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Your ref: SSD-9250948

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Advice provided via the Major Projects Portal

Dear Dimitri,

Advice on EIS and recommended conditions – State Significant Development – Epping West Public School Upgrades (SSD 9250948)

Thank you for your referral uploaded to the Major Projects Portal on 19 May 2021 seeking advice on the proposal and recommended conditions for the above state significant development (SSD) proposal.

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

- SEARs for SSD-9250948, issued 8 October 2020
- Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report (ACHAR) – prepared by GML Heritage Pty Ltd (GML) dated 2 February 2021
- Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) SSD 9250948 – Alterations and Additions to Epping West Public School– prepared by DFP Planning Pty Ltd, dated 17 May 2021

Heritage NSW has reviewed the ACHAR prepared by GML. It is understood that the archaeological investigation was completed in accordance with the *Code of Practice for the Investigation of Aboriginal Objects in NSW* (2010) and included field survey with a field representative of the Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council. No Aboriginal objects were identified during the assessment. Three areas of potential archaeological deposit (PAD) were identified within the EIS subject area. The PADs would not be impacted by the proposed development and no other impacts to Aboriginal cultural heritage values have been identified.

The ACHAR satisfies the requirements of an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment in accordance with the *Guide to investigating, assessing and reporting on Aboriginal cultural heritage in NSW* (2011). Consultation undertaken for the project complies with the *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents* (2010).

Heritage NSW supports the recommendations provided in the ACHAR (page 59) and Appendix 3 of the EIS (page 4).

If you have any further questions in relation to this matter, please contact Claire Rayner – Archaeologist, Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Regulation North on 9995 6824 or email at Claire.rayner@environment.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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