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Attention: Andrew Hartcher

Dear Mr Sargent

RE: State Significant Infrastructure – Barangaroo Ferry Terminal (SSI 6727)

Thank you for your letter dated 11 December 2014 requesting comment from the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) on the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) as part of the exhibition of the proposed State Significant Infrastructure, Barangaroo Ferry Terminal.

In summary, the modification involves:

- Establishment of a construction work area and a temporary construction compound;
- Construction of three self-supporting new ferry wharves (two wharves would be constructed initially with the third wharf being constructed when demand necessitates) and ancillary landside facilities;
- Potential demolition of the King Street Wharf wave baffle;
- Site clean-up and opening of the new wharves;
- Operation of three wharves including a layover, sewage pump-out facility and staff kiosk located on a link structure;
- Eventual decommissioning and removal of the public transport elements of King Street Ferry Wharf such as ticket vending machines and signage;
- Landside ancillary facilities included as part of the proposal would comprise wayfinding signage and ticketing including Opal card facilities.
- Telecommunications, electricity, water and sewerage are to be available at the foreshore edge. These services would be installed as part of the public domain works for Barangaroo South (Concept Design Modification 4).

The proposal is described in Statement of Heritage Impacts (SHI) prepared by RPS and Archaeomar, and the Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment prepared by IRIS visual Planning + Design.

There are no State Heritage Register items within the development site. However, there are a number of State Heritage Register items within the vicinity of the proposed Ferry Hub. The proposal will not have any impact on the settings of these items. Previous archaeological assessments for Barangaroo South and study of the submerged historic environment by

Archaeomar, indicate that the potential for historic shipwrecks or archaeological relics is low in the vicinity of the development.

The OEH makes the following comments in regards to the recommendations made in RPS Statement of Heritage Impact:

- Recommendation 1 - The Conservation Environment Management Plan has not been prepared. Therefore the Heritage Division is unable to comment on the adequacy of the management recommendations for unexpected archaeological finds;
- Recommendation 2 - A suitably qualified and experienced heritage practitioner should oversee the heritage induction of staff and contractors;
- Recommendation 4 - If unexpected historic maritime infrastructure and associated relics and/or historic ship wrecks are uncovered, the Heritage Council of NSW must be notified in writing in accordance with Section 146 of the *Heritage Act 1977*. Work must cease in the affected area(s) and a suitably qualified and experienced maritime archaeologist must be contacted to assess the archaeological material. Additional assessment and approval may be required prior to works continuing in the affected area(s) based on the nature of the discovery.

The OEH's review of the proposal for the new ferry hub at Barangaroo does not extend to consideration of obligations and responsibilities under the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*. The Metro Branch of the OEH should be contacted for comment on this aspect of the proposed development.

I trust this information is of assistance. If you have any further enquiries regarding this matter, please contact Tracy Appel, Heritage Officer at the Heritage Division, OEH, on (02) 9873 8559.

Yours sincerely



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