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Dear Mr Piovesan

RE: Heritage Council comments on the Oakdale West Industrial Estate, Kemps Creek Environmental Impact Statement which considers a Concept Approval with Stage 1 works, Penrith (SSD 7348).

I refer to your e-mail dated 13 November 2017 inviting comments on the above State Significant Development for of the Oakdale West Industrial Estate, Kemps Creek. for comment of the Heritage Council of NSW. The proposal seeks approval for the following activities:

Concept Approval:

- Development of a regional warehousing and distribution hub
- Indicative site/lot layout with site access, internal road network, site levels, drainage and building envelopes, parking and landscaping.
- Development controls
- Biodiversity offsets

Stage 1:

- Bulk excavation and details earthworks; site preparation including clearing of land and importation of fill; construction of site access, roads and utilities installation (stormwater infrastructure and services); rehabilitation of creeks and riparian land; landscaping to the public domain; land rehabilitation and stabilisation; western boundary landscaping; staged subdivision. New road to connect Oakdale West Estate (OWE) to the Lenore Dive referred to as the WNSLR.

The site does not contain any items on the State Heritage Register of NSW, however it does contain potential for historical archaeological 'relics' as defined under the Heritage Act 1977. The following documents have been reviewed which address this potential and comments are provided based on that information:

- *Environmental Impact Statement Oakdale West Estate State Significant Development Application* prepared by Urbis dated 1 November 2017
- *Oakdale West Estate Non-Aboriginal Heritage Assessment Historical Archaeological Research Design*, prepared by Artefact Heritage Services (AHS) dated April 2017 for Goodman.

It is noted the Artefact Archaeological Research Design is based on the details provided in an Australian Museum Business Services (AMBS) Historical Archaeological Assessment and Heritage Management Strategy for the *Oakdale Ccentral Concept Plan* (MP08_0065) prepared in December 2007 and approved on 2 January 2009.

The Assessments have identified one area of historical archaeological potential, identified as 'collapsed cottage site'. This was identified as retaining moderate potential to contain locally



significant archaeological resources associated with the cottage, which is dated to the early to mid 19th century. The current development proposal involves the complete removal of this archaeological site through archaeological excavation.

The 2007 AMBS Assessment identifies this item (a timber slab hut, now renamed 'collapsed cottage site') from the fabric and architectural elements surviving as a structure likely constructed between c1840-1860s. However, the historical research was unable to identify what phase this item related to in the historical development of the allotment. The significance assessment in the AMBS report 2007, p42, concludes the timber slab hut has 'high' significance, however the assessment does not comply with Heritage Council of NSW significance assessment guidelines. These guidelines require a level of local or state significance to be attributed to such resources, where demonstrated by the assessment.

The AHS Research Design 2017, provides additional site specific assessment for the 'collapsed cottage site' but did not identify a specific historic date or phase. . The AHS Assessment of significance then concluded the site is of local heritage significance. The proposed impacts from cutting and filling, services installation and early works across this site will cause harm to this site and its associated resources. The Assessment argues a program of testing leading to salvage excavation should be employed to manage the archaeological resources at this site.

Recommendations:

Based on the above historical archaeological assessment and research design, it has not been established that the Collapsed Cottage Site contains archaeological resources of significance and requiring management within this development. Consequently, no conditions of consent for archaeological work are recommended. It is recommended the development proceeds with provisions for an unexpected finds protocol in the event substantially intact and unexpected historical archaeological resources are identified requiring management during the project.

If you have any questions regarding the above advice, please feel free to contact Felicity Barry, A/Senior Historical Archaeologist, Heritage Division, Office of Environment and Heritage, at e-mail: Felicity.Barry@environment.nsw.gov.au or on telephone: 9873 8554.

Yours sincerely

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