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Dear Mr Devine

Response to Submission comments for Moriah College Redevelopment (SSD-10352)

Thank you for your referral dated 6 July 2020 inviting comments from the Heritage Council of NSW on the above State Significant Development (SSD) Response to Submissions.

The Moriah College is not listed as an item on the State Heritage Register (SHR). The item is however, in the immediate vicinity of the SHR Item - *Centennial Park, Moore Park and Queen Park (SHR No. 01384)*

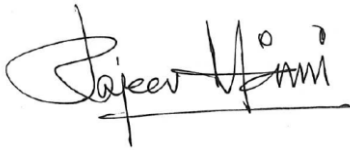
The following comments are provided to address the applicant's response to the heritage issues raised:

- The applicant has indicated that the extent of excavation cannot be limited to the existing buildings footprint. The Statement of Heritage Impact submitted during the EIS Stage indicated that the archaeological potential of the subject area is limited to nil.
- The Statement of Heritage Impact prepared by Urbis for the EIS is not an Historical Archaeological Assessment prepared in accordance with Heritage Council of NSW Guidelines. The document does not contain relevant historical research to justify statements including that that subject site was used as a rubbish dump. Review of the references in the Urbis document indicate that the rubbish dump was to the South of Centennial Parklands, not the east (where the subject site is located). The 2003 Centennial Parklands CMP indicates that the Queens Park area (adjacent to the study area) did not contain any identifiable levels of archaeological deposits and it is unlikely to be an issue for the current project. HNSW recommends the project adopts unexpected finds procedures to manage any unanticipated historical archaeological finds or relics during the works.
- The amended Landscape Drawings submitted as Appendix B incorporate perimeter landscape treatment and plantation to Baronga Avenue and is considered acceptable to mitigate visual impacts. It is noted, that the landscape proposal submitted during EIS stage indicated that the York Street frontage of the site would be treated with a canopy cover. These updated drawings, however, do not include perimeter treatment along York Street frontage. It is recommended that the perimeter plantation extend to York Street as well as Baronga Avenue, to improve the visual amenity of the subject area and surrounding locality.
- The applicant has incorporated a landscape maintenance plan in the supporting documentation. It is recommended that a copy of the plan be stored on site to ensure that future maintenance is conducted periodically.

- It is recommended that the applicant continue to liaise with local councils and state agencies during detailed design to mitigate impacts to the LEP listed heritage conservation areas and heritage items in the vicinity.

If you have any questions regarding the above advice, please contact Mariyam Nizam, Senior Heritage Assessments Officer at Heritage NSW, on 8837 6375 or Mariyam.Nizam@environment.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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As Delegate of the Heritage Council of NSW

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