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Dear Ms Tranquille

RE: Notice of Exhibition – New Catherine Field Primary School (SSD – 9477)

I refer to your email dated 3 December 2019 inviting comments and advice from the Heritage Council of NSW for the above State Significant Development application for New Catherine Field Primary School. The proposal involves construction of a new Catherine Field Public School featuring an administration/ staff building, shaded assembly area, free and open play zones, 44 classrooms, a hall, library resource centre, amenities and storage, staff car parking and site services.

Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) prepared by rpsgroup, dated 4 November 2019 including Architectural drawings prepared by Perumal Pedavoli, dated September 2019, Heritage Impact Statement (HIS) prepared by City Plan, dated August 2019, Visual Impact Assessment, prepared by rpsgroup, dated 8 October 2019, and Landscape Report, prepared by Taylor Brammer Landscape Architects, dated 30 August 2019, have been reviewed and the following comments are provided:

The subject site is not within the curtilage of any State Heritage Register (SHR) items, but it is in the vicinity of Oran Park (SHR No. 01695). It comprises an uneven rectangular grassy, vacant lot located approximately 35m north of the boundary of the 'Oran Park'.

It is noted a Conservation Management Plan (CMP) prepared by Tropman & Tropman Architects for 112-113 Oran Park Drive, Oran Park, was endorsed by the Heritage Council of NSW in May 2019. However, the assessment included in the HIS, dated August 2019, has not taken any relevant CMP policies (in relation to views and setting) into consideration.

Catherine Park House within Oran Park is a prominent landmark positioned on a knoll, allowing views to and from the property from various distant vantage points including Oran Park Town and the Camden Valley Way. The CMP identifies significant vistas in a north-east to south-east arc from the main house. Although the proposed new development would not visually dominate the item as it located at a lower elevation to Oran Park, it is located to the north east of the house and will have some impact on these views and vistas. These impacts must be mitigated by appropriate landscaping along the site boundary to create a visual buffer between the SHR item and the proposed new development. Plant species planted on the site should be in keeping with those known to have existed in the past on the site or those appropriate to the soils and historic character in the vicinity. Any new perimeter boundary fence should be compatible with existing rural fencing in the vicinity in terms of its height and design.

The HIS states that *historical research has not indicated the site has potential for archaeological remnants* due to it being substantially disturbed and levelled. In this instance, standard archaeology conditions for unexpected finds is considered appropriate, as recommended in the HIS.

If you have any questions regarding the above advice please contact Shikha Jhaldiyal, Senior Heritage Assessment Officer, at the Heritage, Community Engagement, Department of Premier and Cabinet, on 9873 8545 or Shikha.Jhaldiyal@environment.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rajeev Maini', with a horizontal line underneath.

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As Delegate of the Heritage Council of NSW
20 December 2019