



Our Ref: 1201_Campbelltown
22 February 2012

Mr Scott Lawlor
Capital Insight Pty Ltd
77 Berry Street
North Sydney NSW 2060

Re: Development Application for proposed construction of the AHS Building, Campbelltown Hospital, Campbelltown NSW

Dear Scott,

Austral Archaeology Pty Ltd has been commissioned by Capital Insight Pty Ltd to provide advice and services in relation to Aboriginal heritage for this project in accordance with all statutory requirements.

The purpose of this letter is to outline the issues, scope and programme for investigations (as summarised in the attached report) so that the Director General can recognise the concurrent work being carried out with the aim to meet the Director General's Requirement for this project which notes that:

"10. Aboriginal Heritage: The EIS shall address Aboriginal Heritage in accordance with the *Draft Guidelines for Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment and Community Consultation* (2005)."

This letter and the attached report can be referred to the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) as part of the approval process, with an invitation to OEH to contact Austral Archaeology with any queries that they may have.

The initial Heritage Assessment completed by Goddon Mackay and Logan (GML) currently serves to meet the initial steps outlined in the *Draft Guidelines for Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment and Community Consultation* (2005), and the supplementary *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents 2010*. Austral Archaeology are seeking to undertake consultation with the Aboriginal community and to finalise the conclusions of the GML Heritage Assessment. In order to complete this task, Austral Archaeology is currently in the process of indentifying members of the local Aboriginal community who wish to register as stakeholders on this project in line with the *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents 2010*.

Once this stage has been completed, Austral Archaeology will circulate copies of the Heritage Assessment to the Aboriginal community. This report already serves to identify and define the archaeological potential of the study area. Input from the Aboriginal community will be used to finalise statements regarding the cultural significance of the development area and to complete the assessment stage. The current closing date for Aboriginal stakeholders to register an interest in the project closes on 22 February 2012. The Aboriginal stakeholders who have currently registered are Peter Falks Consultancy, Darug Land Observations, Cubbitch Barta Native Title Claimants, Tocumwall and the Tharawal Local Aboriginal Land Council.

As per the *Aboriginal cultural heritage consultation requirements for proponents 2010*, we must provide an opportunity for the Aboriginal stakeholders to comment on the proposed significance of the study area and management recommendations. The Aboriginal stakeholders are to be allowed a period of 28 days to review the report and provide responses to it, in line with the consultation guidelines. The consultation period is currently expected to open on 24 February 2012 and to close on 23 March 2012, at which point Austral Archaeology will finalise the draft report and provide detailed recommendations. Please note that these dates are still provisional.

The Heritage Assessment conducted by GML has highlighted the significant levels of ground disturbance which has occurred within the development area and the low potential for *in situ* Aboriginal cultural heritage to be present. The conclusion of GML is that previous disturbance means that there will be no constraints from the presence of archaeological Aboriginal cultural heritage. However, the Aboriginal community are to be offered the opportunity to provide written submissions providing information regarding the cultural significance of the study area.

Our preliminary recommendations are similar to the management recommendations outlined by GML. These are likely to include the recommendation that a Cultural Heritage Management Plan be created for the site, as well as that an archaeologist be present during all initial groundworks.

In summary, I do not foresee any issues which would halt this project and believe that our proposed methodology and involvement in the project will allow for the successful management of any extant Aboriginal cultural heritage.

If I can be of any further assistance, or provide clarification on any of the matters raised in this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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