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Dear Ms Sarkies,

Re: Review of Environmental Impact Statement for North West Rail Link Project (MP06_0157 & SSI _ 5100)

I refer to your letter dated 3 April 2012 received by Heritage Branch on 11 April 2012 requesting comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the above mentioned project.

It is noted that a number of heritage items listed on Local Environmental Plans and State Heritage Register will be affected by the proposed works.

The proposal and the EIS documentation have been reviewed. It is considered that the comments provided at the draft EIS stage by the Heritage Council are still valid. It is therefore recommended that, should the application be approved, the following conditions be imposed to ensure that heritage issues are satisfactorily addressed:

- 1) The recommendations (including mitigation measures) included in section 4.0 (Vol 3 European Heritage Paper Final Draft for Review by Godden Mackay Logan) of the Draft EIS must be implemented to minimise the impact of the development proposal upon the identified Heritage Items (section 4.1.1) and archaeological sites and relics (section 4.1.2).
- 2) Should any Aboriginal 'objects' be uncovered by the work, excavation or disturbance of the area is to stop immediately and the Office of Environment & Heritage is to be informed in accordance with Section 89A of the National Parks and Wildlife Act, 1974 (as amended).
- 3) Design documentation team and the civil construction works Team must include Heritage specialists to ensure that the recommended mitigation measures are implemented and impacts on heritage items are minimised.
- 4) Opportunities should be identified and explored at design documentation stage to enhance the significance of heritage items and archaeological sites.



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- 5) Archival recording of affected areas should be undertaken in accordance with the NSW Heritage Council guidelines.
- 6) In the event non-indigenous archaeological remains are encountered during excavation in areas other than those already identified as archaeologically sensitive in this report, the Heritage Branch must be advised and further works only be carried out in accordance with the Heritage Council guidelines for the management of archaeological remains.

If you have any query in this regard, please contact Rajeev Maini on (02)98738592.

Yours sincerely

24/05/2012

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