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To whom it may concern,

HERITAGE RESPONSE TO RFI LETTER: ATC ROYAL RANDWICK, NIGHT RACING SSD-8706 S

This letter has been prepared to respond to the built (European) heritage elements of the Request for Additional Information received from the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) on 17 August 2021. The relevant built (European) heritage queries are outlined in the table below along with our responses.

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<p><u>Heritage Council of Australia</u></p> <p><i>The subject site is not listed on the State Heritage Register (SHR), nor is it in the immediate vicinity of any SHR items. Further, the site does not contain any known historical archaeological relics.</i></p> <p><i>Therefore, no further heritage comments are required. The Department does not need to refer subsequent stages of this proposal to the Heritage Council of NSW.</i></p>	<p>Noted.</p>
<p><u>Randwick City Council</u></p> <p><i>30. The number, distribution and bulk of the proposed lighting columns will have a high degree of visibility from surrounding streets, from heritage items internal and external to the site and from the adjacent Randwick Racecourse heritage conservation area.</i></p>	<p>We note that the proposed lighting columns will be visible from the surrounding locations in view lines towards the racecourse, and in views from the only heritage item within the site being the Member's Stand. However, the lighting poles are a common occurrence at large established sporting venues, and are readily apparent as later insertions. They will not detract from the significance of the place as a historic</p>

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	<p>racing venue (in fact will support this ongoing use), and will not detract from the ability to understand the existing configuration and landscaped setting of the place. Views from vicinity heritage items into the racecourse will not be adversely impacts, as these views have always looked into a large sporting facility which regularly needs to upgrade or develop their facilities to support its ongoing racing use. No significant views towards any vicinity heritage items will be adversely impacted.</p>												
<p>32. Details of the finish of the lighting columns is not clear and further detail should be provided for clarification. For instance, the Visual Impact Assessment Report recommends the use of light coloured or galvanised columns and fittings to reduce visual impact from the poles, however the Mitigation Measures contained within the EIS suggests painting the columns in a dark colour so they recede in visual significance. Council recommends details of the finishes of the poles be provided for assessment. A dark recessive colour should be considered.</p>	<p>The proposed lighting columns are proposed to be finished in a galvanised iron finish. This finish has been selected based on the assessment outlined in the Visual Impact Assessment, which identifies that the galvanised finish will allow the columns to blend in with the sky – see below extract.</p> <table><tr><td>Character/ Visual</td><td>Vertical elements added to a visibly flat and horizontal landscape</td><td>As part of the design process all the columns were reduced in height. Use light coloured or galvanised columns and fittings to help them blend into the existing landscape and materials of the site.</td><td>Reduced visual impact</td></tr><tr><td>Visual</td><td>Change to the skyline</td><td>As part of the design process all the columns were reduced in height. Use light coloured or galvanised columns and fittings to help them blend into the existing landscape and sky.</td><td>Reduced visual impact</td></tr><tr><td>Visual</td><td>Contrast to the natural setting of Centennial Park</td><td>Reduce the visual impact of the columns by using light coloured or galvanised columns and fittings to help them blend into the existing landscape, materials of the QEII Grandstand and sky.</td><td>Reduced visual impact</td></tr></table> <p>It is acknowledged that galvanised iron will be bright at first, but will rapidly dull with age and become less apparent.</p>	Character/ Visual	Vertical elements added to a visibly flat and horizontal landscape	As part of the design process all the columns were reduced in height. Use light coloured or galvanised columns and fittings to help them blend into the existing landscape and materials of the site.	Reduced visual impact	Visual	Change to the skyline	As part of the design process all the columns were reduced in height. Use light coloured or galvanised columns and fittings to help them blend into the existing landscape and sky.	Reduced visual impact	Visual	Contrast to the natural setting of Centennial Park	Reduce the visual impact of the columns by using light coloured or galvanised columns and fittings to help them blend into the existing landscape, materials of the QEII Grandstand and sky.	Reduced visual impact
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<p>33. No detail of the size or appearance of the generators has been provided, and it is unclear whether the generators will be housed within some sort of enclosure. The submitted Heritage Impact Statement recommends appropriate screening of the generators is provided in the form of a timber or perforated metal enclosure or fence. However, depending on the appearance of the generators, and whether they will be enclosed, further screening could add to the bulk of the installation. Council recommends details of the generators and proposed screening are provided for assessment.</p>	<p>The generators will be screened behind an enclosure which has a natural timber finish (see below for an example image). We have recommended that vegetation screening also be applied commensurate with the landscaped character of the place, to soften the visual impacts of these elements. Given the nature of operations across the site, the proposed generators are not considered incompatible with the use of the place, and the proposed screening measures will assist in reducing their visual appearance.</p>												

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<p>34. Notwithstanding the size and appearance of the generators, Council recommends that the generators not be used and alternative power sources be provided for trackside lighting.</p>	<p>Noted.</p>

I trust that the above answers any outstanding heritage matters.

Kind regards,



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