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Dear Mr Ng

WESTCONNEX M4-M5 LINK SSI 7485 MODIFICATION 1

Thank you for your invitation for the Heritage Council of NSW to comment on the Review of Environment Factors (REF) for the proposed modification to the WestConnex M4-M5 project (11 September 2018).

We understand the proposed modifications consist of:

- Northcote Street civil site (C3a) to be used as a civil and tunnelling site;
- The Parramatta Road West and Parramatta Road East civil sites (C1b and C3b) to be used as civil sites only with no tunnelling occurring;
- A temporary pedestrian walkway to be constructed above Parramatta Road to connect the Parramatta Road East and Parramatta Road West civil sites;
- Removal of the Darley Road civil and tunnel site (C4) from the project; and,
- Relocation of the operational water treatment plant from the Darley Road motorway operations complex (proposed to be removed) to the Campbell Road motorway operations complex at the St Peters interchange.

The documentation that was submitted has been reviewed and provide the following comments.

The construction footprint of the Northcote Street civil site will not change and therefore there will be no additional heritage impacts associated with the modification. Further, this site is currently being used for tunnelling as part of the M4 East project. This modification is acceptable.

The proposed construction of a temporary pedestrian bridge over Parramatta Road to connect the Parramatta Road civil sites is unlikely to have any heritage impacts.

The use of existing drainage infrastructure (and drainage infrastructure being constructed for the New M5 project) will result in no additional works being undertaken which would further impact on the SHR listed Alexandra Canal (SHR No. 01621). The additional discharge flow is considered to pose a negligible impact on flow velocities and flow energy in the canal. It is agreed that the proposed modification would therefore not result in direct or indirect impacts to the Alexandra Canal. However, monitoring of drainage flows would ensure that any impacts to the Alexandra Canal from the additional run-off would be identified and able to be appropriately addressed. Please consider conditioning the monitoring of the drainage flows into Alexandra Canal to ensure that additional run-off does not cause harm to heritage fabric.

If you have any questions regarding the above advice, please contact Mr Gary Estcourt, Senior Heritage Officer at the Heritage Division, Office of the Environment and Heritage on 02 9895 6409, or at gary.estcourt@environment.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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