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Dear Ms Burn

**HERITAGE NSW – ABORIGINAL CULTURAL HERITAGE REGULATION
STATE SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT (SSD)
EXHIBITION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

Proposal: Prospect Logistics Estate
SSD application no: SSD-10399, received 31 August 2020

Thank you for referring the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the above State Significant Development (SSD) to Heritage NSW for comment. We understand this SSD relates to the construction of seven industrial warehousing buildings, associated offices and hardstand/car parking areas on a terraced landform, as well as a small cafe.

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

- SEARs for SSD-10399, issued 16 December 2019.
- Environmental Impact Statement: State Significant Development Application (SSD 10399) prepared by Keylan Consulting Pty Ltd, dated 18 August 2020.
- Prospect Logistics Estate: Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report (ACHAR) prepared by Artefact Heritage, dated 13 July 2020.

Aboriginal cultural heritage regulation review of EIS

Heritage NSW has reviewed the EIS and ACHAR and notes that a portion of the study area is located within the State Heritage Register (SHR) curtilage for Prospect Hill (SHR # 01662) which identifies substantial Aboriginal cultural values as part of the significance values of the item.

One previously recorded Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System (AHIMS) site extends into the study area (AHIMS site 45-5-2571 [Prospect Hill]). The ACHAR identifies the northern extent of site 45-5-2571 as the portion of the Prospect Hill SHR curtilage within the study area. The portion of AHIMS ID 45-5-2571 within the study area has been identified as demonstrating low-moderate potential for the presence of subsurface Aboriginal objects; however, this will not be impacted by the proposed development works.

The remainder of the study area is considered to have been subject to moderate-high levels of disturbance. All sections of the study area, with the exclusion of the Prospect Hill SHR curtilage (site 45-5-2571), were found to demonstrate low archaeological potential. No further archaeological investigation is recommended, unless unexpected Aboriginal objects are encountered during the proposed works.

It has been assessed that the proposed development will result in a minor impact to the aesthetic and social values associated with Prospect Hill. No impacts to the cultural values of

Marrong Reserve, a portion of the Prospect Hill SHR curtilage to the south of the study area, have been identified.

It is recommended in the ACHAR that measures to reduce the visual impact of the proposed development on the prominence of Prospect Hill should be investigated. It is further recommended that methods to incorporate Aboriginal cultural heritage values into the proposed design, such as through the development of heritage interpretation elements, should be investigated.

Aboriginal cultural heritage regulation advice for EIS

Heritage NSW is satisfied that the potential impacts of the proposed development on Aboriginal cultural heritage have been adequately assessed and that the recommendations are appropriate. Mitigation measures for Aboriginal cultural heritage are outlined in section 9 of the EIS (Summary of Mitigation Measures) and Heritage NSW considers these to be generally appropriate. However, Heritage NSW believes that mitigation measures to reduce the visual impacts of the proposed development on Prospect Hill to neutral or no impact should be investigated.

Heritage NSW further advises that a site card update must be submitted to the AHIMS Registrar for site 45-5-2571 to reflect the results of the current assessment of the site. Heritage NSW also considers that specific measures to protect site 45-5-2571 from harm during construction of the development and in perpetuity should form part of any final approval conditions which may be granted for this project.

Please note that 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 Sam Gibbins at Heritage NSW on 9895 6586 or via email at samantha.gibbins@environment.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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