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Advice provided via the Major Project Portal

Dear Ms Miles,

Request for Advice - New Primary School at Edmondson Park EIS (SSD-10224)

Thank you for your referral on 18 June 2021 providing Heritage NSW with the opportunity to comment on the State Significant Development (SSD) Application for the proposed Primary School at Edmondson Park.

Heritage NSW has reviewed the following documents and provides comments below in relation to Aboriginal cultural heritage matters only:

- <u>Environment Impact Statement: New Primary School, Edmondson Park SSDA-10224,</u> prepared by City Plan and dated June 2021 (EIS)
- Appendix O <u>Assessment of Impact on Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Letter</u>, prepared by Kelleher Nightingale Consulting Pty Ltd and dated 19 May 2021 (Advice Letter)

We note the land proposed for the new primary school in Edmondson Park has already been subject to comprehensive Aboriginal cultural heritage assessment and is covered under an existing Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit (AHIP) – AHIP C0001134. This AHIP is current and includes development work associated with the proposed school. Based on our review, we understand that it is unlikely any Aboriginal objects will be impacted by the proposed school and that no further archaeological investigations are required. Ongoing Aboriginal consultation has been undertaken in line with the *Aboriginal cultural heritage consultation requirements for proponents* (DECCW 2010).

Heritage NSW is satisfied the Advice Letter and EIS has considered and addressed Aboriginal cultural heritage matters for the site.

We support the procedures outlined within the Advice Letter and the mitigation measures set out in the EIS (section 7.7.3 on page 130 and Table 49 on page 161) whereby an Unexpected Finds and Human Remains protocol will be prepared prior to the commencement of construction and then implemented during construction. We recommend this protocol forms part of the Construction Environmental Management Plan.

We note and support the proposal to consider Aboriginal cultural heritage and cultural plantings in project design. 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.

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.

Yours sincerely

Jackie Taylor Senior Team Leader, Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Regulation - South Heritage NSW 14 July 2021