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Dear Mr Troung

# RE: Exhibition of State Significant Development for the Redevelopment of Australian Technology Park, Locomotive Street, Eveleigh (SSD 7056)

I refer to your email dated 11 January 2016 inviting the Heritage Council of NSW (Heritage Council) to comment and provide recommended conditions of consent on the above proposal.

The Heritage Council Approvals Committee considered the matter at its meeting on 2 March 2016 and resolved that the Executive Director, Heritage Division, as delegate of the Heritage Council, provide the following recommended conditions of consent:

## **DESIGN MODIFICATIONS**

 The proposed alignment of Building 2 along Locomotive Street creates a streetscape that will give primacy to the new building, diminish the scale and visual setting of the former Locomotive Workshops, and does not comply with setback requirements of the Redfern Waterloo Built Environment Plan 2006 and the policies of the endorsed CMP. The design should be modified during the detailed design stage to provide an appropriate setback from Locomotive Street. The extent of the setback should be established in consultation with the Heritage Division.

#### **INTERPRETATION**

2. An updated Interpretation Plan for Australian Technology Park should be prepared to address the proposed redevelopment. It should outline interpretation elements for incorporation into the detailed design of the new buildings and landscaping works, including retention (if possible) and interpretation of the Foundry walls, and methods to retain and interpret existing moveable heritage throughout the site. The final Interpretation Plan should be provided to the Heritage Council for comment prior to finalising the detailed design of the project.

## LANDSCAPE AND PUBLIC DOMAIN WORKS

- 3. The need to civilise the public domain in order to provide shade and shelter for new occupants and visitors is appreciated; however, the addition of trees to each street may change the character of the Technology Park from industrial to residential. Tree planting and decorative under storey planting will soften Locomotive Street, and impact the reading of the Locomotive Workshop in its setting. The proposed two rows of trees along Locomotive Street are not supported for this reason. Landscaping along Locomotive Street should be modified to maintain the spatial qualities and industrial character of the existing site, including interpretation of tracks and turntables as an integral part of former use. If Building 2 is modified to include a setback from the street during detailed design, planting could be considered within the setback.
- 4. Detailed drawings of the proposed landscaping and public domain works, including details of proposed interpretive devices and the conservation and retention of movable heritage items, should be provided to the Heritage Council for comment, prior to finalising the detailed design of the project. The landscape and public domain works should incorporate the strategies outlined in the Interpretation Strategy for the site and be implemented as part of the proposed works prior to an occupation certificate being issued.

## ARCHAEOLOGY

- 5. All archaeological works shall be in accordance with approved methodology outlined in Heritage Impact Statement ATP Development prepared by Curio Projects Pty Ltd and dated December 2015 (Appendix G of the Environmental Impact Statement).
- 6. The nominated excavation director must be able to meet the Heritage Council's Excavation Director Criteria for excavation of State significant archaeology.
- 7. The Applicant must ensure that the approved Excavation Director or an appropriate specialist, cleans, stabilises, labels, analyses, catalogues and stores any artefacts recovered from the site in a way that allows them to be retrieved according to both type and provenance and is responsible for the safe-keeping of all relics recovered from the site.
- 8. The Applicant must ensure that at the completion of archaeological works, the results of the archaeological programme are interpreted within the completed redevelopment of the site. This interpretation should help the public understand the history and significance of the site. The interpretation of archaeological relics and works should form part of the broader site interpretation plan for this application.
- The Applicant must ensure that a final report is written by the approved Excavation Director to publication standard, within one (1) year of the completion of the field based archaeological activity.
- 10. If substantial intact archaeological deposits and/or State significant relics not identified in Heritage Impact Statement ATP Development (December 2015) prepared by Curio Projects Pty Ltd, are discovered, work must cease in the affected area(s) and the Department of Planning and Environment and Heritage Council of NSW must be notified. Additional assessment may be required prior to works continuing in the affected area(s) based on the nature of the discovery. Works should proceed only following written advice from DPE about appropriate management of these remains.

#### ONGOING CONSULTATION

- 11. The Heritage Council should be invited to provide further comment to the Department of Planning and Environment at the following stages:
  - response to submissions including comment on any revisions to the EIS as a result of submissions
  - draft conditions of consent
  - Interpretation Plan
  - detailed design

If you have any further enquiries regarding this matter, please contact Nina Pollock, Heritage Assets Officer at the Heritage Division, Office of Environment and Heritage, on (02) 9873 8520.

Yours sincerely

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**Pauline McKenzie** Acting Execute Director, Heritage Division As delegate of the Heritage Council Office of Environment & Heritage

#### As Delegate of the NSW Heritage Council

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