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Subject: Request for Approval to Remove Concrete Structures, Parramatta Convict Drain

Dear Mr Armstrong

I refer to your submission dated 5 October 2022 requesting the Planning Secretary's approval to remove the concrete capping planks on the Parramatta Convict Drain, in accordance with Condition D15.

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 concrete footing and structures on top of the Parramatta Convict Drain that are preventing road construction. I note that from the methodology you have described the concrete structures will be removed, under the supervision of the archaeological excavation direction and conservation director, then archivally recorded, numbered and transported to the Sydney Metro conservation and storage facility in Yennora.

Based on the information provided, and consultation with Heritage NSW, I am satisfied that you have demonstrated it is appropriate for the concrete structures to be removed in accordance with the methodology outlined in your letter and the Gamuda memo dated 26 September 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