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Dear Ms Dickson

Submission to Notice of Exhibition - SSD 8999 35 Honeysuckle Drive, 8-Storey Mixed-Use Development with basement parking.

Thank you for the invitation received 21 August 2018 to make a submission for the above proposal.

The Heritage Assessment by Umwelt (Australia) Pty Ltd June 2018, prepared in accordance with the Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) No. 11 for SSD 8999, advises that there are no State Heritage Register or Newcastle Local Environmental Plan 2012 listed heritage items within the site. The Newcastle City Heritage Conservation Area is 75m to the south and the closest building, the No 2 Lee Wharf Building C, is approximate 270m to the east.

The Umwelt assessment advises that the appearance and setting of the Newcastle City Heritage Conservation Area and the No 2 Lee Wharf Building C will not be affected by the proposal. Therefore, Office of Environment and Heritage, on behalf of the Heritage Council of NSW does not offer any comments for built and landscape heritage for this proposal

The Umwelt report notes that the Honeysuckle Precinct is built on reclaimed fill and contains a no to low potential for historical archaeological relics dating from former uses as part of an industrial and railway precinct. There are however, a number of 'works' such as railway tracks across the site which have been recorded as part of the project documentation.

In addition, there is a very small chance that the reclaimed land contains previous maritime infrastructure or ships, as occurred at the adjacent site of 17-19 Honeysuckle Drive. The Umwelt report states that "it is difficult to predict if or where another vessel or other such unexpected find may be located within the reclaimed fill".

Based on the above, should the Department of Planning & Environment determine to approve the project, the following conditions are recommended to manage any archaeology:

ARCHAEOLOGY (FURTHER INVESTIGATION)

1. To ensure that the site contains no previous maritime infrastructure or other archaeological deposits within the reclaimed fill, Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) assessment must be undertaken across the site prior to the start of works. If the GPR highlights the potential for any archaeological deposits of this nature within the fill, an appropriately qualified and experienced archaeologist must be engaged to develop an archaeological research design and excavation methodology, to be endorsed by the

Heritage Division of the Office of Environment & Heritage prior to the start of any archaeological programme.

ABORIGINAL OBJECTS

2. Should any Aboriginal objects be identified/uncovered by the work, excavation or disturbance of the area is to stop immediately and a suitably qualified archaeologist should be contracted to confirm the validity of the Object. Should the Object be confirmed to be of Aboriginal Cultural origin, the applicant/contractor must notify the Office of Environment & Heritage in accordance with the National Parks & Wildlife Act 1979 (as amended) and the relevant Aboriginal parties and develop an appropriate management strategy.

HISTORICAL ARCHAEOLOGY

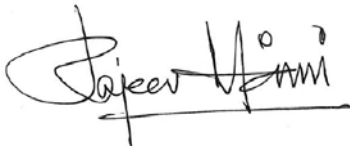
3. If unexpected historical archaeological remains not identified as part of the GPR testing are discovered during works, all works in the immediate area should cease. The remains and any potential impacts to them should be assessed by suitably qualified and experience historical archaeologist and the Heritage Council notified in accordance with s.146 of the Heritage Act 1977.

CONTRACTOR INDUCTIONS

4. All relevant contractor and subcontractor site personnel should attend a site induction to ensure that they are aware of the archaeological context of the Project and their obligations and requirements in relation to relevant provisions of the Heritage Act 1977 and National Parks & Wildlife Act 1979.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Ed Beebe, Senior Heritage Assessment Officer at the Heritage Division, Office of Environment and Heritage on 02 9873 8595 or ed.beebe@environment.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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