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Dear Fil

Sydney Metro: Sydenham to Bankstown (SSI 8285)
Utilities and sanitary pipe investigation works inside State Heritage Curtilages and areas of archaeological potential at Marrickville, Canterbury, Belmore and Lakemba Stations

I refer to your submission dated 15 April 2020 requesting the Planning Secretary's determination that proposed utilities and sanitary pipe investigations in the curtilages of State Heritage Listed locations and areas of archaeological potential, are not classed as 'construction' under the Definitions in Table 1 of the Infrastructure approval and can proceed as low impact work subject to implementation of the mitigation measures detailed in the attached Heritage Impact Assessments (HIAs) (dated 13 December 2019 and 14 February 2020).

As outlined in your letter and the HIAs, I understand that you propose to carry out non-destructive digging potholing and manual hand digging in the station platforms and within the rail corridor to locate utilities and sanitary pipes, and that some sanitary pipes may be opened to be inspected internally via telescopic camera. I note that the HIAs identify that works would not result in adverse impacts to heritage significant fabric and are not likely to result in adverse impacts to heritage significant archaeological remains.

I also understand that Archaeological Method Statements will be developed and implemented to mitigate potential impacts to heritage in these areas and that the utility and sanitary pipe investigation works will be undertaken using Sydney Metro's Pre-Construction Minor Works Approval process.

I note that the HIAs have been reviewed by Heritage NSW who have no objection to the works on archaeological or built heritage grounds and are of the opinion that the works fall within the definition of low impact works.

As nominee of the Planning Secretary, I am satisfied that the proposed utility and sanitary pipe investigation works are not classed as construction under the Definitions in Table 1 of the project approval and can proceed as low impact works in accordance with the planning approval.

Please ensure that the management and mitigation measures identified in the environmental risk assessment and Heritage Impact Assessments are implemented.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Amy Porter on 9373 2853.

Yours sincerely

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