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Advice provided via the Major Projects Portal

Dear Tuongvi,

**Advice on EIS and recommended conditions – State Significant Development – Hanson Kingscliff High School Upgrades (SSD 8744305)**

Thank you for your referral uploaded to the Major Projects Portal on 20 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-8744305, issued 28 August 2020
- Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report (ACHAR) – prepared by EMM Consulting Pty Ltd (EMM), dated 1 April 2021
- Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) SSD 8744305 – Kingscliff High School – prepared by SJB Planning, dated 19 May 2021

Heritage NSW has reviewed the ACHAR prepared by EMM. It is noted that the ACHAR provides an assessment and recommendations for works to be assessed under Part 5 of the EP&A Act and Division 4.7 of the EP&A Act. The comments in this letter address the recommendations provided for works to be assessed under Division 4.7 of the EP&A Act only.

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) included field survey and archaeological test excavation. No Aboriginal objects were identified during the assessment. High levels of disturbance were demonstrated by the archaeological test excavation results. Representatives of the Registered Aboriginal Parties were involved in all aspects of field work.

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 61-62) and the EIS (page 124). In addition Heritage NSW provides the following recommendation:

- Consideration should be given to the incorporation of Aboriginal cultural heritage interpretation into the final design of the proposed upgrades facilitated by an Aboriginal cultural Heritage Interpretation Strategy and Aboriginal cultural heritage interpretation implementation plan. The ACHAR has identified significant landmarks and oral traditions that demonstrate the significance of the EIS subject area to local

Aboriginal communities and the continuing connection to country expressed through these traditions. Incorporating interpretation of these connections and significance into the design would enable the communication of these values to a wider audience and achieve ESD principles of intergenerational equity.

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](mailto:Claire.rayner@environment.nsw.gov.au).

Yours sincerely



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