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Dear Mr Gibson,

**RE: Heritage Division comments on exhibition of Engineering and Technology Precinct Development, The University of Sydney, Darlington Campus (SSD 8636)**

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I refer to your email dated 16 April 2018 inviting comments on the above State Significant Development application for the Engineering and Technology Precinct Development, The University of Sydney, Darlington Campus, including:

- partial demolition of the existing Electrical Engineering Building (Building J03);
- site excavation and earthworks to accommodate the proposed building footprint;
- construction of an eight storey building (including plant level) to accommodate the Engineering Link Building (Building J13) and Mechanical Engineering Building (J07), comprising teaching spaces, offices, research facilities, storage areas and a loading dock;
- upgrade the existing southern tower of the Electrical Engineering Building (Building J03);
- associated tree removal, landscaping and public domain works; and
- utilities and infrastructure connection works.

The site is not listed on the State Heritage Register (SHR) or in the vicinity of a SHR listed item, but is listed on the S170 NSW State Agency Heritage Register. The site is not listed as a heritage item on the Sydney Local Environmental Plan 2012 (Sydney LEP) or within a Heritage Conservation Area.

The documents considered in this advice include:

- *Environmental Impact Statement, State Significant Development Application SSD\_8636, The University of Sydney, Engineering and Technology Precinct - Darlington Campus* (EIS), prepared by SJB Planning, dated April 2018.
- *Heritage Impact Statement – University of Sydney Electrical Engineering Building* (HIS), prepared by Urbis, dated 5 April 2018.
- *Historical Archaeological Assessment– University of Sydney Engineering Building* (HAA), prepared by Urbis, dated 20 November 2017.
- Architectural plans, The University of Sydney ETP Stage 1, prepared by COX Architects, dated 31 January 2018.
- *Landscape Design Report, University of Sydney, Engineering and Technology Precinct (ETP) Stage 1* (LDR), prepared by T.C.L., dated 29 March 2018.

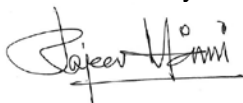
The documents have been reviewed and the following comments are provided:

- The HAA finds that there is low to nil potential for in-situ archaeological remains across the subject site and recommends a Chance Finds Procedure.
- The EIS identified new building work will be located largely within the footprint of the existing buildings.
- The EIS identified that historic views across the campus will be retained, the early street patterns will be retained and the removal of hard stand car parking and the introduction of landscaping improves the setting of the engineering precinct.
- The LDR finds that the proposed landscape is an extension of the adjacent Cadigal Green project, providing a holistic approach that extends beyond the boundaries of the subject site.

It is, therefore, recommended that no additional information is required by the Heritage Council of NSW prior to the determination of the application.

If you have any questions regarding the above advice, please contact James Quoyale, Senior Heritage Assessment Officer, at the Heritage Division on (02) 9873 8612 or via email at [James.Quoyale@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:James.Quoyale@environment.nsw.gov.au).

Yours sincerely



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**As Delegate of the Heritage Council of NSW**

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