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Dear Ms Maguire

### **Redevelopment of Parramatta West Public School – Notice of Exhibition (SSD 8790)**

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Reference is made to your email dated 18 September 2018 inviting comment on the proposed redevelopment of Parramatta West Public School, involving:

- North site: A new two-storey school building (north of Railway Street);
- South site: Internal alterations to the existing 1970s & 1990s school buildings B and D (south of Railway Street); and
- South site: Removal of nine demountables.

The north site is vacant and is not heritage listed.

The south site is a heritage item of local significance under *Holroyd Local Environmental Plan 2013*, comprising the original school building constructed in 1887 and an infant school constructed in 1937. It is not listed on State Heritage Register (SHR) nor is the site in the immediate vicinity of an SHR item.

The Statement of Heritage Impact prepared by Conrad Gargett dated June 2018 has assessed that the heritage significance of the Parramatta West Public School will not be impacted by the proposed development. However, the report has not outlined the impact of the proposal upon any potential historical archaeology, nor does it contain a detailed history of the site. The report notes in section 3.1 that the school is located on former government land known as the “Police Paddock”. Furthermore, a historical archaeological assessment is not included with the EIS.

The Heritage Division has reviewed the *Parramatta Historical Archaeological Landscape Management Study 2000 (PHALMS)* and identified the site to be located within Archaeological Management Unit (AMU) 3094 which states that:

- *This AMU has moderate archaeological research potential.*
  - *The land within this AMU was first used to hold cattle, and since the late 1850s, has been used mostly for residential purposes.*
  - *The physical archaeological evidence within this area may include structural features, intact subfloor deposits, open deposits and scatters and individual artefacts which have potential to yield information about nineteenth-century housing, relating to major historic themes including Housing, Cultural Sites and Townships.*
- *Archaeological evidence within this AMU is likely to be largely intact.*
- *This AMU is of Local significance.*

As the site is within AMU 3094, a historical archaeological assessment should be prepared and forwarded to the Heritage Division for further comment, prior to the determination of this application, in accordance with the following requirement:

- An historical archaeological assessment should be prepared by a suitably qualified historical archaeologist in accordance with the Heritage Division, Office of Environment and Heritage Guidelines 'Archaeological Assessment' 1996 and 'Assessing Significance for Historical Archaeological Sites and Relics' 2009. This assessment should identify what relics, if any, are likely to be present, assess their significance and consider the impacts from the proposal on this potential resource. Where harm is likely to occur, it is recommended that the significance of the relics be considered in determining an appropriate mitigation strategy. If harm cannot be avoided in whole or part, an appropriate Research Design and Excavation Methodology should also be prepared to guide any proposed excavations.

If you have any questions, please contact Lily Chu, Senior Heritage Assessment Officer at the Heritage Division, Office of Environment and Heritage on 02 9873 8595 or [lily.chu@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:lily.chu@environment.nsw.gov.au).

Yours sincerely



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