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Dear Ms Jones

**RE: CBD AND SOUTH EAST LIGHT RAIL PROJECT – SSI 13\_6042  
ADVICE AND RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS OF CONSENT**

Reference is made to your correspondence dated 11 November 2013 and received at the Heritage Division on the 13 November 2013 requesting advice on recommended conditions of consent for the CBD and South East Light Rail (CSELR) project.

The proposal involves the construction and operation of a new light rail service in Sydney, including approximately 12 kilometres of new light rail track. The proposed new light rail service would include:

- a total of 20 light rail stops;
- a pedestrian zone along part of George Street, Sydney, between Hunter and Bathurst Streets;
- approximately 12 substations to provide power for light rail vehicles;
- a stabling facility at Randwick; and
- a maintenance facility in Lilyfield.

The CSELR Technical Paper 5 – *CBD and South East Light Rail Environmental Impact Statement—Heritage Impact Assessment* (HIA) assess the potential heritage impacts of the proposed CSELR project.

Section 6.0 of the HIA proposes a range of strategies and mitigation measures to avoid/minimise impacts on built and landscape heritage items and Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal archaeology. The detailed design, documentation and construction stages of the project would implement these measures and it is expected that iterations of these measures are developed as the project progresses. It is vital that expert heritage advice is retained throughout the project to help ensure heritage impacts are avoided or minimised, and managed according to current best practice.

Furthermore, the NSW Heritage Council recommends that alternative designs are prepared to mitigate the visual and material impacts of: the Moore Park light rail stop that is located within the state heritage curtilage of *Centennial Park, Moore Park, Queens Park* (SHR01384); and the CSLER project in the immediate vicinity of the Royal Randwick Racecourse that has been identified by the NSW Heritage Council as a place of state heritage significance.

## ADVICE

As delegate of the NSW Heritage Council, the Director of the Heritage Division therefore provides the following advice to the Department of Planning and Infrastructure:

### MOORE PARK LIGHT RAIL STOP

1. Prepare alternative designs for the Moore Park light rail stop that respond to and enhance the landscape character of the area for assessment and approval, in consultation with the NSW Heritage Division.

### ROYAL RANDWICK RACECOURSE SIGNIFICANT TREES

2. Prepare alternative designs for the CSLER project to eliminate the need for removal of the row of exceptional significant trees within the Royal Randwick Racecourse site along Alison and Wansey Roads for assessment and approval, in consultation with the NSW Heritage Division.

## RECOMMENDATION

As delegate of the NSW Heritage Council, the Director of the Heritage Division therefore recommends to the Department of Planning and Infrastructure that the application for the CSELR (SSD 5313-2012) which is proposed between Circular Quay and Central, Kingsford and Randwick via Surry Hills and Moore Park in the Sydney, Randwick and Leichhardt Local Government areas be conditioned in the following manner:

1. All work shall comply with the information contained within:
  - a. The report titled '*CBD and South East Light Rail Environmental Impact Statement—Heritage Impact Assessment*'. Prepared by Godden Mackay Logan dated 7 November 2013.
  - b. The report titled '*CBD and South East Light Rail Environmental Impact Statement—Heritage Interpretation Strategy*'. Prepared by Godden Mackay Logan dated September 2013.

EXCEPT AS AMENDED by the conditions of this approval:

### LIGHT RAIL STOPS

2. Prepare detailed designs and construction drawings for Light Rail stops and associated works within and in the immediate vicinity of items listed on the State Heritage Register or that are identified as of state heritage significance for assessment and approval of the Director-General, Department of Planning & Infrastructure, in consultation with the NSW Heritage Division.

### HISTORICAL ARCHAEOLOGY

3. The Applicant must ensure that if substantial intact archaeological deposits and/or State significant relics not identified in Archaeological Research Design are discovered, work must cease in the affected area(s) and the Director-General, Department of Planning & Infrastructure must be notified. Additional assessment and approval may be required prior to works continuing in the affected area(s) based on the nature of the discovery.
4. The Applicant must ensure that the nominated Excavation Director, is present at the site supervising all excavation activity likely to expose relics and must ensure that the site under archaeological investigation is made secure and that the un-excavated artefacts, structures and features are not subject to deterioration, damage, destruction or theft during fieldwork.

5. The Applicant must ensure that the nominated Excavation Director, take adequate steps to record in detail relics, structures and features discovered on the sites during the archaeological works in accordance with current best practice. This work must be undertaken in accordance with the NSW Heritage Office guidelines, 'How to Prepare Archival Records of Heritage Items' (1998) and 'Guidelines for Photographic Recording of Heritage Items' (2006).
6. The Applicant is responsible for the safe-keeping of any relics recovered from the site. The Applicant must ensure that the nominated Excavation Director clean, stabilise, label, analyse, catalogue and store any artefacts recovered from the site in a way that allows them to be retrieved according to both type and provenance.
7. The Applicant must ensure that a final excavation report is prepared by the nominated Excavation Director, to publication standard, within one (1) year of the completion of the field based archaeological activity unless an extension of time or other variation is approved by the Director-General, Department of Planning & Infrastructure. Further copies of the report should be lodged with the local libraries and/or another appropriate local repositories in the area in which the sites are located.
8. The information within the final excavation report shall be required to include the following:
  - a) An executive summary of the archaeological programme;
  - b) Due credit to the client paying for the excavation, on the title page;
  - c) An accurate site location and site plan (with scale and north arrow);
  - d) Historical research, references, and bibliography;
  - e) Detailed information on the excavation including the aim, the context for the excavation, procedures, treatment of artefacts (cleaning, conserving, sorting, cataloguing, labelling, scale photographs and/or drawings, location of repository) and analysis of the information retrieved;
  - f) Nominated repository for the items;
  - g) Detailed response to research questions (at minimum those stated in the Department of Planning & Infrastructure approved Research Design);
  - h) Conclusions from the archaeological programme. This information must include a reassessment of the site's heritage significance, statement(s) on how archaeological investigations at this site have contributed to the community's understanding of the Site and other Comparative Site Types and recommendations for the future management of the site;
  - i) Details of how this information about the excavations has been publicly disseminated (for example, include copies of press releases, public brochures and information signs produced to explain the archaeological significance of the sites).

#### HERITAGE INTERPRETATION

9. A Heritage Interpretation Plan be prepared in accordance with NSW Heritage Division guidelines titled 'Interpreting Heritage Places and Items: guidelines' and policy titled 'Heritage Information Series: Heritage Interpretation Policy' for assessment and approval. Those documents should be prepared for the approval of the Director-General, Department of Planning & Infrastructure.
10. The Heritage Interpretation Plan must allow for and present opportunities for interpretation within the site areas of archaeological remains. This interpretation should also help the public understand the history and significance of the study areas.
11. The approved Heritage Interpretation Plan proposal is to be implemented for each stage of works and installed prior to the in commission of the CSELR.



**It is further recommended that the above information is forwarded to the NSW Heritage Division, once received by the Department for adequacy review and further comment prior to the issuance of any approval.**

If you have any questions regarding the above matter please contact Michael Ellis at the Heritage Division, Office of Environment and Heritage on (02) 9873 8572.

Yours sincerely



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