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Attn: Robert Byrne

Dear Mr Schofield,

Re: MAJOR PROJECT 09_0200 MOD 1 – VEHICLE AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY PROJECT, INCLUDING NEW UNDERGROUND LOADING DOCK, ACCESS RAMP AND ASSOCIATED CHANGES TO THE FORECOURT AND INTERIOR OF THE SYDNEY OPERA HOUSE.

I refer to your letter received by the Heritage Branch on 7 December 2011 seeking comment on modification proposal for the vehicle and pedestrian safety project that includes new underground loading dock, access ramp and associated changes to the forecourt and interior of the Sydney Opera House.

It is noted that the proposed changes include:

- New upper level slabs over the dock for waste management, plant and utility area;
- Amendments/adjustments to the entry ramp off Macquarie Street, portal and the guardhouse;
- Changes to the egress configuration to the dock;
- Additional lift connecting the dock to the concert hall;

It is considered that the proposed modifications are acceptable in principle. However, it is requested that a condition should be attached to any approval requiring the applicant to submit further architectural details of the proposed works with the section 60 application, under the Heritage Act, to enable detailed assessment.

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

Yours sincerely



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