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Dear Ms Thornton

**SSD -9418 - Ravensworth Composting Facility Expansion – Request for Advice
(exhibition of EIS) – Singleton LGA**

Thank you for your referral dated 20 November 2019 inviting comments from the Heritage Council of NSW on the above State Significant Development proposal.

The following reports were considered in our assessment:

- GREENSPOT HUNTER VALLEY EIS for 200,000tpa Nutrient Recycling Facility – Ravensworth NSW SSD 9418, rpsgroup.com, 14 November 2019
- EIS Appendix O - Historic Heritage Assessment, rpsgroup.com, 26 March 2019

The proposed development involves the expansion of an existing nutrient recycling facility (the Proposal) on Lot 10 DP1204457, 74 Lemington Road, Ravensworth, NSW, with the area of the existing Ravensworth no.2 mine.

The existing facility is located on part of a capped open cut mining void which has been filled with ash from the AGL Bayswater Power Station. Significant disturbance of the area within and surrounding the development site has occurred as a result of the long history of mining and power generating activities in the area.

The proposed SSD does not affect any State Heritage Register (SHR) item. There are no historic heritage items within the area. Because no items are affected, there is no requirement for mitigation actions or for any conditions related to historic heritage on an approval.

In reviewing the above reports, it was noted that they described an incorrect statutory regime referring to provisions of both the National Parks and Wildlife Act, 1974 and the Heritage Act, 1977. These provisions do not apply for SSD projects in accordance with Section 4.43 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979.

If you have any questions regarding the above advice, please contact me on 02 9873 8546 or siobhan.lavelle@environment.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

24 January 2020

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As Delegate of the Heritage Council of NSW