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Dear Ms Masters

RE: Exhibition of State Significant Development application for Bringelly Road Business Hub, Leppington, Liverpool (within the Western Sydney Parklands) (SSD 6324)

I refer to your letter received by the Heritage Division on 19 January 2015 seeking a submission from the Heritage Division. I note the proposal is for demolition of structures on the above site, an 8 lot subdivision, bulk earthworks, and provision of new roads accessible from a realigned Bringelly Road, utilities, services, stormwater infrastructure and landscape works. I understand the public exhibition of the application closed on 2 March 2015.

The environmental impact statement and Urban Design Master Plan have been reviewed and the following comments are made in the following pages for the Department's consideration.

If you have any further enquiries regarding this matter, please contact Stuart Read, Heritage Officer on telephone (02) 9873 8554.

Yours sincerely

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Bringelly Road Business Hub

State Significant Development application 6324

Heritage Division, Office of Environment and Heritage comments

Design opportunities for site heritage interpretation

The adjoining Bringelly and Cow Pasture Roads, now Camden Valley Way are both early colonial roads in the Liverpool district, dating to the era of Governors Macquarie and Darling. Bringelly Road is the earliest road west of Liverpool. It, and other roads played a role in opening up the Sydney hinterland on the Cumberland Plain for European settlement and agriculture from the first land grants in the area from 1811.

Interpretation of the history and heritage value of these roads on this site should be included in the proposal. Such interpretation might take the form of alterations in the proposed site landscaping and urban design of the Business Hub.

It is recommended that a condition should be included in any approval requiring a heritage interpretation plan and works on site to provide owners and users with some appreciation of the heritage values of these early roads in the agricultural and pastoral uses of this district early in the colony.

Archaeological Impacts

The demolition, bulk earthworks, infrastructure and services provision proposed have potential to disturb possible archaeological relics relating to both Aboriginal settlement and land use and traces of colonial settlement, road-building, pastoralism and agriculture.

The archaeological assessment of the potential of the site for relics as defined under the *Heritage Act 1977* undertaken by Dominic Steele recommends test excavation to determine if any Aboriginal archaeological potential remains on the site. A condition should be included in any approval that requires such test excavation, monitoring and salvage, should works unearth relics at any stage. The condition should include the requirement that this work should be undertaken by a suitably qualified and experienced archaeologist and in reference to requirements under sections 139-146 of the *Heritage Act 1977*.

A condition should be included in any approval advising the applicant that the results of the test excavation and sub-surface testing shall inform a future (separate) Ministerial determination (under the *National Parks & Wildlife Act 1979*) on an Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit on management options and harm mitigation measures for the site.

A condition should be included in any approval requiring, should human skeletal material be discovered on the site at any future stage. Work must cease immediately and the proponent must contact both the NSW Police and the Coroner's Office. If the remains are of an Aboriginal person, then OEH should be contacted for advice regarding management of the discovery.

Enhancing native vegetation along the site's north-eastern edge

Much of the site was cleared for grazing early in its European development and ongoing grazing and cultivation kept it quite open. However, native vegetation, including some endangered ecological community such as Cumberland Plain Woodland and Shale Plain Woodland, lies in the gully of riparian corridor north-east of the subject site.

More land along the subject site's north-eastern edge could be planted with appropriate native vegetation at the north, rear, of Lot 6 and Lot 8 to supplement adjacent riparian corridor buffer zone. Such planting would not unduly hinder operations of either lots, both of which face south for their access and functioning.