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Advice provided via the Major Project Portal

Dear Mr Zhang

Notice of Exhibition – West Nowra Resource Recovery Park Stage 2 (SSD 9887)

Thank you for your referral dated 10 June 2021 inviting comments from Heritage NSW on the above State Significant Development proposal. We note the proposed development is for the construction and operation of an integrated resource recovery facility at West Nowra.

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

- Environmental Impact Statement – *West Nowra Resource Recovery Park Stage 2 Environmental Impact Statement* (EIS), prepared by Bioelektra Australia Pty Ltd, dated June 2021.
- Appendix A – Development Consent for SSD 7015 for the Concept Proposal (Stages 1 and 2), West Nowra Resource Recovery Facility Staged Development Application, issued 25 August 2016.

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

Aboriginal cultural heritage regulation review of EIS

Heritage NSW note that Stage 1 of this project for clearing of land and provision of basic infrastructure on the site has already commenced.

The EIS has identified that Stage 2 of the project is not expected to disturb any land not already assessed and approved as part of Stage 1. Heritage NSW support this assessment however we recommend the inclusion of Aboriginal cultural heritage as an environmental issue in Table 18.1 (page 165) along with a management measure requiring the preparation and implementation of an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Unexpected Finds Procedure. This procedure needs to form part of the Construction Environmental Management Plan for the site and be undertaken in consultation with any Registered Aboriginal Parties.

If you have any questions regarding the above advice please contact Sarah Robertson Archaeologist, Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Regulation – South, Heritage NSW on (02) 6229 7088 or via email at sarah.robertson@environment.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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