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Dear Mr Kerr

**Notice of Exhibition of application for Sydney International Speedway (SSI 10048)**

Thank you for your referral dated 19 August 2020 inviting comments from the Heritage Council of NSW on the above State Significant Infrastructure (SSI) proposal.

The proposed development involves:

- The Western Sydney Parklands Trust, in association with the NSW Office of Sport, is leading a master planning process for Western Sydney Parklands' Precinct 5: Eastern Creek Motor Sports, with opportunities to share infrastructure and coordinate events across venues. This masterplan sets the context for the planning of the new Sydney International Speedway.

The proposed SSI is within 40 meters of the State Heritage Register (SHR) item Prospect Reservoir and surrounding area (SHR no. 01370) located at Reservoir Road, Prospect, NSW 2148. As stated in the gazetted Statement of Significance for the item "The Reservoir area is aesthetically significant, as a picturesque site with a large expanse of water, parklands, landscaping and bush. The place is valuable for its recreational amenity for passive recreation, punctuating the monotony of the surrounding urban landscape. It has been used for recreation by the community for generations". It is also listed for its historical and scientific rarity in NSW according to the Heritage Council criteria f, and representativeness under criteria aesthetically representative locally.

The following reports were considered in our assessment:

- *Sydney International Speedway, Environmental Impact Statement, Volume 1 Main Document*, prepared by Arcadis/Jacobs, dated August 2020;
- *Sydney International Speedway, Environmental Impact Statement, Volume 2 Appendices*, dated August 2020;
- *Sydney International Speedway, Environmental Impact Statement, Technical Paper 6, Non-Aboriginal Heritage*, prepared by Artefact Heritage, dated July 2020.
- *Sydney International Speedway, Environmental Impact Statement, Technical Paper 7, Landscape Character and Visual Amenity*, prepared by IRIS Visual Planning + Design, dated July 2020.

It is noted that the SEARs issued on 19 May 2020 required:

**'5. Heritage**

1. *The Proponent must identify and assess any direct and/or indirect impacts (including cumulative impacts) to the heritage significance of:*
  - (c) *environmental heritage, as defined under the Heritage Act 1977; and*

- (d) *items listed on the State, National and World Heritage lists;*
  - (e) *heritage items and conservation areas identified in environmental planning instruments applicable to the project area.*
2. *Where impacts to State or locally significant heritage items are identified, the assessment must:*
- (a) *include a significance assessment, a statement of heritage impact for all heritage items and a historical archaeological assessment;*
  - (b) *consider the conservation policies of any relevant conservation management plan;*
  - (c) *consider impacts to the item caused by, but not limited to, vibration, demolition, archaeological disturbance, altered historical arrangements and access, visual amenity, landscape and vistas, curtilage, subsidence and architectural noise treatment, drainage infrastructure, contamination remediation and site'.*

The statement of significance and evaluation of heritage impacts contained in the Statement of Heritage Impacts by Artefact Heritage are concise and follow the guidelines in the NSW Heritage Manual 2001. Technical Paper 6 assesses the impact of views to and from the heritage item, and any physical impacts on the significant built heritage elements of the site with an appropriate methodology set out in section 3.5. Section 9.1.1 and 9.1.2. This assessment concludes that the proposal will have a neutral direct impact to the heritage values (physical or visual) of Prospect Reservoir and surrounding area, and negligible indirect impacts (physical or visual) with no overshadowing impacts.

Section 10.1 of Technical Paper 6 outlines appropriate mitigation measures for the site with an Unexpected Finds Procedure to be included in the construction heritage management plan. Also required is a detailed landscape design to ensure the final elevation of structures is lower than existing topography to the west and screening vegetation be planted along the eastern embankment of the trackway.

Based on the above, Heritage NSW is satisfied that the Non-Aboriginal Heritage Impact Assessment submitted as part of the EIS stage of SSI 10048 adequately assesses the potential impacts from the Speedway to Prospect Reservoir. Further, Heritage NSW also considers that the proposed mitigation measures to ensure there are no impacts to the Heritage values or significance of Prospect Reservoir are appropriate. It is recommended that the mitigation measures outlined in Section 10.1 form part of any final approval conditions which may be granted for this project.

If you have any questions regarding the above advice, please contact Tim Olliver, Senior Heritage Assessment Officer at Heritage NSW on (02) 4927 3203 or [Timothy.Olliver@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Timothy.Olliver@environment.nsw.gov.au).

Yours sincerely



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

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