

DOC16/281049 SSD 7054 and SSD 7055

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Dear Mr McManus

LEES 1 Science Research and Teaching Facility (SSD 7054) and F23 Administration Building (SSD 7055), the University of Sydney

I refer to your letter of 3 June 2016 seeking comments from the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) on the above proposals.

OEH has reviewed the Environmental Impact Statements for the proposals and notes the following statement: 'Aboriginal heritage assessments, prepared over the past decade for the university campus in general and for specific work sites, have concluded that no archaeological sites or artefacts relating to Aboriginal occupation have been found within the University grounds. (p. 58' SSD 7054, p. 92 SSD 7055).

A search of the Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System (AHIMS), however, reveals record #45-6-2745 (University of Sydney Law Building PAD) is within the University of Sydney campus. This site was recorded in 2005 and while located on the other side of City Road to the current proposed development area, it demonstrates a possibility that Aboriginal objects may be present within the university grounds, unless previous activities have resulted in the destruction of all potential artefact-bearing deposit. In any approval of these development proposals, OEH therefore recommends an unexpected finds protocol be in place in the event that Aboriginal objects are uncovered during development.

Please contact Richard Bonner, Conservation Planning Officer on 9995 6917 should you wish to discuss this advice.

Yours sincerely

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