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Your ref: Bayswater Power Station Upgrade

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Dear Mandana

**Bayswater Power Station Upgrade – Proposed Development Application -SSD-9697
Muswellbrook and Singleton Local Government Areas – Review of Aboriginal Cultural
Heritage Assessment**

I refer to your email dated 16 July 2020 providing the *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage and Archaeological Assessment Report (ACHAR): Bayswater Water and Other Associated Operational Works Project* (prepared by Jacobs dated November 2019) to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) for review.

As per our discussions on the 3 August 2020 we confirmed that, with respect to Aboriginal cultural heritage, DPIE is no longer the relevant agency for Aboriginal cultural heritage matters. The regulation of Aboriginal cultural heritage has been transferred to Heritage NSW. You provided us with an extension to enable us to review the impacts to Aboriginal cultural heritage as described in the Environmental Impact Statement and the ACHAR (Jacobs 2019).

Heritage NSW recommends that an Aboriginal cultural heritage management plan (ACHMP) be prepared and implemented for the management of all Aboriginal cultural values and sites within the SSD Project Approval Boundary.

Heritage NSW recommends that a consent condition is created that requires an Aboriginal cultural heritage management plan (ACHMP) be developed in consultation with the registered Aboriginal parties and Heritage NSW.

The ACHMP should clearly identify the location and site coordinates of all extant sites in order that they are appropriately managed. Heritage NSW recommends that the identifying details of each site including, but not limited to: AHIMS number; site name; site type; site status; and site coordinates, be included as an appendix to the ACHMP so that these details can be updated as required over the course of the project.

Heritage NSW also recommends that consultation is undertaken with the registered Aboriginal parties to arrange for a secure, locked facility to be used as a temporary keeping place for any salvaged Aboriginal objects. The identifying details of this facility should be included in the ACHMP and provided to Heritage NSW.

Please note that from 1 July 2020, the regulation of Aboriginal cultural heritage transferred to Heritage NSW. Any enquiries, assessments, requests for comment or matters relating to Aboriginal cultural heritage should now be sent to heritagemailbox@environment.nsw.gov.au.



If you have any further questions in relation to this matter, please contact Gillian Goode, Archaeologist, on 0499 588 790 or via email at gillian.goode@environment.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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Date: 10 August 2020