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Dear Mr Heath

**RE: Notice of Exhibition of application for Moorebank Intermodal Precinct West Stage 3 (SSD 10431)**

Thank you for your referral dated 27 April 2020 inviting comments from the Heritage Council of NSW on the above State Significant Development (SSD) proposal.

The proposed development involves:

- Establishment of a construction compound to facilitate site development works for MPW Stages 2 and 3 and future stages of the MPW development;
- Progressive subdivision of the MPW site into nine allotments for warehousing and distribution facilities, biodiversity conservation, interstate intermodal terminal facility (IMT); rail corridor for completion and operation of the import/export (IMEX) freight terminal and rail link; and
- Ancillary works including access roads, earthworks, utilities, stormwater and drainage, signage and landscaping.

The proposed SSD site is located near (to the north east of) the State Heritage Register (SHR) item *Glenfield Farm* (SHR No. 00025), 88 Leacocks Lane, Casula. The two sites are, however, separated by various developments/features including the main Southern Rail Corridor, the Glenfield Waste Facility site, Georges River and a strip of conservation area.

The submitted report titled *Moorebank Precinct West Stage 3 Environmental Impact Statement Scoping Report*, prepared by Aspect Environmental dated 24 April 2020 has been reviewed.

As delegate of the Heritage Council of NSW, I provide the following comments:

- The Heritage Council previously provided comment on SSD Moorebank Precinct West Stage 2 (SSD 7709) on 18 November 2016 and 14 August 2017 respectively. It is noted this SSD was approved by Independent Planning Commission (IPC) on 11 November 2019 and the approval included conditions of approval (B150 and B151) to manage historic heritage (built, landscape and archaeological) within the study area.
- The stage 1 SSD (5066) included early works involving ground disturbance activities to establish the site ahead of future development applications. The current application follows from the earlier Stage 2 SSD (7709).
- Heritage NSW understands that the ground disturbance activities approved under Stage 1 SSD 5066 included archaeological mitigation and removal of historical

archaeological sites. The study area of Stage 1 is consistent with the Stage 3 works area.

- Heritage NSW notes that the early works program undertaken as part of SSD 5066 removed all historical archaeological resources which remained in the study area associated with two sites MHPAD 2 and the CUST Hut. Archaeological removal of these sites was conducted by Biosis in 2016 and was reported in 2018. No historical archaeological resources will be impacted by the proposed works for the Stage 3 SSD requiring ground disturbance such as temporary compounds, utilities and stockpile areas. Heritage NSW, therefore, recommends an unexpected finds protocol should be prepared to manage the unexpected discovery of historical archaeological relics within a Heritage Management Plan for the site.
- The project and future development on site could have visual impacts on the SHR listed item, *Glenfield Farm*. The SEARs include a requirement for assessment of impacts to heritage items. The EIS should include mitigation measures to address any potential impacts to *Glenfield Farm*, given that sweeping views to and from the site are one of its most significant aspects.

If you have any questions regarding the above advice, please contact Shikha Jhaldiyal, Senior Heritage Assessment Officer, at Heritage NSW on 9873 8545 or [shikha.jhaldiyal@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:shikha.jhaldiyal@environment.nsw.gov.au).

Yours sincerely



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**As Delegate of the Heritage Council of NSW**

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