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SSD_7484 MOD 4

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Dear Ms Dickson

**Subject: EES comments on Modification Application - Sandstone Precinct – Stage 2 –
Modification 4 – Design Changes to the Lands Building – SSD_7484_Mod 4**

Thank you for your email of 17 July 2019 requesting advice from the former Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) in relation to the Modification 4 proposal for the above State Significant Development. Please note, OEH responsibilities and functions have been transferred to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment's (DPIE), Environment, Energy and Science Group (EES).

EES has reviewed the Mod 4 Assessment Report, Plans and Architectural Design Report and provides the following recommendations and comments.

The Architectural Design Report indicates the landscape proposal for the courtyard proposes to use a combination of exotic and native species (page 84). EES recommends the landscaping uses a diversity of local provenance native tree, shrub and groundcover species from the native vegetation community (or communities) that once occurred in this locality to improve biodiversity.

The Architectural Design Report notes the basement and lower ground floor are unchanged by the Mod 4 proposal (page 24). The modification does not appear to propose ground disturbance/any additional excavation outside the area approved by the development consent. If the Mod 4 proposal were to do so, an assessment in accordance with the EES standard SEARs for Aboriginal cultural heritage would be required.

A separate response on heritage matters may be provided by the Department of Premier and Cabinet as delegate of the Heritage Council of NSW.

If you have any queries regarding this matter, please contact Janne Grose on 8837 6017 or at janne.grose@environment.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely,

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