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Advice provided via the Major Projects Portal

Dear Mr Way

Advice on EIS and recommended conditions – State Significant Development – RIDBC Centre for Excellence, Ryde LGA (SSD 10451)

Thank you for your referral uploaded to the Major Projects Portal on 17 November 2020 seeking advice on the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) report and recommended conditions for the above state significant development (SSD) proposal.

I have reviewed the Aboriginal cultural heritage report prepared by Extent Heritage, dated November 2020 (the report). I note that no Aboriginal objects were located in the proposal area through the assessment that has been undertaken by Extent. I also note that the assessment identified cultural significance of the nearby Lane Cove River and the importance of early Aboriginal and settler interaction at the Field of Mars Common.

Heritage NSW provides the following recommendations:

An Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Interpretation Strategy Plan should be developed and implemented for the project in consultation with the registered Aboriginal parties. This plan should recognise and acknowledge the continued Aboriginal connection to the project area. The plan should also facilitate ongoing Aboriginal community involvement and engagement in the conservation and celebration of Aboriginal heritage values associated with the area.

If you have any further questions in relation to this matter, please contact me on 9995 6824 or email at sam.higgs@environment.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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