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Your reference: SSD-10434896
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Dear Ferdinando,

Advice on EIS and recommended conditions – State Significant Development – The Children's Hospital at Westmead – Multi-Storey Carpark (SSD-10434896)

**Project: The Children's Hospital at Westmead – Multi-Storey Carpark
SSD/SSI application no: SSD-10434896**

Thank you for your referral uploaded to the Major Projects Portal on 20 April 2021 seeking advice on the EIS for the above state significance development (SSD) proposal.

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

- Environmental Impact Statement (SSD-10434896): Multi-Storey Carpark, The Children's Hospital at Westmead – prepared by Architectus Australia Pty Ltd, dated April 2021;
- Appendix A: Planning Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements for SSD-10434896 – issued November 2020;
- Appendix J: Children's Hospital at Westmead Stage 2 Redevelopment – Heritage Impact Assessment for Multi-Storey Car Park – prepared by Jacobs Group (Australia) Pty Ltd, dated January 2021;
- Appendix K: Children's Hospital at Westmead Stage 2 Redevelopment – Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report, dated April 2021;
- Appendix P: Health Infrastructure NSW, Detailed Site Survey, The Lodge, Labyrinth Way, Westmead NSW – prepared by JBS&G Australia Pty Ltd, dated February 2021;
- Appendix O: Geotechnical Investigation for Proposed Stage 2 Redevelopment, Multi-Storey Car Park (MSCP) at the Children's Hospital at Westmead, Hawkesbury Road, Westmead, NSW – prepared by JK Geotechnics, dated January 2021.

The Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Report (ACHAR) has been prepared in reference to the relevant guidelines as required by the SEARs (Requirement 9). It is noted that there are no registered Aboriginal sites, areas of potential archaeological deposit (PAD) or Aboriginal Places located within the proposed development area.

Much of the proposal area has been heavily modified with variable depths of fill sediment (0.2-5.9 m). The Detailed Site Survey and Geotechnical Report found that several areas within Westmead Hospital precinct, including the proposal area, have been impacted by Asbestos contaminated fills (bore holes 23, 26-32). Despite high levels of fill material, the Geotechnical Report identified a single bore hole (BH16) that had the potential to contain ~30cm of natural alluvium from 0.7m below ground surface. The ACHAR states that these deposits have a low to moderate potential to contain Aboriginal Objects.

Consultation with Registered Aboriginal Parties (RAPs) for the Multi-Storey Car Park was conducted alongside the consultation for a separate project, the Paediatric Services Building, the Children's Hospital at Westmead. Consultation guidelines have been met and no issues

were raised by the RAPs. Eight responses were received from the RAPs, seven providing support for the project and requiring no amendments. One response recommends that test excavation, further assessment, and additional monitoring should occur and that an Aboriginal Interpretation process occur for the construction of the MSCP. Owing to the level of disturbance, fill material, and Asbestos contamination, the ACHAR (Section 3.4.1) does not recommend test excavations, though monitoring is recommended. An Aboriginal interpretation process with local Aboriginal Groups commenced in 2020 and continues (ACHAR Section 7.2).

The management and mitigation recommendations provided in Chapter 8 (page 55) of the ACHAR and Section 6.11 in the EIS propose monitoring and collection of Aboriginal Objects during pile installation in the northern portion of MSCP proposal area. This provision is considered adequate for the conservation of Aboriginal Cultural Heritage values under the current proposal.

If you have any questions regarding these comments, please contact Corey O'Driscoll, Archaeologist, at Heritage NSW Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Regulations - North, on 6229 7079 and corey.odriscoll@environment.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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