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Advice provided via the Major Project Portal

Dear Navdeep,

**Request for Advice - New Primary School at Murrumbateman EIS (SSD-11233241)**

Thank you for providing Heritage NSW with the opportunity to comment on the State Significant Development (SSD) Application for the proposed Primary School at Murrumbateman on 11 June 2021.

Heritage NSW has reviewed the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report (ACHAR), marked version 5 prepared by EcoLogical Australia and dated 10 June 2021, and provide the following comments in relation to Aboriginal cultural heritage matters only.

We note that the land of the proposed school has already been extensively disturbed through construction activities which have removed the topsoil exposing the basal clay horizon. Additionally, a hardstand car park has been constructed within the northern aspect of the project area. Based on our review, we understand that there are unlikely to be any Aboriginal objects within the project area and that no further archaeological investigations are required. Aboriginal consultation has been undertaken in line with the *Aboriginal cultural heritage consultation requirements for proponents* (DECCW 2010) and no social or cultural values have been communicated in relation to the project area.

Heritage NSW is satisfied the ACHAR and Environment Impact Statement (EIS), prepared by Mecone and dated June 2021, has considered and addressed Aboriginal cultural heritage matters for the site.

As such, we support the recommendations outlined within the ACHAR. We also support the mitigation measures set out in section 10 of the EIS (page 129) which require the following of an unexpected finds protocol. We recommend this protocol forms part of the Construction Environmental Management Plan. We would support ongoing consultation with the Aboriginal community as part of construction activities and recommend that the Aboriginal Participation in Construction Policy (APIC) is considered for this development.

We do note that the ACHAR incorrectly refers to requirement for an Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit (AHIP) is required if impacts to Aboriginal object will occur as part of this SSD. We recommend the ACHAR is updated to reflect the correct approval process.

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](mailto:sarah.robertson@environment.nsw.gov.au).

Yours sincerely



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