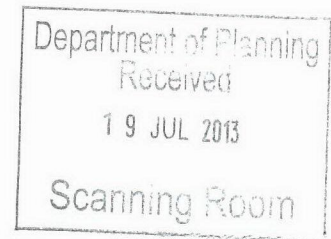


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Attention: Caitlin Elliot

Dear Ms Elliot

**RE: STATE SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT - ATLAS-CAMPASPE MINERAL SANDS PROJECT
(SSD-5012) – EXHIBITION OF EIS**

I refer to your letter requesting the NSW Heritage Council's comments in relation to the proposed Atlas-Campaspe Mineral Sands Project pursuant to Part 4 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979* (as amended). The proposal consists, in part, of the following works:

- Ongoing exploration activities;
- Sequential development and operation of two separate mineral sands ore extraction areas within the Mining Lease Application (MLA) 1 area;
- Mineral processing infrastructure;
- Reverse osmosis plant to supply the salt washing facility and potable water;
- Progressive development of water storage dams, sediment basins, pumps, pipelines and other water management equipment and structures;
- Administration/office buildings, car parking facilities, workshop and stores;
- On-site accommodation camp;
- Sewage treatment plant;
- Diesel powered generators, electricity distribution station and associated internal electricity transmission lines;
- Site access road, internal access roads and haul roads;
- Roadworks along the proposed mineral concentrate transport route to the Ivanhoe Rail Facility; and
- Transport of mineral concentrates along the mineral concentrate transport route to the Ivanhoe Rail Facility.

Sections 4.8 and 4.9 and Appendix E specifically deal with Cultural Heritage issues incorporating assessments of European and Aboriginal heritage issues. Specifically in terms of cultural heritage the following conclusions and recommendations were made:

- 100 Aboriginal heritage sites were located in the project area and surrounds;
- A number of these sites have been identified as likely to be disturbed and a Heritage Management Plan has been developed in consultation with the Aboriginal community and OEH;

- Two sites of potential European heritage significance have been located (early 20th century carved tree survey mark and remains of 1880s domestic dwelling); and
- As the potential European sites are located outside of the project area and are not going to be disturbed, no specific mitigation has been proposed.

The following advice is provided:

- Based on the submitted documentation it appears that there is likely to be no impacts on any European heritage items.
- The Heritage Management Plan should include a clause similar to the following:
 - *If any material of potential archaeological significance is unearthed, work will cease in the vicinity of the find until specialist heritage advice has been obtained. The NSW Heritage Council will be notified of the discovery of any relics.*
- Section 146 of the NSW Heritage Act regarding the notification to the NSW Heritage Council of discovery of any 'Relics', is not turned off by the SSD process. A condition of consent should be included as follows:
 - The Applicant must ensure that if substantial intact archaeological deposits and/or State significant relics not previously identified are discovered, work must cease in the affected area(s) and the Heritage Council of NSW must be notified. Additional assessment may be required prior to works continuing in the affected area(s) based on the nature of the discovery.

The Heritage Division would be happy to review any further documentation that may address any likely heritage impacts. If you have any further enquiries regarding this matter, please contact Gary Estcourt at the Heritage Branch on (02) 9873 8562.

Yours sincerely



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