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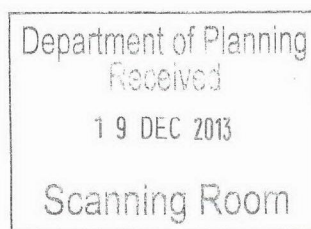


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Attention: Mr Simon Truong

Dear Mr Ritchie



RE: Royal Randwick Racecourse – MP 10_0097 MOD 2 - Applicant's Response to Submissions

Thank you for your letter dated 27 November 2013 regarding the Australian Turf Club's response to submissions received in relation to MP 10_0097 MOD 2. The Heritage Division, on behalf of the Heritage Council makes the following comment:

Temporary Structures

- It was recommended in our letter dated 4 July 2013, that the applicant should be required to provide expert advice as to whether the erection of temporary structures is likely to impact on archaeological relics/deposits. The applicant, in the Division's opinion, has not adequately addressed this issue;
- The modification to the Statement of Commitments regarding the time period for setup and removal of the temporary structures does not provide a clear time line for these activities. It is recommended that Department seek further clarification of this issue;

Car parking

- Use of the infield area for car parking in the past, does not preclude the Department requesting the applicant to provide expert advice, as to whether the proposed activity has the potential to impact (or further impact) upon archaeological relics. As noted in our original correspondence, use of this area in wetter periods may result in the grassed surface being heavily disturbed by the movement of vehicles;
- The Heritage Division wishes to reiterate our concern about the effect frequent use of the infield precinct for an overspill car park will have on the setting and views of the race course. This issue has not been addressed by the applicant;

Commitments

- The proposed works include the erection of marquees, tents, stages, enclosures, fencing, signage and lighting. It is assumed that a number of these activities will entail some excavation and the movement of equipment around the site. It is considered reasonable that during tool box talks personnel be informed of their obligations and requirements in relation to archaeological relics;
- In regards to the existing commitment by the applicant to record the Spectator Precinct prior to commencement of works, it appears from the wording of this commitment that it relates to the larger redevelopment of the site. It is therefore considered appropriate that archival recording of the Spectator Precinct be undertaken following completion of the works.
- In relation to the Statement of Commitments, it is recommended that the applicant be requested to include the modifications recommended in our original correspondence.

The Heritage Division recommends that the Department included the following conditions of consent in any approval issued for the works:

- 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;

If you have any further enquiries regarding this matter, please contact Tracy Appel on (02) 9873 8559.

Yours sincerely



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