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Dear Mr McNicol

Response to exhibition of Environmental Impact Statement for Proposed Two Staged Warehouse/Distribution & Light Industrial Facility, Burilda Close, Wetherill Park (SSD 7917)

Reference is made to your correspondence received on 16 November 2016 requesting input from the Heritage Council of NSW (the Heritage Council) during the exhibition stage of the above proposal. The proposal consists, in part, of the following:

- Two Warehouse/Light Industrial facilities;
- Two offices and amenities buildings;
- Loading docks and car parking facilities;
- Associated landscaping.

The following document was reviewed in the preparation of these comments:

- Report 'Environmental Impact Statement Horsley Drive Business Park, Proposed Two Staged Warehouse/Distribution and Light Industrial Facility, Proposed Lot 3 in Lot 5 DP1212087, Burilda Close, Wetherill Park', prepared by Willowtree Planning Pty Ltd on behalf of Frasers Industrial Constructions Pty Ltd, dated November 2016.

The Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) dated September 2016 required that the EIS include an assessment of the potential heritage impacts associated with the development, taking into consideration the State Heritage listed 'Upper Canal System'. The proposed State Significant Development (SSD) site is in the vicinity of the State Heritage Register item, Upper Canal System (Pheasants Nest Weir to Prospect Reservoir) (SHR no. 1373).

It is noted that the EIS did not provide an assessment of potential heritage impact on the State Heritage Register listed 'Upper Canal System', and it is concluded that the SEARS in relation to heritage have not been addressed. It is, therefore, recommended that the applicant be required to provide the following information prior to further consideration of the proposed development:

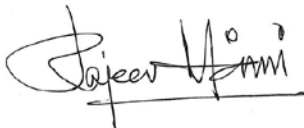
- A Heritage Impact Statement (HIS) prepared in accordance with the guidelines in the NSW Heritage Manual that addresses the significance of, and provides an assessment

of the impact on the heritage significance of heritage items on the development site and in the vicinity. The HIS must include a visual impact assessment and address the project's design resolution response to the findings of the visual impact assessment.

- Given the site's proximity to the State Heritage Register-listed Upper Canal, the HIS shall pay particular attention to mitigating visual, vibration or other civil and infrastructure construction impacts on the fabric and visual setting of the Upper Canal.
 - Appropriate mitigative design measures should include appropriate building envelope setbacks from lots adjoining the Upper Canal, to ensure future applications do not have adverse visual or physical heritage impacts on the Upper Canal's heritage values.
 - Another mitigative design measure shall be defining a landscaped area to be developed on the subject site facing the Sydney Water Canal corridor as a soft barrier to protect the canal's visual setting.
- The HIS should also identify any other listed or potential heritage items in the project area. If any listed or potential heritage items are likely to be affected, the HIS should assess how the development would impact on any places of heritage significance in or surrounding the subject site.

If you have any questions regarding the above matter, please contact Anna Foroozani, Heritage Assessment Officer at the Heritage Division, Office of Environment and Heritage on telephone (02) 9985 6479 or by e-mail to anna.faroozani@environment.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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