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Attn: Stephanie Jackman (stephanie.jackman@health.nsw.gov.au)

24/08/2022

Dear Mr. Dowman,

**Griffith Base Hospital Redevelopment (SSD-9838218)
Aboriginal Heritage Interpretation Strategy, Condition B27**

I refer to the Heritage Interpretation Strategy (HIS) submitted to the Planning Secretary in accordance with condition B27, Schedule 2 Part B of the project Development Consent for the Griffith Base Hospital (SSD-9838218).

I note that the HIS:

- was reviewed by the Applicant, and no issues were raised;
- forms Stage 1 of the heritage interpretation process for the redevelopment; and
- will inform Stage 2 Heritage Interpretation Plan, and Stage 3 Implementation Plan.

Accordingly, I acknowledge receipt of the Heritage Interpretation Strategy, Issue 3 dated 21 November 2021, for our information under condition B27 of SSD-9838218.

While the Department acknowledges receipt of the HIS, there are related follow-up actions that require your attention as a result of the Department's review of the strategy. As soon as practicable, please revise the HIS to include Stage 2 Heritage Interpretation Plan (HIP). The consolidated document must include evidence that the Applicant consulted the Environment and Heritage Group of NSW Department of Planning and Environment, and all relevant Registered Aboriginal Parties (RAPs) on the preparation of the plan as required by condition B27 of the consent. The evidence of consultation must be provided under condition A8 of the consent.

Furthermore, the Department requests the Applicant to carry out the following recommendations when the HIS is updated to include the HIP:

1. consider planting tree, shrub and plant species on the hospital grounds that were important to the Aboriginal people of the area;
2. consider a bush food trail through a native garden on the hospital grounds;
3. consider developing opportunities for cultural safety;
4. consider the significance and photographs of artefacts/results of the archaeological salvage excavation presented in the 'Griffith Base Hospital Aboriginal Archaeological Salvage Excavation Report AHIP 4667' (Comber Consultants, April 2021) for interpretation purposes, and for storytelling of the land where the hospital is located. The HIS has information on the Wiradjuri people which can illustrate the story of the area; and

5. replace references to 2016 census with 2021 census data.

Please ensure that the HIS is placed on the project website at the earliest convenience.

If you have any questions, please contact Hala Fua, who can be contacted at hala.fua@planning.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shiraz Ahmed', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Shiraz Ahmed
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As nominee of the Secretary