

Hi Luisa,

The draft SEARS are noted. It is requested that the SEARS be amended in accordance with the standard heritage SEARS as follows:

- A heritage impact assessment or statement (HIA/HIS) is to be prepared by a suitably qualified heritage consultant in accordance with the NSW Heritage Manual. The HIA/HIS must provide an assessment of the potential direct and/or indirect impacts to the State and local heritage items including: built heritage, landscapes (including setting and views) and historic archaeology (including maritime).
- A historic archaeological assessment (including maritime archaeology) is to be prepared by a suitably qualified historical archaeologist in accordance with the documents:
 - *Archaeological Assessments Guidelines* (1996)
 - *Assessing Significance for Historical Archaeological Sites and 'Relics'* (2009)

This assessment should identify what relics, if any, are likely to be present, assess their historic significance and consider the impacts from the proposal on this potential heritage resource. Where harm is likely to occur, it is recommended that the significance of the relics be considered in determining an appropriate mitigation strategy. Any mitigation measures should avoid or ameliorate the impact with specific emphasis on *in situ* conservation and interpretation where State significant or substantially intact relics are identified. If harm cannot be avoided, an appropriate Research Design and Excavation Methodology must also be prepared to guide any proposed excavations. The methodology should include appropriate actions to guide archaeological test excavation, salvage or monitoring; stop work provisions should relics be found; appropriate recording, storage and public display provisions for relics following archaeological investigations.

Please note, the Regional Operations Group of the Office of Environment and Heritage may provide separate SEARs in relation to Aboriginal cultural heritage.

Regards

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