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Dear Louise,

RE: BCD Advice, State Significant Development (SSD-9813), 36-48 Donnison Street, Gosford.

I refer to recent correspondence received from the Biodiversity Conservation Division (BCD) of the Department of Planning and Environment (DPIE) related to the subject development. In this correspondence, BCD have recommended an Aboriginal cultural heritage assessment report (ACHAR) be prepared.

We have sought advice from our heritage advisors, Extent, regarding this matter which is attached to this letter. The advice indicates that an ACHAR is not warranted as no Aboriginal objects were identified during their site inspection, nor did an AHIMS Extensive Search identify any Aboriginal cultural heritage sites within the development site.

The original requirements for the development only required the preparation of an ACHAR if there were any impacts to Aboriginal heritage items. In light of Extent's advice, we request that DPIE not impose the requirement to prepare an ACHAR at this stage of the assessment process.

Should you wish to discuss the content in Extent's letter further, do not hesitate to contact me on 02 8667 8668 or at jbell@mecone.com.au.

Yours sincerely



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