La Perouse Local Aboriginal Land Council



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Via Email: <u>LMatarese@ahms.com.au</u>

Dear Ms. Matarese,

RE: Eastlakes Shopping Centre – Archaeological Assessment

I write in regard to the La Perouse Local Aboriginal Land Council ("LPLALC") conducting a cultural heritage inspection with the Archaeological & Heritage Management Solutions Pty Ltd on the above mentioned property on 09 March 2012.

The LPLALC understands that there is a Part 3A proposal for a mixed use development of a new shopping centre located on the existing site and northern car park area. The inspection mentioned above concluded that no Aboriginal objects were identified, however historic photos of the site which shows the former Rosebery Park Racecourse, indicate that limited subsurface disturbance has historically taken place.

The LPLALC acknowledges the Eastlakes area, due to the sand dune landscape and nearby waterways, contains or contained numerous Aboriginal sites, including middens and burials. In addition the La Perouse Aboriginal Community identifies the Eastlakes area as once a significant traditional camping and resource gathering area for the local Aboriginal people.

The LPLALC recommends the following:

Recommendation 1:

The LPLALC recommends that excavations on areas that contain undisturbed or intact natural soils or areas that have not been highly disturbed require monitoring by the LPLALC, to ensure there are no Aboriginal objects located on the subject area. The LPLALC believes its presence will be minimal and only during the initial excavation works.

Recommendation 2:

The LPLALC advises that if any Aboriginal objects (such as human or animal bone, shell material or stone artifacts) are unearthed during the works, all works must cease and the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage and LPLALC be contacted immediately.

If you would like to discuss this issue further please don't hesitate to contact the LPLALC office on 9311 4282 during business hours.

Yours sincerely,

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Chris Ingrey Chief Executive Officer

Date: 16 May 2012