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Dear Mr Macri

Notice of Exhibition of application for The Children's Hospital at Westmead – Multi-storey Car Park (SSD 10434896)

Thank you for your referral dated 20 April 2021 inviting comments from the Heritage Council of NSW on the above State Significant Development (SSD) proposal.

The proposed development is a multi-storey car park (MSCP) at the Westmead Children's Hospital. The proposal includes:

- Demolition of The Lodge;
- Construction of a new MSCP, approximately eight car parking storeys, which is equivalent to the height of five storeys of the hospital:
 - facilitating approximately 1,000 car parking spaces for staff and visitors
 - vehicular access from Labyrinth Way and / or Redbank Road, and
 - a split-level approach to the MSCP to respond to the natural ground level;
- Ancillary retail facilities;
- Road work:
 - realignment of Redbank Road with vehicular access connection to MSCP;
- Tree removal; and
- Associated landscaping.

The proposed SSD is partly situated within the precinct of the Cumberland District Hospital Group which is of State heritage significance (SHR 00820) and near the Glengariff / Wisteria Gardens. The World local heritage-listed Old Government House and Government Domain is immediately south of the Glengariff / Wisteria Gardens precinct.

The proposed SSD is within the Parramatta Archaeological Management Unit (PAMU) 3070. AMU 3070 is assessed as being of moderate archaeological research potential, but of local heritage significance. The Parramatta Historical Archaeological Landscape Management Study (PHALMS) identified the potential for AMU 3070 to contain evidence of early agricultural practices and the use of the area as part of the Government Domain.

The following reports were considered in our assessment:

- *Children's Hospital at Westmead Stage 2 Redevelopment Heritage Impact Assessment for Multi Storey Car Park*, Jacobs, 20 January 2021

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

The assessment considers that it is unlikely that any significant archaeological relics would be impacted by the proposal. Heritage NSW notes that the known history and early plans of the area, as shown in the assessment, do not identify any built form in the area that would be impacted by the proposal. Further, the nature and degree of ground disturbance within the area suggest that there is little to no potential for archaeological resources predicted for in the AMU to survive in the proposal area. Heritage NSW concurs with the assessment that the potential for archaeological relics within the area that would be impacted by the proposal is low.

Heritage NSW recommends that the project conditions the management of archaeological relics in accordance with an unexpected finds protocol.

If you have any questions regarding the above advice, please contact Joshua Madden, Senior Historical Archaeology Officer at Heritage NSW at josh.madden@environment.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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