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Dear Ms Coomar

RE: COMMENTS ON NEW TWEED VALLEY HOSPITAL (SSD 9575)

I refer to your letter of 29 October 2018 inviting comments and proposed conditions of consent on the above State Significant Development application.

It is noted that the study area is not listed on the State Heritage Register nor is it listed as an item of local significance on the Tweed LEP 2014. The site is within 200m of the Cudgen Sugar Mill Remains, listed as an Archaeological Site in Schedule 5 of the Tweed LEP 2014 but will not impact them.

Section 5.24 and Appendix O of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) addresses cultural heritage issues. The most significant elements are five dry stone walls likely to have been built by South Sea Islander farm workers. Three historic rubbish dumps likely to contain evidence of early agricultural use of the site are located outside of the current project footprint. Additionally, a significant mature tree near the existing house will be retained. Of the five historic walls, Walls 1, 3 and 5 will be either partially or completely removed.

The following advice is based on a review of the information provided:

- It is likely that the dry-stone walls mentioned above would reach the threshold of local significance. As such, it would be preferable to retain these walls as they represent a significant phase of the sites usage and social history of the region. A condition should be included requiring the applicant liaise with Tweed Shire Council on how to best retain and interpret these elements with the proposed development.
- The creation of an Unexpected Finds Procedures must conditioned to manage any historical archaeological works or relics are discovered during works.

If you have any questions regarding the above advice for the Tweed Valley Hospital (SSD 9575), please contact Gary Estcourt, Senior Heritage Officer, at the Heritage Division on 9895 6409 or at gary.estcourt@environment.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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