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Dear Mr Gilham

**The Northern Road Upgrade (SSI-7127)
Alternate timeframe – condition E19 and E20**

I refer to your request received 19 November 2021, seeking approval from the Planning Secretary for an alternate timeframe for submitting the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Reports (ACHRs) under condition E20 of SSI 7127.

Condition E20 requires that the ACHRs be endorsed by the Registered Aboriginal Parties (RAPs) and submitted to the Planning Secretary for information no later than 12 months after completion of the cultural excavation and salvage or within a timeframe agreed by the Planning Secretary.

I also understand you are seeking the extension to formalise the identification of a final repository for all finds discovered during the excavation of Stages TNR4, TNR5 and TNR6 of the Northern Road Upgrade as required under condition E19.

I note that this is a late request as the cultural excavation and salvage required under conditions E9 to E11 concluded in 2019 for TNR4, TNR5 and TNR6 of the Northern Road Upgrade. However, I acknowledge Transport for NSW's commitment to closing out the requirements under conditions E19 and E20 and seeking the endorsement from the RAPs.

As nominee of the Planning Secretary, I approve the request for an alternate timeframe to submit the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Reports for six-months from the date of this approval. In addition, I am directing you to provide monthly updates to the Department on your progress pursuant to condition A6 of SSI 7127.

The approval of an alternate timeframe to submit the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Reports does not remove any obligations required under the conditions of approval.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Lee McCourt on 8289 6969.

Yours sincerely



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