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Dear Jason

Advice regarding EIS – State Significant Development – Carlingford West Public School Upgrades (SSD – 10879802)

I refer to your email dated 27 June 2020, seeking advice from Heritage NSW (HNSW) for the proposed Carlingford West Public School Upgrades (SSD 10879802), located within the Parramatta Local Government Area.

Heritage NSW (HNSW) have reviewed the suite of documents prepared to support the project including *Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) – Carlingford West Public School Upgrades*, June 2021, prepared by City Plan Strategy & Development Pty Ltd (Jacobs) and the draft Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report (ACHAR) – Redevelopment of Carlingford West Public School, NSW, dated May 2021 and prepared by Tocomwall.

HNSW is not satisfied that the supplied documentation meets the Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) issued for the project. In accordance with the SEARs, consultation with Aboriginal people must be undertaken for the project in accordance with the *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents* (DECCW 2010) (ACHCRs), in order to document the significance of cultural heritage values for Aboriginal people who have a cultural association with the land.

The ACHAR provided is in draft and indicates that consultation with the Aboriginal community regarding the project has commenced and that further consultation with the Registered Aboriginal Parties is required ongoing as per the ACHCRs. Evidence of community consultation must be provided in a finalised version of the ACHAR to demonstrate all requirements under the ACHCRs have been fulfilled. HNSW recommends that the draft ACHAR be finalised, in consultation with the relevant Aboriginal parties, to adequately capture the information required to address the SEARs and inform the EIS for the project.

HNSW also wish to advise that based on the preliminary findings of the draft assessment and our understanding of the Aboriginal archaeology of the Carlingford area, HNSW have identified that the potential for significant impacts to tangible Aboriginal cultural heritage values from the proposed development is low. As a result, HNSW have no further comments on the project at this stage, however, should circumstances change such as issues arising from the Aboriginal consultation process, then DPIE should contact HNSW for further advice.

If you have any questions regarding the above advice, please contact Rebecca Yit, Archaeologist at Heritage NSW, on 4927 3244 or rebecca.yit@environment.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely



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