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Dear Mr Roberts

## NOTICE OF EXHIBITION OF MODIFICATION REQUEST FOR THE STAR CITY CASINO, 20-80 PYRMONT STREET, SYDNEY (MP 08 0098 MOD 13)

Reference is made to your correspondence received on 20 August 2018 notifying the Heritage Council of NSW of the exhibition of, and inviting comment on, the abovementioned State Significant Development modification request which includes a hotel and residential tower, a 'ribbon' element to connect the new tower to the Star, new Sky Terrace, façade integration works, infrastructure upgrades, transport interchange and improvements, associated landscaping, signage, and lighting, stormwater upgrades and acoustic strategy, stratum subdivision, as well as modification of conditions.

The following reports were considered in our assessment:

- Modification 13 to MP08\_0098 Environmental Assessment Report, prepared by Urbis, dated 13 August 2018;
- Section 75W Modification Application MP08\_0098 Heritage Impact Statement, prepared by Urbis, dated 27 June 2018; and
- Section 75W Modification Application MP08 0098 Aboriginal and Historical Archaeological Assessment, prepared by Urbis, dated 13 February 2018.

The subject site is not within the curtilage of any State Heritage Register (SHR) items, nor have any historical archaeological sites been identified. No specific comments are provided as no impacts to SHR items or State or local archaeological remains have been identified. It is noted that SHR items are in the general vicinity of the subject site, namely: Pyrmont Post Office (SHR 01440), Old Pyrmont Cottage (SHR 01986), and Royal Edward Victualling Yard (SHR 01855). These State heritage items are insufficiently proximate for the proposal to generate any adverse heritage impacts. However, due to the potential impacts to local heritage items, particularly the Former Sydney Electric Lighting Station building, comment should be sought from City of Sydney Council to ensure any impacts to local heritage items are considered and mitigation measures employed to reduce adverse heritage impacts.

The Urbis archaeological report notes that 'Historical archaeological potential across the subject site is therefore assessed as very low to nil.' (p.48). No further historical archaeological works are suggested; however, it is recommended that unexpected archaeological finds protocols be imposed to manage any unforeseen finds during construction. Additionally, the proposed stormwater upgrade works located outside the subject site should be subject to an

archaeological assessment and management under the *Heritage Act* 1977 should it be required.

The Greater Western Sydney Region Team of the Office of Environment and Heritage may provide separate comment on Aboriginal cultural heritage.

If you have any questions regarding the above matter, please contact Anna London, Senior Customer Strategies Officer at the Heritage Division, Office of Environment and Heritage on 9873 8608 or <u>anna.london@environment.nsw.gov.au</u>.

Yours sincerely

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