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Dear Ms Harragon

**Request for Heritage Council Comments on Environmental Impact Statement for Moorebank Precinct East (MPE): Stage 2 Application – SSD 7628**

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Reference is made to your email of 16 December 2016 seeking Heritage Council advice about the suitability of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the above named project. The following documentation was reviewed to provide comments on this application:

- 'Non-Indigenous Heritage Assessment', Report to Arcadis, prepared by Artefact Heritage, dated November 2016.

The Non-Indigenous Heritage Assessment (the Assessment) indicates that the construction and operation of the MPE Stage 2 Proposal would result in a number of direct and indirect impacts to potential archaeological material associated with former structures located within the Proposal site. The proposal involves the demolition of all remaining structures with heritage significance as well as the removal of all heritage values from the site.

The Assessment noted that the proposed work site has the potential to reveal an archaeological resource of local significance in some areas (PADs V and W), which may contribute to understanding the military history of NSW and have some research significance. The potential nature of these archaeological remains have been assessed as consisting of footings, wood or steel structural remains and evidence of cut and fill as well as evidence for use of structures. The Assessment indicates that the archaeological remains of former structures, have the potential to be of some research significance as they may provide new evidence about the building types throughout the sites and construction materials used, however, as the use of the site was for storage purposes, and not residential, the archaeological record is expected to be limited and remains would be minor or insubstantial. As a result, the Assessment indicates that the archaeological resource at the site is limited in nature and is unlikely to be of high research significance, as there is little potential for the type of accumulated refuse deposits to provide information regarding changing lifeways over time.

The Assessment outlines suggested measures including conservation *in situ* of some, or all, of the WWII structures, adaptive reuse of some or all of the WWII structures, or demolition of the structures with prior comprehensive archival recording. Additional mitigation measures involve monitoring and recording of PADs V and W, which have the potential to contain

archaeological remains of local significance. It is further provided that a recording would be undertaken by a suitably qualified archaeologist, who would assess the likely significance of any archaeological deposits encountered, and provide advice regarding appropriate further action. The Assessment indicates that should highly significant remains be identified during monitoring, additional monitoring of former structures or test excavations would be carried out.

A Heritage Interpretation Strategy will be prepared prior to commencement of the proposed works, providing appropriate interpretive measures for the MPE site.

The above mitigation measures are considered appropriate for the site and its heritage.

Please note that these comments do not relate to Indigenous archaeology because it is understood that the project has been separately referred to relevant sections of the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) for specific review.

If you have any questions regarding the above advice, please contact Anna Foroozani A/Archaeologist, Heritage Division, Office of Environment and Heritage, at e-mail: Anna.Foroozani@environment.nsw.gov.au or via telephone (02) 9895 6479.

Yours sincerely



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