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Attention: Simon Truong

Dear Ms Jones

**RE: Australian Turf Club MP10\_0097 MOD 2**

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Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Australian Turf Club's application regarding the Spectator Precinct at Royal Randwick Racecourse. The Heritage Division provides the following response on behalf of the NSW Heritage Council.

While Royal Randwick Racecourse has not yet been added to the *State Heritage Register*, the item has been identified as having State heritage significance by the State Heritage Register Committee. The Committee is responsible for recommending the listing of items on the *State Heritage Register* to the Minister and contains members of the NSW Heritage Council.

The Heritage Division understands that the proposed modification comprises the following:

- Continued use of the Spectator Precinct for various events and functions on non-race days for up to 5,000 patrons. It is noted that the Draft Conservation Management Plan for the site, states the Spectator Precinct has been used for non-race day events since the early 1970s;
- Provision of a restaurant capable of seating 120 persons, and a private members restaurant and bar, in the main grandstand (currently under construction). All works proposed for the restaurant and private members facility, are internal to the new grandstand;
- Modification of the boundary to the Spectator Precinct to include associated infield car park to allow for spill over into the infield area for informal car parking on non race day events;
- Erection of temporary structures including marquees, tents, stages, enclosures, fencing, signage, toilets, lighting and vending outlets. All temporary structures are to be erected during the days in the lead up to non-race day events and dismantled and removed from the site within the days following the event;
- Deletion of Condition A5 Non Race Day Events/Functions of MP10\_0097, which requires development approval for any non-race day event or function;
- Provision of new commitments to reflect the proposed modifications.

The Heritage Division does not have any objection in principle to the proposed modifications however your attention is drawn to the comments below:

### *Temporary Structures*

- Any Conditions of Consent regarding temporary structures should state that these structures should not be located where they could damage or endanger significant fabric, including landscape or archaeological features, or obstruct significant views to and from heritage items;
- The Heritage Division recommends that any approval contain a Condition of Consent that stipulates that temporary structures must be removed within a set time period, for example one week of the event taking place;
- In relation to the location of the proposed temporary structures, the applicant should be required to provide expert advice as to whether the erection of temporary structures, in the proposed areas as shown on Figure 4 of the Environmental Assessment, is likely to impact on archaeological relics/deposits. Suitable mitigation strategies should be devised if there is likely to be an adverse impact on archaeological resources.

### *Car parking*

- The Heritage Division has some concern about the effect the frequent use of the infield precinct for an overspill car park, will have on the setting and views of the race course;
- As with the erection of temporary structures, the applicant should be required to provide expert advice as to whether the use of this area for car parking is likely to impact on archaeological relics/deposits. This is of particular concern during wetter periods where grassed surfaces can be heavily disturbed by vehicle tires.

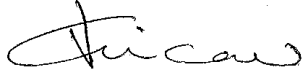
### *Commitments*

It is recommended that the commitments be modified to reflect the following comments:

- In terms of Aboriginal Heritage, the wording of this commitment should be revised to indicate that all work must cease in the immediate area, if any Aboriginal object, site, place or skeletal material is uncovered during construction. The commitments should include a provision that a suitably qualified and experienced archaeologist is to be consulted, and the Office of Environment & Heritage is to be advised in accordance with Section 89A of *the National Parks and Wildlife Act, 1974*;
- In terms of Non-Indigenous Heritage, the commitments should include a provision that should any unexpected historic archaeological relic/deposit be uncovered, all work must cease in the immediate area and a suitably qualified and experienced archaeologist should be contacted to assess the archaeological material. The Heritage Council must be notified in writing in accordance with section 146 of the *Heritage Act, 1977*;
- There should be a statement of commitment from the applicant indicating that significant built and landscape elements, are to be adequately protected during the works from potential damage. Protection systems must ensure that significant fabric is not damaged or removed;
- The applicant should also commit to ensuring that all personnel involved in the works attend a heritage induction which explains: the heritage significance of the site; and their obligations and requirements in relation to historical archaeology in accordance with guidelines issued by the Heritage Council of NSW;
- Archival recording of the site should also comprise recording of significant building fabric or furnishings that are exposed during demolition or construction work, along with recording of the site after works are completed. Archival recording should be undertaken in accordance with the guidelines issued by the Heritage Council of NSW.

I trust this information is of assistance. If you have any further enquiries regarding this matter, please contact Tracy Appel on (02) 9873 8559.

Yours sincerely

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