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Advice provided via the Major Projects Portal

Dear Mr Stringer

## Advice on EIS and recommended conditions – State Significant Development – Tafe NSW Construction Centre of Excellence (SSD-857148)

Thank you for your referral uploaded to the Major Projects Portal on 16 March 2021 seeking advice on the proposal and recommended conditions for the above state significant development (SSD) proposal.

In preparing the following advice we have reviewed the following documents:

- SEARs for SSD-857148
- Interim Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report (ACHAR) prepared by Urbis, dated 4 March 2021
- Environmental Impact Statement SSD-857148– TAFE NSW Construction Centre of Excellence – prepared by Urbis, dated March 2021

Heritage NSW has reviewed the Interim ACHAR prepared by Urbis. The Interim ACHAR does not adequately address the project SEARs. It is noted that the Interim ACHAR and the EIS do not include management and mitigation measures for Aboriginal cultural heritage values. It is understood that the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment for the project is currently incomplete.

In consideration of the available documentation Heritage NSW provides the following recommendation:

A complete and finalized ACHAR must be provided in accordance with the project SEARS. The ACHAR must contain:

- The results of the archaeological test excavations. The results of the test excavation should be presented in an Archaeological Technical Report appended to the final ACHAR.
- The results of the consultation with the Registered Aboriginal Parties. Any comments received from Registered Aboriginal Parties must be incorporated into the final version of the report.
- Appropriate management and mitigation measures that reflect the significance of any Aboriginal cultural heritage values identified within the project area must be developed and included in the ACHAR and the EIS.

If you have any further questions in relation to this matter, please contact Claire Rayner – Archaeologist, Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Regulation North on 9995 6824 or email at <u>Claire.rayner@environment.nsw.gov.au</u>.

Yours sincerely

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