7 June 2017

REF SF2012/015388

Director Infrastructure Projects Ms Karen Jones NSW Department of Planning and Environment GPO Box 39 SYDNEY NSW 2001

Attention: Michael Young

Dear Ms Jones,

Re: Princes Highway Upgrade - Foxground and Berry Bypass

Roads and Maritime Service requests the Secretary, Department of Planning and Environment, to modify the Foxground and Berry Bypass Ministers Conditions of Approval C16, so that work can be carried out within the curtilage of non-Aboriginal heritage item H25 (Sedgeford Homestead).

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Specifically, the request is for the addition of the words to Condition C16, so that it reads: 'The Proponent shall not destroy, modify or otherwise physically affect Aboriginal sites A3,A20,A37 -A39, and MFT 13-23 and non-Aboriginal sites H25, H26, H51, H52, H58, and H59 **unless prior** written approval has been received from the Secretary.'

In its current form, Condition C16 precludes Roads and Maritime from having any impact on the parcel of land on which H25 is situated. Work is required within the cadastral boundary of H25 to complete a driveway that was developed during the detailed design phase in consultation with the landowner.

Roads and Maritime has carried out a Non-Aboriginal Heritage Assessment of the proposal. The proposal would result in direct impacts to the boundaries of a site of identified local significance. However, the site is not listed on any heritage registers and the boundary of the site has been loosely determined by the modern cadastral parcel rather than by the historic structures and plantings of the property.

The proposed driveway would occur at the rear of the original property in an area previously known to have been farmed. No historic plantings would be impacted and none of the heritage values identified for the site would be compromised by the driveway. It is therefore assessed that the current proposal would not adversely impact upon the heritage values identified for G2B H25.

The following specialist report has been prepared to assess the potential impacts of the proposed driveway to non-Aboriginal heritage item H25 and is attached to this letter:

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1. Cultural Heritage Management Australia, Non-Aboriginal Heritage impact assessment: Proposed Driveway Construction within site G2B H25 (Sedgeford Homestead) (May 2017).

It is, therefore, requested that the Secretary modify condition C16 to include the words "*unless prior written approval has been received from the Secretary*".

It is further requested that, subject to the determination of the modification of C16 request, that the Secretary approve the impact to H25 as described by the proposal.

Please contact Mr Graham Roche, Environmental Manager, Southern Region on 0447443957 if you have any enquires or require any additional information.

Yours faithfully

for Ron Zahorodny Principal Manager, Princes Highway and South