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Dear Katelyn

**Advice regarding Environmental Impact Statement – State Significant Development – Eastern Creek Resource Recovery Facility – (SSD – 9774)**

Thank you for your referral dated 25 March 2021, inviting comment from Heritage NSW (HNSW) in relation to the proposed Eastern Creek Resource Recovery Facility (SSD 9774), at 21, 31 and 42 Hanson Place, Eastern Creek NSW.

HNSW has reviewed the information, including the *State Significant Development 9774 Environmental Impact Statement* (EIS), dated 15 March 2021, prepared by Ethos Urban Pty Ltd, which includes *Appendix I - Heritage Due Diligence*, dated 24 February 2021, prepared by Environmental Resource Management (ERM) Australia Pty Ltd. Section 4.6 of the *Construction Environmental Management Plan* (CEMP), dated 8 March 2021, included at Appendix N includes a provision for the protection of Aboriginal heritage.

A search of the Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System (AHIMS), undertaken as part of the due diligence process has identified a registered AHIMS site #45-5-0556 - Blacktown Southwest 2 Eastern Creek, mapped within riparian corridor of the subject land. HNSW notes that a site visit has not been undertaken to confirm the mapped location of AHIMS # 45-5-0556. Given Aboriginal objects are known to exist within close proximity to the impact area, it is HNSW's view that the desktop search is inadequate to assess the impacts of the proposed development on the Aboriginal cultural heritage values.

Heritage NSW recommends that an Aboriginal cultural heritage assessment report (ACHAR) be prepared as follows:

1. Consultation with Aboriginal stakeholders should be undertaken in accordance with the [Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents](#) (DECCW 2010) in order to document the significance of cultural heritage values for Aboriginal people who have a cultural association with the land.
2. A survey should be undertaken by a suitably qualified archaeologist and representatives of the registered Aboriginal parties (RAPs) as identified through the consultation process at 1., in accordance with [Code of Practice for Archaeological Investigation in NSW](#) (DECCW 2010), to ascertain the current condition and location of AHIMS #45-5-0556 and any other Aboriginal sites that may be located in the proposal area. The AHIMS site cards should be updated as necessary.

3. Specific protection measures for AHIMS #45-5-0556, as appropriate, should be formulated in discussion with the RAPs and included in the CEMP.
4. The heritage provisions in the CEMP should be updated to replace reference to 'OEH' with 'Heritage NSW'.

Please contact Rebecca Yit, Archaeologist at Heritage NSW, on 4927 3244 or [rebecca.yit@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:rebecca.yit@environment.nsw.gov.au) if you have any questions regarding this advice.

Yours sincerely



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