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Dear Mr Armstrong

**Sydney Metro West Stage 1 - A9 Request (SSI-10038)
Parramatta Archaeological Testing and Salvage Works**

I refer to your request dated 5 August 2022 seeking approval from the Planning Secretary under Condition A9 of SSI 10038 for an alternate timeframe for the finalisation of Detailed Site Investigations (for contamination) (DSIs) under Conditions D71 through D73.

I note that Condition D71 requires the submission of DSIs before the commencement of any construction that would result in disturbance of moderate to high risk contaminated sites. You have noted in your request that, in order to facilitate compliance with heritage-related conditions, archaeological testing and salvage is required prior to the completion of DSI works. You also note that completion of DSI works such as drilling and test pitting has the potential to damage archaeological values at Parramatta, therefore testing and salvage is preferred to be conducted prior to DSI works.

I also note you are requesting agreement from the Planning Secretary to commence other works to facilitate DSI works prior to the finalisation of the DSI Report and Remedial Action Plans (RAPs).

I consider that Sydney Metro has provided adequate justification for the completion of archaeological testing and salvage at Parramatta, and geotechnical investigations and minor activities required to facilitate the completion of DSIs. However, I do not consider that sufficient information has been provided to demonstrate that the full list of works described in your letter are required to facilitate the DSI works.

Therefore, the Planning Secretary agrees to an alternate timeframe allowing for archaeological testing and salvage at Parramatta, and geotechnical investigations and minor activities required to facilitate the completion of DSIs, to be conducted prior to finalising the DSIs.

Further, the Department also notes that no remediation works are to commence until the RAP(s) are prepared in accordance with Condition D72.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Grant Brown at grant.brown@dpie.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D Crinnion". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D" and a smaller "C".

Dominic Crinnion
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As nominee of the Planning Secretary