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Dear Ms Dickson

Notice of Exhibition of application for Eastern Creek retail outlet centre (SSD 10457)

Thank you for your referral dated 4 February 2021 inviting comments from the Heritage Council of NSW on the above State Significant Development (SSD) proposal.

The proposed development involves:

- Concept Plan proposal for a retail outlet centre on Lot 3 at the Eastern Creek Business Hub, including food and drink premises, an indoor recreation facility and Stage 1 early works.

The proposed SSD site is in the vicinity of State Heritage Register Archaeological items, The Rooty Hill (SHR no. 01756), Government Depot Site former) (SHR no. 00345), and Bungarribee Homestead Complex - Archaeological Site (SHR no. 01428).

The following reports were considered in our assessment:

- *Eastern Creek Quarter Stage 3, Historical Archaeological Assessment*, prepared by Extent Heritage, dated December 2020;
- *Eastern Creek Quarter - Retail Outlet Centre - Statement of Heritage Impact*, prepared by GBA Heritage, dated 15 December 2020.

It is noted that the SEARs issued on 21 October 2020 required:

'10. Heritage and archaeology

- A Statement of Heritage Impact (SOHI) prepared by a suitably qualified heritage consultant in accordance with the guidelines in the NSW Heritage Manual. The SOHI is to address the impacts of the proposal on the heritage significance and the listed values of the site, and adjacent areas and is to identify the following:

- *all heritage items (state and local) within the vicinity of the site including built heritage, landscapes and archaeology, detailed mapping of these items, and assessment of why the items and site(s) are of heritage significance;*
- *compliance with the relevant Conservation Management Plan;*
- *the impacts of the proposal on heritage item(s) including visual impacts, significant site lines and viewsheds from and to the sites, including analysis of appropriate height limitations to protect view corridors to the Blue Mountains from the surrounding SHR sites, which have values linked to their significant views;*
- *the attempts to avoid and/or mitigate the impact on the heritage significance or cultural heritage values of the surrounding heritage items.*

- A historical archaeological assessment should be prepared by a suitably qualified and experienced Historical archaeologist in accordance with the guidelines Archaeological Assessment (1996) and Assessing Significance for Historical Archaeological Sites and Relics (2009). This assessment should:

- *identify what relics, if any, are likely to be present, with analysis to address potential in the study area which may be associated with the former Rooty Hill Depot and stock farm (both SHR listed);*
- *assess their significance, potential resource, and consider the impacts from the proposal on this potential archaeological resource;*
- *where impact is likely to occur, include recommendations to manage the significance. Test excavation may be necessary and appropriate to inform the EIS for the concept proposal;*
- *address what impact are anticipated to the resource and what options and commitments may be possible at detailed design stage to avoid in whole or part the archaeological resource including archaeological mitigation if appropriate.'*

Historic Heritage:

It is noted that the SoHI does not adequately cover the points listed in the SEARs request under 10. *Heritage and archaeology* which was to address the impacts of the proposal on the heritage significance and the listed values of the site, and adjacent areas.

Heritage NSW can confirm the SoHI only satisfies the request for assessment of why the items and site(s) are of heritage significance by providing the statement of significance for the heritage items listed in the SEARs request as in the vicinity of the SSD project.

An updated SoHI should be prepared to address the points not yet covered by the current SoHI document listed above. These include the following subpoints:

- *compliance with the relevant Conservation Management Plan;*
- *the impacts of the proposal on heritage item(s) including visual impacts, significant site lines and viewsheds from and to the sites, including analysis of appropriate height limitations to protect view corridors to the Blue Mountains from the surrounding SHR sites, which have values linked to their significant views;*
- *the attempts to avoid and/or mitigate the impact on the heritage significance or cultural heritage values of the surrounding heritage items.*

Historical Archaeology:

A historical archaeological assessment has been prepared for the site. It indicates that while the area was once part of Governor King's Rooty Hill Run, there is nil low potential for archaeological evidence relating to this. Historical Archaeological Unexpected Finds procedures are recommended for the project. HNSW concurs with this advice.

As the site contains a local heritage item, and other local items are in the vicinity, advice should be sought from the relevant local council.

If you have any questions about this correspondence, please contact please contact Tim Olliver, Senior Heritage Assessment Officer, at Heritage NSW, on (02) 4927 3203 or Timothy.Olliver@environment.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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