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Subject: Request for Approval to Remove Timber Capping Planks, Parramatta Convict Drain

Dear Mr Armstrong

I refer to your submission dated 1 August 2022 requesting the Planning Secretary's approval to remove the timber capping planks on the Parramatta Convict Drain, in accordance with Condition D15. I also acknowledge your response to the Department's request for additional information.

I note that Condition D15 requires that if retention of any part of the Parramatta Convict Drain in situ is not feasible, the Proponent must satisfactorily demonstrate to the Planning Secretary why its removal is appropriate.

I understand from your letter, you are requesting to remove the timber capping planks on the Parramatta Convict Drain to ensure it can be retained, protected, fumigated and a conservation assessment undertaken. I also note from your letter that if the timbers remained on site in situ, there is a danger their condition will deteriorate and removal of the planks will allow for a more detailed conservation methodology for the Parramatta Convict Drain to be developed.

Based on the information provided, and consultation with Heritage NSW, I am satisfied that you have demonstrated it is appropriate for the timber capping planks to be removed in accordance with the methodology outlined in your letter and the O.H.M. Consultants memo dated 10 June 2022.

You are reminded that further removal or impacts to any part of the Parramatta Convict Drain will require a separate submission and agreement from the Planning Secretary.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Grant Brown at [grant.brown@dpie.nsw.gov.au](mailto:grant.brown@dpie.nsw.gov.au)

Yours sincerely



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As nominee of the Planning Secretary