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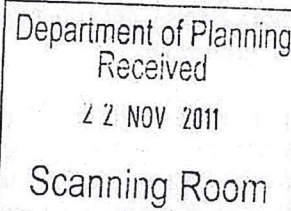
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Dear Ms Warton

RE: Exhibition of Revised Environmental Assessment for Graythwaite Concept Plan and Stage 1 Project Application.

Thank you for submitting the Revised Environmental Assessment for Graythwaite Concept Plan and Stage 1 Project Application to the Heritage Council for assessment. The revised plans for the new buildings were assessed by the Heritage Council Approvals Committee at its meeting on the 7 September 2011. The Approval Committee resolved that:

In relation to the received concept plan for the Graythwaite site, the Heritage Council Approvals Committee provides the following advice to the Department of Planning and Infrastructure:

1. The revised concept plan presented at its meeting of the 7 September 2011 satisfactorily addresses the endorsed CMP policies and as such is acceptable on heritage grounds;
2. The Committee will provide detailed comments on any final concept plan submitted for public exhibition;
3. Any detailed plans prepared for development application stages should ensure that careful consideration is given to articulation, modulation and detail in relation to Graythwaite and the Upper Terrace area generally.

The Heritage Branch, on behalf of the Heritage Council, makes the following comments in regards to the draft Concept Plan Statement of Commitments, Planning Parameters and Statement of Heritage Impact:

The draft Statement of Commitments includes a section on archaeology which states "Should any Aboriginal or European objects be discovered at the site, then all work in the vicinity should cease immediately and the DECCW or Heritage Branch would be contacted." This statement should be amended to the following:

"Should any Aboriginal objects or deposits be found on site, all works in the vicinity should cease and the Office of Environment and Heritage should be contacted immediately."

"Should any unexpected historic archaeology be located on site all works in the vicinity should cease and a suitably qualified archaeologist should be contacted to assess the find and determine appropriate mitigation strategies. If the finds are assessed as 'relics' as defined by the Heritage Act 1977, the Heritage Council must be notified in accordance with Section 146 of the Act."

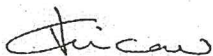
The draft Statement of Commitments also includes a section on heritage which states in part, "Future applications for detailed design will: b) be generally in accordance with the Planning Parameters document (by Tanner Architects)." The Heritage Branch recommends deletion of the word 'generally.'

In relation to the Planning Parameters, the Heritage Branch recommends that the Planning Parameters include specific guidelines to ensure that the State Heritage Register curtilage boundary is clearly visible on the site through appropriate landscaping, fencing or other interpretive treatment.

It is noted that the Casey & Lowe report assessing the potential impacts on the historical archaeological resource recommends that an archaeological assessment should be undertaken for the Shore School land, and that the recommendations from that report be implemented as part of the detailed design and construction of the proposed East building. The Heritage Branch concurs with this recommendation.

The Heritage Council would welcome the opportunity to review detailed design plans for the Graythwaite site and the research design and methodology, which is to be prepared by Casey & Lowe, to guide archaeological investigation and its requirements. I trust this information is of assistance. If you have any further enquiries regarding this matter, please contact Tracy Appel on (02) 9873 8559.

Yours sincerely



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