



Office of Environment & Heritage

Your reference: SSD 6123
Our reference: DOC14/120714
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Attention: Mr Peter McManus

Dear Mr Lusher

I refer to your letter received on 4 July 2014 inviting comment from the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) on the exhibited Response to Submission (RtS) report for the University of Sydney Campus Improvement Program State Significant Development (SSD 6123).

In regard to the RtS report, OEH notes that the applicant did not reference or include any response to the issues raised in the previous OEH letter dated 25 February 2014. Since receipt of the Department of Planning and Environment's (DPE) letter dated 4 July 2014, the applicant has requested via email (copy attached) that OEH support their proposal for the "archaeological assessment to be commissioned as part of the Stage 2 DAs".

DPE is advised that it is OEH's view that the Aboriginal cultural heritage assessment should inform and influence the Stage 1 concept strategy to ensure that Aboriginal cultural heritage issues are adequately considered and addressed and not deferred. OEH further notes that the Director General's Environmental Assessment Requirements (DGRs) for the SSD state:

8. Where relevant, the EIS shall address Aboriginal heritage in accordance with the Draft Guidelines for Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment and Community Consultation 2005 and Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents 2010.

In response to the DGRs, the applicant prepared an Aboriginal Heritage Due Diligence Report. As previously advised, due diligence is a voluntary process that provides a legal defence against prosecution should Aboriginal objects that were not anticipated to be present be uncovered and impacted during the course of works. It is not an archaeological and cultural assessment and does not provide the information necessary to inform the environmental impact assessment. OEH therefore remains of the view that the assessment should be carried out in accordance with the DGRs and that OEH's previous comments remain relevant.

If you have any queries regarding this advice please contact Marnie Stewart, Senior Operations Officer, on 9995 6868.

Yours sincerely

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From: Chris Legge-Wilkinson <chris.legge-wilkinson@sydney.edu.au>
Sent: Monday, 21 July 2014 5:09 PM
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Subject: Your reference DOC14/8103 University of Sydney Campus Improvement Program

Dear Susan,

Thank you for speaking with me today about the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage for our Campus Improvement Program (CIP). The CIP is currently lodged as a Stage 1 Concept masterplan for future use, building envelopes and precincts. The individual redevelopments and new buildings will be lodged as Stage 2 development approvals when the buildings are designed following the approval of the CIP. The University and its consultants planned that the archaeological assessment be commissioned as part of the Stage 2 DA.

After we spoke this afternoon we contacted Peter McManus of the Department of Planning and Infrastructure (DoPI). Peter advised that DoPI would support the submission of the archaeological assessments at the next stage, the Stage 2 Development Approval providing that this was also supported by the Office of Environment and Heritage.

Would you able to write an email to confirm our discussion that the OEH would support this proposal for the archaeological assessment to be commissioned as part of the Stage 2 DAs.

Regards,

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