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Attention: Ari Stypel (ari.stypel@transport.nsw.gov.au)

01/03/2023

**Subject: Excavation Director Nomination for Sydney Metro West – Stage 2
(Condition D16 of SSI-19238057)**

Dear Mr Stypel,

I refer to your submission dated 15 February 2023 nominating Lian Ramage and Mike Hincks as Excavation Directors for approval of the Planning Secretary for the Sydney Metro West – Stage 2 project in accordance with Condition D16 of SSI-19238057.

I note that:

- Sydney Metro have raised no concerns with the nominated Excavation Directors;
- the Heritage Council of NSW have commented that the requirements of the condition have been sufficiently addressed; and
- the curriculum vitae of Lian Ramage and Mike Hincks and supporting information demonstrates that they comply with the skills, qualifications, and experience requirements of the Heritage Council of NSW's Criteria for Assessment of Excavation Director (September 2019).

As nominee of the Planning Secretary, I approve the appointment of Lian Ramage and Mike Hincks as Excavation Directors for Sydney Metro West – Stage 2 in accordance with Condition D16 of SSI-19238057.

Please note, as per the Heritage Council of NSW letter dated 8 February 2023, where excavation has the potential to encounter graves, it is preferable that Lian Ramage is present due to her experience in the identification of human remains.

Please ensure that this approval letter is made publicly available on the project website.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Leanne Mariani on leanne.mariani@dpie.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Wood', written in a cursive style.

Matt Wood
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As nominee of the Planning Secretary