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Dear Belinda

Advice regarding EIS – State Significant Infrastructure – Beaches Link and Gore Hill Freeway Connection (SSI – 8862)

I refer to your email dated 9 December 2020, seeking advice from Heritage NSW (HNSW) for the proposed Beaches Link and Gore Hill Freeway Connection (SSI 8862). Heritage NSW (HNSW) have reviewed the suite of documents prepared to support the project including *Beaches Link and Gore Hill Freeway Connection Environmental Impact Statement* (EIS), December 2020 and *Appendix L (EIS): Technical working paper - Aboriginal cultural heritage assessment report* (ACHAR), prepared by Jacobs Group Australia Pty Ltd (Jacobs).

HNSW understands that the proponent is committed to meaningful engagement through a robust Aboriginal consultation process and that consultation with the Aboriginal community will be ongoing for the life of the project. HNSW supports the development of an Aboriginal heritage interpretation strategy in consultation with the Registered Aboriginal Parties.

The ACHAR proposes a range of appropriate management and mitigation measures to avoid or minimise impacts to Aboriginal Cultural Heritage within the project area. HNSW supports the proposed approach to identify the location of previously recorded Aboriginal site #45-6-0662 to be undertaken in accordance with the *Code of Practice for Archaeological Investigation of Aboriginal Objects in NSW* (DECCW 2010).

If you have any questions regarding the above advice, please contact Rebecca Yit, Archaeologist at Heritage NSW, on 4927 3244 or rebecca.yit@environment.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely



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