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Dear Louise

Response to Submissions - Request for Advice – State Significant Development – Northside Private Hospital – West Gosford – Central Coast Local Government Area (SSD – 10159)

I refer to your email dated 13 October 2020, seeking advice from Heritage NSW (HNSW) on the proposed Northside Private Hospital, West Gosford (SSD 10159), located within the Central Coast Local Government Area.

Heritage NSW (HNSW) of the Department of Premier and Cabinet (DPC) have reviewed the supplied *Aboriginal Cultural heritage Assessment Report (ACHAR): Northside Private Hospital, Gosford*, prepared by Artefact Heritage (9 September 2020), and are of the view that the supplied documentation does not meet the Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) issued (5 April 2019) for the project.

HNSW is not satisfied that the supplied ACHAR, meets current regulatory requirements by adequately identifying and assessing the impacts of the proposal on the Aboriginal cultural heritage values within the project area. In accordance with the SEARs and HNSW Guidelines (Section 2.3 and 2.4 of the Guide), consultation with Aboriginal people must be undertaken for the project in accordance with the DECCW (now HNSW) *Aboriginal cultural heritage consultation requirements for proponents 2010* (the Consultation Requirements), in order to document the significance of cultural heritage values for Aboriginal people who have a cultural association with the land.

The Consultation Requirements outline a clear process (Stages 1 - 4) that ensures relevant Aboriginal cultural knowledge holders have an opportunity to be consulted with respect to a proposed project, and to provide relevant information about cultural significance and values. The outcomes of the consultation process should inform the preparation of an ACHAR.

HNSW is of the view that the consultation completed for the project does not currently satisfy the project SEARs by failing to provide adequate evidence to demonstrate how Stages 2 and 3 of the Consultation Requirements have been met. HNSW recommends that additional information be supplied, clearly articulating how all Stages of the Consultation Requirements have been addressed by the proponent.

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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