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Dear Mr Koppers

Request for Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARS) for Americold Prospect Expansion (SSD 9577613)

Thank you for your referral dated 30 September 2020 inviting SEARS input from the Heritage Council of NSW on the above State Significant Development (SSD) proposal.

The proposal would enable the expansion of the operations at 554-562 Reservoir Road, Prospect for the use of cold storage warehousing. The proposal includes:

- construction of two new cold store buildings and ancillary staging areas;
- upgrades and amendments to vehicle access ways and parking areas;
- new plant rooms;
- new entry gate; and
- other minor amendments associated with the ongoing use and operation of the site.

The proposed SSD is in the immediate vicinity of State Heritage Register (SHR) item 'Former Great Western Road, Prospect (SHR no. 01911). It is also in the vicinity of SHR item 'Prospect Reservoir and surrounding area' (SHR no. 01370).

In addition to being listed on the SHR, 'Former Great Western Road, Prospect' is listed on the Blacktown Local Environmental Plan (LEP) 2015 as an item of State heritage significance ('Great Western Highway (former alignment)', I60). The 'Prospect Reservoir and surrounding area' is listed on the Holroyd LEP 2013 as an item of State heritage significance (I01370).

The proposed SSD is also in the immediate vicinity of an item of local heritage significance, as identified on the Blacktown LEP 2015 as 'House – Birdestowe' (I64).

It is recommended that the following SEARs are included in relation to heritage:

Heritage

- 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 archaeological resources, detailed mapping of these items, and assessment of why the identified items are of heritage significance;

- the impacts of the proposal on the identified heritage items including visual impacts;
 - the attempts to avoid and/or mitigate the impact on the heritage significance of the 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 archaeological resources, a 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 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 archaeological programme.

As the proposed SSD is in the vicinity of items of listed on the Blacktown LEP 2013 and the Holroyd LEP 2013, advice should also be sought from the relevant local council.

If you have any questions regarding the above advice, please contact Georgia Wright, Senior Historical Archaeology Officer at Heritage NSW on (02) 9995 9298 or Georgia.Wright@environment.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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