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Subject: Heritage NSW ACH Review - Major Projects – New Request for Advice - Telopea Concept Plan and Stage 1A (SSD-14378717) (Parramatta)
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Attention - andy.nixey@planning.nsw.gov.au

Hi Andy,

Heritage NSW understands that the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE), has received an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Telopea Concept Plan and Stage 1A. Urbis was commissioned by Frasers Property Group (the Proponent), to conduct an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report (ACHAR) for the State Significant Development Application (SSDA), Application Number SSD-14378717, for the redevelopment of public housing facilities at Lots 5-7 DP 128229, Sturt Street, Telopea NSW 2117. Heritage NSW has reviewed the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report (ACHRA), for the Telopea Park Urban Renewal Project, Sturt Street, Telopea NSW 2117, Prepared by IRBIS, Prepared for Frasers Property Group, dated 5 August 2021, with respect to Aboriginal cultural heritage.

The Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report (ACHAR) concluded that there were no Aboriginal objects and/or places are recorded within or in close proximity to the subject area, and that disturbance resulting from historical and current land uses has greatly reduced the potential for intact soil profiles to remain within the site, noting that the shallow soils profiles were of low archaeological potential. This combined, with the impacts of historical land use (vegetation clearance, c.1940-50s residential construction, c.1960s Housing Commission development, highly developed rail and road corridors,) has significantly changed the original environment of the majority of the subject area. The ACHAR notes that a small portion in the north-western corner of the subject area shows only low to moderate levels of disturbance from the available data. This portion of the subject area is the gentle hillslope running down to the west from the rear of the small house visible in the 1960's aerial to the property boundary, abutting the rail corridor and this portion of the subject area, has been recommended for future archaeological test excavations.

Heritage NSW agrees that intact natural soils may be present within urban environments such as this site, however, they are unlikely to contain Aboriginal archaeological objects. Within the regional context of the subject area, Aboriginal sites are generally located along waterways and where sandstone outcrops occur, with the dominant site type open artefact scatters, however, these site types are unlikely to occur within the subject area. The ACHAR concludes that the site is of low to moderate archaeological potential for subsurface Aboriginal archaeological deposits, however, following the precautionary principle and feedback received from RAPs, the ACHAR recommends, that a short test excavation program be undertaken.

Heritage NSW supports the quality and overall intent of the ACHAR and notes that the consultation process undertaken with the RAPs has been to a very high standard, however, from within the regulatory framework that Heritage NSW accesses major project proposals, and based on the ACHAR provided, Heritage NSW does not require that the proponent undertake the first recommendation in the ACHAR, that Archaeological Test Excavations to be undertaken in a small portion in the north-western corner of the subject area. Heritage NSW supports the remaining recommendations of the ACHAR.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you require any further information or clarification.

Regards
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