

Jake Shackleton
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Re: Newcastle Inner City Bypass – Rankin Park to Jesmond (SSI 6888) extension of
time request for Cultural Heritage Salvage report.

4 February 2022

Dear Jake Shackleton,

I refer to the subject project approved by the Minister for Planning on 15 February 2019.

Transport for New South Wales (Transport) completed Aboriginal Salvage excavations on 5 March 2021. On 14 October 2021 Transport provided an update to Registered Aboriginal Parties (RAPs) on the findings from the salvage program and requested preferences on the long-term management of artefacts uncovered. Feedback was received from two RAPs and further consultation was completed with Awabakal Local Aboriginal Land Council to seek their feedback. All feedback received to date identified different preferences for the management of the artefacts.

Transport have prepared the Cultural Heritage Salvage Report in accordance with Condition E19, however have been unable to complete the report as the final repository for find has not been finalised.

Condition E20 requires the Cultural Heritage Salvage report to be submitted to the Planning Secretary, City of Newcastle and Registered Aboriginal Parties for information no later than 12 months after the completion of salvage works. Transport are requesting a six month extension of time for the submission of the Cultural Heritage Salvage Report to allow for further consultation with the RAPs to determine the final repository for finds.

Please contact Melissa Mayfield-Smith on 0408 199 626 or by email Melissa.mayfield-smith@transport.nsw.gov.au if you require further information.

Sincerely,



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