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Dear Mr Nixey

Request for Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARS) for Telopea Concept Plan and Stage 1A SSD-14378717

Thank you for your referral dated 12 February 2021 inviting SEARS input from the Heritage Council of NSW on the above State Significant Development (SSD) proposal.

The proposed Concept SSD application comprises the parcels of land within Telopea Precinct which includes the State Heritage Register item 'Redstone' (SHR no. 01795). Redstone is of state significance as an outstandingly intact example of the small-scale domestic work of the architect Walter Burley Griffin.

It is recommended that the draft SEARs are amended as recommended below:

Heritage and archaeology

- a) Environment Impact Statement (EIS) must include 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 of the SHR listed site and:
 - 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;
 - the impacts of the proposal on heritage item(s) including visual and cultural landscape impacts; and
 - the attempts to avoid and/or mitigate the impact on the heritage significance or cultural heritage values of the site and the surrounding heritage items.
- b) If the SOHI identifies impact on potential historical archaeology, an historical archaeological assessment should be prepared by a suitably qualified 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, assess their significance and consider the impacts from the proposal on this potential archaeological resource. Where harm is likely to occur, it is recommended that the significance of the relics be considered in determining an appropriate mitigation strategy. If harm cannot be avoided in whole or

part, an appropriate Research Design and Excavation Methodology should also be prepared to guide any proposed excavations or salvage programme.

If you have any questions regarding the above advice, please contact Vibha Upadhyay, Senior Heritage Assessment Officer at Heritage NSW on 9873 8587 or vibha.upadhyay@environment.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steve Meredith', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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As Delegate of the Heritage Council of NSW
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