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Dear Mr Ball

**Advice on Environmental Impact Statement – Sutherland Hospital Operating Theatre Upgrade (SSD-11099584)**

Thank you for your referral dated 3 May 2021 inviting comments from Heritage NSW on the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the above State Significant Development (SSD) proposal. We note the development involves the expansion of the existing surgical facilities of the Sutherland Hospital including alterations and additions to the existing South Wing building west towards the Ambulance Station, earthworks, in ground services installation and demolition, tree removal and associated landscaping works and Category 1 Remediation work.

Heritage NSW has reviewed the following documents as part of our assessment:

- *Environmental Impact Statement – The Sutherland Hospital Operating Theatre Upgrade Project*, prepared by Architectus Australia Pty Ltd, dated 13 April 2021
- *Appendix I – Proposed Development, Sutherland Hospital Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report (ACHAR)*, prepared by Artefact Heritage, dated 8 February 2021
- *Appendix J – Proposed Development, Sutherland Hospital Aboriginal Archaeological Survey Report (AASR)*, prepared by Artefact Heritage, dated 14 October 2020

We provide the following comments in relation to Aboriginal cultural heritage regulation matters.

**Aboriginal cultural heritage regulation review of EIS, ACHAR and AASR**

The Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report (ACHAR) identifies that the proposed development will have limited subsurface impact and is located within an area previously mapped by the Sutherland Shire as of low archaeological potential. Additionally, due to the highly disturbed nature of the study area, confirmed by a site inspection and background research, intact archaeological deposits are unlikely to be present. The report concludes that as a result the proposal is unlikely to impact any Aboriginal heritage items.

During consultation with the Registered Aboriginal Parties no specific cultural values directly related to the proposal area were identified. Monitoring during groundworks was requested by Kadibulla Khan, however due to the limited impacts and disturbed nature of the area this was not supported by Artefact Heritage (2021).

The ACHAR recommends that no further work is required and that an unexpected finds protocol should be implemented.

Heritage NSW supports these recommendations and notes that the requirement for an Unexpected Finds Protocol is reflected in Table 19, Section 8 of the EIS (page 93) and must be in place prior to and throughout the proposed works.

If you have any questions regarding the above advice please contact me on (02) 6229 7089 or via email at [jackie.taylor@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:jackie.taylor@environment.nsw.gov.au).

Yours sincerely



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