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Dear Mr Sargent

Request for Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) for Sydney Fish Markets, 1A, 1B & 1C Bridge Road, Glebe, Sydney (SSD 8924 and SSD 8925)

Reference is made to your correspondence received on 24 November 2017 requesting SEARs input from the Heritage Council of NSW (the Heritage Council) for the above proposals.

SSD 8924 and SSD 8925 are for the development of the new fish market at 1A, 1B & 1C Bridge Road, Glebe, Sydney. SSD 8924 seeks approval for a concept proposal for a new fish market and detailed proposals for the first stage of development being the demolition of land and water based structures on the site including removal of marine piles and any resulting repairs to the existing sea wall, while SSD 8925 seeks approval for the detailed works for the construction and operation of a new fish market on the site and associated works.

The subject site is not located within the curtilage of any State Heritage Register (SHR) listed item. It is located at a distance from the SHR items 'Bellevue' (SHR No. 00470) and 'Glebe Island Bridge' (SHR No 01914), which are important landmarks in the area. These items are highly visible from a number of significant vantage points in the area.

The proposed redevelopment has the potential to impact maritime heritage sites both above and below water and under the seabed. Accordingly, a maritime heritage assessment will need to be undertaken.

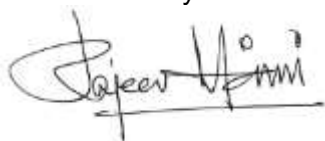
It is recommended that the following SEARS are included for each of the two SSDs:

- The Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) should identify if there are any listed or potential heritage items within or near the proposed project area. If any listed or potential heritage items are likely to be affected, a Heritage Impact Statement (HIS) must be prepared in accordance with the guidelines in the NSW Heritage Manual. The HIS should assess how the development would impact on any places of heritage significance in or surrounding the SSD site and include strategies to minimise or mitigate any impacts on heritage significance. The HIS must include a visual impact assessment that identifies significant views to and from various vantage points including any SHR item, assesses impact of the proposal on these views and provides recommendations to mitigate these impacts. The assessment should also include photomontages of the site.

- A historical archaeological assessment should be prepared by a suitably qualified historical archaeologist in accordance with the Heritage Division, Office of Environment and Heritage Guidelines 'Archaeological Assessments' 1996 and 'Assessing Significance for Historical Archaeological Sites and 'Relics' 2009. This assessment should identify what relics, if any, are likely to be present, assess their significance and consider the impacts from the proposal on this potential resource. Where harm is likely to occur, it is recommended that the significance of the relics be considered in determining an appropriate mitigation strategy. In the event that harm cannot be avoided in whole or part, an appropriate Research Design and Excavation Methodology should also be prepared to guide any proposed excavations.
- A detailed maritime archaeological assessment should be undertaken by a suitably qualified and experienced maritime archaeologist. This assessment should identify the archaeological potential and significance of maritime heritage sites including shipwrecks, maritime infrastructure, archaeological items and/or relics (both above and below water) that may be impacted by the proposal. The assessment should also include procedures and management strategies for the unexpected discovery of heritage items and/or relics. Underwater surveys may also need to be undertaken and may require remote sensing and/or diver based investigations.

If you have any questions regarding the above matter, please contact Shikha Jhaldiyal, Senior Heritage Assessment Officer at the Heritage Division, Office of Environment and Heritage on telephone (02) 9873 8545 or by e-mail: shikha.jhaldiyal@environment.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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