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Dear Mr Ko,

RE: Notice of Exhibition – SNOWY 2.0 Exploratory Works – Change to the Tunnelling Methodology - (SSD 9208 MOD 2)

I refer to your email dated 5 November 2019 inviting comments from the Heritage Council of NSW and advice on recommended conditions for the above State Significant Infrastructure modification #2 for Exploratory Works – Tunnelling Methodology. The proposed change relates to:

- Design changes from a shift in the tunnelling methodology (from drill and blast method to a tunnel boring machine for the Exploratory works);
- Increased on site accommodation (including at Lobs Hole)
- revised transport strategy relative to Lobs Hole with a proposal to reply on the Lobs Hole Ravine Road (North) for secondary access to the Exploratory Works site.

To support the referral *Volume 1: Modification 2 Assessment Report Exploratory Works for Snowy 2.0, prepared by EMM dated October 2019* was reviewed. No other appendices supporting this referral included heritage.

The areas relevant to the Exploratory Works program will not directly impact any State Heritage Register listed items, although a number exist in surrounding areas. However, several sites of Historical archaeological significance were previously identified, and conditions of consent were advised to manage disturbance of these sites. The modification as assessed by EMM (October 2019) in Chapter 6 indicates most of the change involves works into and around Lobs Hole, which includes several historical archaeological sites linked to the former mining complex and township of Ravine. The Assessment argues the works would be unlikely to impact any further sites than those previously assessed for earlier iterations of the Snowy 2.0 Exploratory Works project. The existing conditions of approval are adequate to manage disturbance to significant archaeological sites by this project.

The commitment to avoiding disturbance to two significant archaeological sites at Lobs Hole known as the Washington Hotel and the Ravine Cemetery, under the Snowy 2.0 Main Works (SSI 9687) is noted. It is anticipated that the Exploratory Works program will endeavour to protect these items throughout the project to ensure this outcome is achieved. If you have any questions regarding the above matter please contact Felicity Barry, Senior Historical Archaeologist, at Heritage NSW, Department of Premier and Cabinet on (02) 9873 8500 or at Felicity.Barry@environment.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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