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Dear Mr Hodgkins

Request for Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARS) for DHRQ Croome North and South Expansion Project (SSD 9094519)

Thank you for your referral dated 2 September 2010 inviting SEARS input from the Heritage Council of NSW on the above State Significant Development (SSD) proposal.

The proposed SSD site does not include any items listed on the NSW State Heritage Register. However, the site's expansion is located near an item which is listed on the Shellharbour Local Environmental Plan 2013 as the 'Glenbrook homestead Group'. Heritage SEARs are recommended. However, as it is unclear whether historical archaeological relics would be present at this site and impacted by the proposed activity, an historical archaeological assessment is also recommended, if triggered by the SOHI.

It is recommended that the draft heritage SEARs below are included:

Heritage and archaeology

- a) A Statement of Heritage Impact (SOHI) prepared by a suitably qualified heritage consultant in accordance with the guidelines in the NSW Heritage Manual. The SOHI is to address the impacts of the proposal on the heritage significance of the site and adjacent areas and is to identify the following:
 - all heritage items (state and local) within the vicinity of the site including built heritage, landscapes and archaeology, detailed mapping of these items, and assessment of why the items and site(s) are of heritage significance;
 - compliance with the relevant Conservation Management Plan;
 - the impacts of the proposal on heritage item(s) including visual impacts, required BCA and DDA works, new fixtures, fittings and finishes, any modified services;
 - the attempts to avoid and/or mitigate the impact on the heritage significance or cultural heritage values of the site and the surrounding heritage items; and
 - justification for any changes to the heritage fabric or landscape elements including any options analysis.

- b) If the SOHI identifies impact on potential historical archaeology, an historical archaeological assessment should be prepared by a suitably qualified archaeologist in accordance with the guidelines *Archaeological Assessment* (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 archaeological resource. Where disturbance/harm is likely to occur, it is recommended that the significance of the relics

be considered in determining an appropriate mitigation strategy. If harm cannot be avoided in whole or part, an appropriate Research Design and Excavation Methodology should also be prepared to guide any proposed excavations or salvage programme.

As the site contains a local heritage item, advice should be sought from the relevant local council.

If you have any questions regarding the above advice, please contact Felicity Barry, Senior Historical Archaeologist at Heritage NSW on (02) 9995 6914 or Felicity.Barry@environment.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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