cultural heritage values for Aboriginal people who have a cultural association with the land must be documented in the ACHAR.
3. Impacts on Aboriginal cultural heritage values are to be assessed and documented in the ACHAR. The ACHAR must demonstrate attempts to avoid impact upon cultural heritage values and identify any conservation outcomes. Where impacts are unavoidable, the ACHAR must outline measures proposed to mitigate impacts. Any objects recorded as part of the assessment must be documented and notified to Heritage NSW.