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Dear Ms Sommer

Notice of Exhibition of application for SSD 10465 – Mosman High School Upgrade, 745 Military Road, MOSMAN, NSW 2088 (MOSMAN LGA).

Thank you for your referral dated 27 April 2021 inviting comments from the Heritage Council of NSW on the above State Significant Development proposal. The proposal involves:

- the construction of a new school buildings including teaching spaces, a multipurpose hall and other core facilities. The proposal would necessitate demolition of some existing buildings, tree removal and landscaping works. The improved facilities and teaching spaces would expand Mosman High School to a capacity of 1,200 students in order to meet growth demands by 2031.

The following reports were considered in our response:

- *Environmental Impact Statement State Significant Development Application (SSD-10465), Mosman High School*, prepared by Architectus, 31 March 2021.
- *Mosman High School 745 Military Road Lot: 1 DP:1268793 Heritage Impact Statement for SSDA Submission*, Final Issue: 30 March 2021, Prepared by Purcell.
- *Mosman High School, Mosman, NSW, Historical Archaeological Assessment & Archaeological Research Design* for Multiplex on behalf of Schools Infrastructure NSW, prepared by Austral Archaeology 30 March 2021.

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

Mosman High School is not listed on the State Heritage Register (SHR) nor is it in the immediate vicinity of any SHR items. Two buildings on site Building A (built 1904) and Building D (built 1926) are listed under the Heritage and Conservation Register, of the Department of Education in accordance with Section 170 of the *NSW Heritage Act, 1977*. These two buildings are also identified as local heritage items. The HIS advises that they would be retained within the new development, would not be physically affected by the works and their current streetscape presence would remain largely unaltered.

The EIS notes that the project is also adjacent to the Military Road Heritage Conservation Area and has responded in its design to the character and requirements of that area.

Concerning historical archaeology, the HAA report found that the High School site has the potential to contain archaeological relics relating to the late nineteenth century residential dwellings along the various frontages, including Dr Frank W. Doak's House in the north eastern corner of the site. Furthermore, the site may also contain relics from the 1883 development of the school.

Archaeological material associated with both the school and the residential buildings has been assessed of being of local significance. Austral Archaeology found that while previous impacts may have already removed much of the remains present within the study area, there are parts of the site where archaeological material may still remain. The proposed works are likely to impact on areas of both moderate and high archaeological potential.

A research design methodology has been devised for archaeological investigations to be undertaken prior to commencement of construction works (Appendix A of the HAA report) and Austral Archaeology note that a suitably accredited archaeologist should oversee the excavations.

The following archaeological Conditions are recommended to be included in any approval of the SSD proposal:

1. Before excavation that may disturb archaeological 'relics', the Proponent must nominate a suitably qualified Excavation Director who complies with the Heritage Council of NSW's Criteria for Assessment of Excavation Directors (2019) to oversee and advise on matters associated with historic archaeology and advise the Department and Heritage NSW as necessary during the course of the project works.
2. The Excavation Director must be present to oversee the excavation and advise on archaeological issues. The Excavation Director must be given the authority to advise on the duration and extent of oversight required to ensure that archaeological 'relics' are recorded to an adequate standard.
3. A final archaeological report must be submitted to the Department, and to the Heritage Council of NSW, within one year of the completion of archaeological excavation on the project. That report must comply with and respond to the Archaeological Research Design provided by Austral Archaeology in March 2021.
4. The Proponent must ensure that if substantial intact archaeological deposits and/or State significant relics not identified in the Archaeological Assessment prepared for the project are discovered, work must cease in the affected area(s) and the Heritage Council of NSW must be notified in accordance with s.146 of the Heritage Act 1977. Additional assessment and approval from the Department may be required prior to works continuing in the affected area(s) based on the nature of the discovery.

As the site contains local heritage items (Building A and Building D), and other local items are in the vicinity, advice should be sought from the Mosman Local Council.

If you have any questions regarding the above advice, please contact me at Heritage NSW on 02 9873 8546 or siobhan.lavelle@environment.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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