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Input to SEARs – State Significant Development

Proposal: McPhillamys Water Supply Pipeline

Major Project reference: SSI-99419963

Received: 14 November 2025

Dear Mandana,

Thank you for your referral seeking input to the Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements for the above State Significant Development proposal.

In preparing this advice Heritage NSW has reviewed the provided scoping report. Heritage NSW recommends that the following Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements be included with respect to Aboriginal cultural heritage in relation to the proposed McPhillamys Water Supply Pipeline (SSI-99419963)

- The Environmental Impact Statement should be informed by an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report, prepared in accordance with relevant policy and guidelines to identify, describe and assess any impacts to Aboriginal cultural heritage sites or values associated with the project. The Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report must be prepared in accordance with the *Guide to investigating, assessing and reporting on Aboriginal cultural heritage in NSW* <https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/publications/guide-investigating-assessing-and-reporting-aboriginal-cultural-heritage-new-south-wales> and the *Code of Practice for Archaeological Investigation of Aboriginal Objects in NSW* <https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/publications/code-practice-archaeological-investigation-aboriginal-objects-nsw>, including results of archaeological survey and test excavations (where required) undertaken in accordance with the relevant standards and requirements;
- Include evidence of adequate and continuous consultation with Aboriginal parties in relation to determining and assessing impacts, identifying and selecting options for avoidance of Aboriginal cultural heritage and identifying appropriate mitigation measures (including the final proposed

measures) in substantial compliance with the consultation process outlined in the *Aboriginal cultural heritage consultation requirements for proponents*

<https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/publications/aboriginal-cultural-heritage-consultation-requirements-proponents>

Please note that the above comments relate only to Aboriginal cultural heritage regulation matters. If you have any questions about this correspondence, please contact Alison Lamond at Heritage NSW on (02) 9873 8500 or heritagemailbox@environment.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely,

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