

28 August 2019

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Dear Aditi

RE Updates to Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment - Physical Education Precinct for St Joseph's College – Mark Street, Hunters Hill (SSD 8970)

Our Ref: Matter 29211/30198

This letter is in response to your email dated 26 August 2019 and phone conversation on 28 August 2018 with regards to updates to the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment (ACHA) undertaken for the Physical Education and Sports Precinct Project (PESPP) at St Joseph's College, Mark Street, Hunters Hill, New South Wales (NSW) (SSD 8970).

To provide context, the original ACHA was submitted in May 2019 for assessment by the Department of Planning, Infrastructure and Environment (DPIE), formerly the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE). The Archaeological Report (AR), which detailed the Aboriginal archaeological assessment of the areas of proposed works, was appended to the ACHA to support the findings and recommendations of the report. A response was received from DPIE dated 23 May 2019, which outlined that further assessment needed to be undertaken for the project. As a result, a program of Aboriginal archaeological test excavations in the north-eastern and north-western areas of proposed works was completed in June 2019. A response to DPIE's correspondence of 23 May 2019 was provided by Biosis in July 2019 along with an updated draft ACHA and AR, which detailed the Aboriginal archaeological assessment and results of the test excavations, whilst consultation was undertaken with Registered Aboriginal Parties (RAPs) on the updated ACHA and AR.

The ACHA has now been updated following closure of consultation with the RAPs, which ran from 19 July 2019 to 16 August 2019, regarding the revised ACHA and AR, which incorporated the results of the Aboriginal archaeological test excavations that took place in June 2019. No responses were received from RAPs. Several small wording changes have also been made to the ACHA and AR following client review of the final report; these changes do not alter the assessment of Aboriginal archaeological potential or cultural heritage values of the areas of proposed works.

The following sections of the ACHA have been updated since provision of the draft report in July 2019:

- Summary
- Section 4.5 – Test Excavations
- Section 7 – Recommendations

- Appendix 1 – Consultation Log
- Appendix 5 – Test excavations and review of updated ACHA and AR

The following section of the AR have been updated since the provision of the draft report in July 2019:

- Summary
- Section 5 – Test excavation
- Section 6 – Analysis and discussion
- Section 9 - Recommendations

Please also note that references in the ACHA and AR to the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) have been amended to Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) to reflect recent departmental changes.

Please contact me if you have any further enquiries.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Charlotte Allen".

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