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Dear Mr Glasgow

SSD 7684 Amended Concept proposal for the redevelopment of Cockle Bay Wharf - Response to Submissions

I refer to your letter to the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) dated 11 July 2018 notifying OEH on the Response to Submissions report prepared for the amended concept plan redevelopment proposal for Cockle Bay Wharf.

OEH has reviewed the Response to Submissions report prepared by Ethos Urban dated 5 July 2018 that states in relation to Aboriginal Cultural Heritage:

"As the design of the proposed development is only at the building envelope stage it is not possible to fully assess the impacts of a detailed building location at this stage. As such the impact assessment must be undertaken at a high level and is based on the types of activities that are likely to result in an impact to Aboriginal objects and takes into consideration the assessed level of potential for Aboriginal objects (i.e. in areas with a low potential for Aboriginal objects, activities associated with the proposed development may not result in any impacts at all, while in areas of medium to high potential mitigation measures will be explored).

At this stage consultation with the Aboriginal community has not been undertaken; however, the report does provide recommendations for when consultation should take place depending on the potential impacts that may arise as a result of the detailed building location and design at Stage 2. This additional consultation can be undertaken during the Stage 2 (detailed) development application, when specific impacts associated with the development of the Site are known from the results of the competitive design process.

OEH's previous comments dated 9 February 2017 on the original EIS and 24 November 2017 on the amended EIS relating to Aboriginal cultural heritage are still relevant. Concept Plans proposals should be supported by a complete Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report (ACHAR) and include consultation with the Aboriginal community. Due diligence reports are not an assessment and are not a substitute for undertaking an ACHAR.

If you have any queries about this advice, please contact Svetlana Kotevska on 8837 6040 or by email at Svetlana.kotevska@environment.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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