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Attention: Lisa Chan

Dear Ms Fajmon

Subject: Office of Environment & Heritage Comments on Environmental Assessment (EA) for Nundah Bank Third Track Environmental Assessment on Public Exhibition-MP10_0094

The Office of Environment & Heritage (formerly the Heritage Branch, Department of Planning) received your Memorandum dated 28 March requesting comments on the Environmental Assessment for the Nundah Bank Third Track Project (10_0094), which is currently on exhibition. It is noted that the former Heritage Branch has previously provided comment on this project in July 2010, September 2010 and January 2011.

Accordingly, the Office has reviewed the EA and its associated Appendices, including Technical Paper 5 – Non-Indigenous Heritage by Biosis Research (dated March 2011) and has the following comments:

1. In previous correspondence commenting on the Project (January 2011), the former Heritage Branch stated that the Draft Statement of Commitments (DSoC) were not adequate for the management of the identified heritage within the project area, and an additional DSoC was necessary which required the adoption of recommendations 1-9 contained within section 7.1 of Technical Paper 5 (Non-Aboriginal Heritage Assessment) by Biosis Research dated December 2010.

It is noted that these recommendations have not been adopted.

In the March 2011 EA currently on Exhibition, one of the recommendations in Section 7.1 has been removed ("Impacts related to vibration damage to the large sandstone culver (item 04-2) are not expected; however it is prudent as a precautionary principal to monitor impact on a regular basis. A suggested monitoring regime would be once every three months") and section 7.1 of Technical Paper 5 now contains only 8 recommendations. Of these only numbers 1 and 8 have been adopted into the DSoC for the project.

The Office of Environment & Heritage considers that this is not adequate and reiterates the comment it made in the January 2011 correspondence, that all management recommendations in section 7.1 of Technical Paper 5 must be included in the DSoC to ensure adequate management of heritage within the project boundaries.

2. It is noted that the most recent correspondence by the former Heritage Branch on the Final EA (January 2011) was not detailed in Section 5.1.5 of the EA currently on Exhibition (dated March 2011) – Stakeholder Letters and discussions. The consultation attributed to the former Heritage Branch relates to the September 2010 correspondence regarding the draft EA.

The Office of Environment & Heritage considers this a misrepresentation of the former Heritage Branch's position on this project and the impacts it will have on heritage within the project area. This requires amendment to reflect the true timeline and comments provided.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please feel free to contact Katrina Stankowski on 02 98738569.

Yours sincerely

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