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Dear Mr Coomar

Notice of Exhibition of application for Loreto Normanhurst School Redevelopment Concept Proposal and Stage 1 (SSD 8996)

Thank you for your referral dated 22 February 2021 inviting comments from the Heritage Council of NSW on the above State Significant Development (SSD) proposal.

The proposed development involves:

- Construction of a new 3 to 6-storey boarding house to accommodate up to 216 boarders.
- Excavation works to accommodate partially underground carpark and dock facilities within the proposed footprint of the new boarding house facility;
- Demolition works to buildings between Mary Ward and existing dining room building and associated works to make good existing;
- Landscaping works and removal and replacement of approximately 50 trees of varying significance; and
- Augmentation of connection of services and utilities infrastructure.

The proposed SSD does not affect any State Heritage Register (SHR) items but is within the local heritage item (607) and it also contains an archaeological site (A60) listed on the Hornsby Local Environmental Plan (LEP) 2013. Both items are listed as 'Loreto Convent Group, grounds, gates and Cemetery'.

The following reports were considered in our assessment:

- Loreto Normanhurst Historical Archaeological Assessment – Revised Stage 1 Works, prepared by Ecological, dated 17 December 2020
- Heritage Impact Statement Loreto Normanhurst Amended Masterplan Concept Proposal and Stage 1 Application, prepared by Weir Phillips Heritage, dated December 2020
- Response to Submissions and Amended Concept Proposal and Stage 1 Application Loreto Normanhurst, 91-93 Pennant Hills Road, Normanhurst, prepared by Ethos Urban, dated 8 February 2021.

As delegate of the Heritage Council of NSW, I provide the following comments:

- No items of State heritage will be affected by the proposal.
- The works have been designed in accordance with the CMP for the site and to appropriately manage its significant elements. It is also noted that Envelope 10, which had some potential visual impact on the cemetery has now been removed.

- The archaeological assessment indicates there is nil to low likelihood of archaeology in the project area. This assessment also confirms that the cemetery is located well outside the project area and will not be harmed.

A separate response may be provided by HNSW regarding Aboriginal cultural heritage

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 regarding the above advice, please contact Rebecca Newell, Senior Historical Archaeology Officer Heritage NSW on 9873 8632 or Rebecca.Newell@environment.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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As Delegate of the Heritage Council of NSW