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Dear Mr Way

**Exhibition of Environmental Impact Statement for New Liverpool Primary School (SSD-10391)**

Thank you for referring the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the above State Significant Development (SSD) to Heritage NSW for comment on 25 June 2021. We understand this SSD relates to the construction of the New Liverpool Primary School to be located within the grounds of the existing Liverpool Boys and Girls High School in the Liverpool Central Business District at 18 Forbes Street, Liverpool.

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

- SEARs for SSD-10391 reissued 9 January 2020;
- New Liverpool Primary School Environmental Impact Statement prepared by Ethos Urban, dated 22 June 2021; and
- Liverpool New Primary School: Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment (ACHAR) - prepared by Comber Consultants, dated April 2021.

**Aboriginal cultural heritage regulation review of EIS**

Heritage NSW has reviewed the EIS and notes the proposed area for construction of the primary school has previously been subject to only minimal ground disturbance from construction of four small residential cottages that were likely to have only had shallow foundations as well as some walking tracks.

Two surface Aboriginal artefacts were recorded during two separate surface surveys, and Comber Consultants (2021:13) predict that the land for the proposed new school has potential to contain medium and high density sites as it is located on elevated land close to the river and former wetlands. A program of archaeological test excavation prior to SSD approval under the [Code of Practice for Archaeological Investigation of Aboriginal objects in NSW](#) (DECCW 2010) has been proposed.

We note that Aboriginal consultation for the project has been undertaken in accordance with the [Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents](#) (DECCW 2010).

**Aboriginal cultural heritage regulation advice for EIS**

Heritage NSW strongly support the recommendation for test excavations to be undertaken prior to SSD approval because the results will assist with developing appropriate avoidance,

mitigation and management recommendations for Aboriginal cultural heritage in addition to permitting a comprehensive identification and description of the cultural heritage values within the project area. We look forward to reviewing the project again with the results of the test excavations.

We also note that the newly recorded sites within the project area are not yet registered on the Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System (AHIMS) and remind the proponent of their legal requirement to register all Aboriginal sites with AHIMS under section 90Q of the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*.

Please note: the above comments relate only to Aboriginal cultural heritage regulation matters. You may wish to seek separate advice from Heritage NSW in relation to matters under the *Heritage Act 1977*.

If you have any questions regarding the above advice please contact Sarah Robertson, Archaeologist, Aboriginal Heritage Regulation Branch – 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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