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Dear Ms Duran

**Notice of Exhibition of SSD Application, EIS and Accompanying Documents – Mixed Use Development, 50 Honeysuckle Drive, Newcastle (SSD 8019)**

Reference is made to your correspondence received on 30 June 2017 requesting comment from the Heritage Council of NSW (the Heritage Council) for the above proposal.

The proposal seeks approval for:

- construction of three, part 2 storey to part 7 storey, mixed use buildings;
- two levels of parking (basement and at-grade) providing 190 car park spaces, storage, plant rooms and associated services;
- green roof areas.

An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), prepared by SJB Planning, dated June 2017, including a Heritage Impact Statement (HIS) prepared by Umwelt Australia, dated April 2017, has been reviewed and the following comments provided:

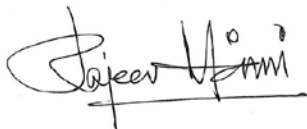
It is noted the proposed State Significant Development (SSD) site is not within the curtilage of a SHR item. The EIS addresses the potential heritage impact for SHR items within the vicinity of the site and finds there are no potential impacts to the heritage items.

The relevant documents have been reviewed. It is noted that the HIS prepared by Umwelt concluded there is low or no potential for any significant archaeological relics to be exposed (p.46) because the area was part of Throsby Creek until land was reclaimed and developed in the twentieth century. The Umwelt report has also recommended that Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) be used to determine any additional materials given that on a nearby site there was an unusual and rare find of an historic vessel, the “Leo”, encountered within the land reclamation fill. If the GPR survey indicated the presence of any remains an appropriate archaeological investigation would be undertaken and the Heritage Council would be notified of any ‘relics’ in accordance with s.146 of the NSW Heritage Act, 1977.

The above measures are considered appropriate and no additional heritage requirements are recommended. It is, therefore, considered that further referrals to Heritage Council for this project are not required.

If you have any questions regarding the above matter, please contact James Quoye, Heritage Officer, at the Heritage Division, Office of Environment and Heritage on telephone (02) 9873 8612 or by email: [james.quoye@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:james.quoye@environment.nsw.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rajeev Maini', with a horizontal line drawn underneath.

**Rajeev Maini**

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**As Delegate of the Heritage Council of NSW**

14 August 2017