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Re: Eastern Creek Business Hub State Significant Development - Response to Submissions

Archaeological and Heritage Management Solutions Pty Ltd (AHMS) prepared a Baseline Historical Archaeological Impact Assessment for the land associated with the Eastern Creek Business Hub State Significant Development. AHMS was then asked to respond to submissions regarding the results and recommendations provided in a baseline historical archaeological impact assessment (*Baseline Historical Archaeological Assessment - Proposed Eastern Creek Business Hub, Western Sydney Parklands*, AHMS, 7 August 2012).

One submission regarding the report prepared by AHMS was received.

Submission received from Blacktown City Council

The submission is as follows:

Historical Archaeological Assessment

The historical significant items discussed in the report did not acknowledge that the two former Begg houses and the school are highly likely to remain sub surface. This should not stop use of the site but archaeological monitoring of three sites should be required for ground works.

The report should assess the potential significance of the remains if found.



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AHMS response to this submission:

The Baseline Historical Archaeological Assessment identified the location of two 'Beggs' houses and the former school located at the southern end of the site.

However, based on the subsequent land use history and a site inspection, the assessment indicated that it is unlikely that any substantial features or deposits associated with the historical use of the study area survive at the site.

Potential historical archaeological remains at the site associated with the Beggs houses or the school, should they exist, would be disturbed and would most likely comprise disparate objects associated with previous occupation of the site. Such disturbed remains, should they survive at the study area, are unlikely to have State or local heritage significance. As a result, the remains would not be considered to be 'relics', as defined by the Heritage Act 1977.

The Baseline Historical Archaeological Assessment identified that no further work is required prior to development, in relation to historical archaeology.

In summary, based upon research, site inspection and professional assessment of site formation processes it was concluded that the remains of the school and the two houses may exist but would have limited research potential and are regarded as insignificant.

In a submission provided by the Heritage Council of NSW through the Office of Environment and Heritage dated 25 October 2012 the following was stated:

- *Based on the information provided, it appears there is likely to be no impact on items of heritage significance or archaeological relics.*
- *Any consent should include a condition that states that if substantial intact archaeological deposits are found then all works should cease and the Heritage Council notified.*
- *This above condition should form part of any Environmental Management Plan or similar for the project.*

In a review of submissions prepared by the Department of Planning and Infrastructure (dated 23 November 2012) it is stated that the Department required additional information to complete its assessment. These were outlined in an attachment referred to as Schedule 3. Point 3 of Schedule 3 states that:



The Heritage Impact Statement (HIS), prepared by Graham Brooks and Associates should address the impact on the former sites of 3 historically significant heritage items, including two houses associated with the Begg family and the first Eastern Creek Public School.

This would appear to be a restatement of the submission made by Blacktown City Council. The AHMS response to the Blacktown City Council submission is framed within the meaning and interpretation of the NSW Heritage Act 1977 - this is the primary legislative instrument in New South Wales that defines both heritage significance and the requirements for archaeological management. The submission by the NSW Heritage Council concurs with the AHMS Baseline Historical Archaeological Assessment and provides recommendations regarding the future management of any intact archaeological deposits that may be discovered or revealed during works. Such deposits would only be deemed significant if they met the significance criteria attached to the 'relics' provision of the Heritage Act.

The findings of the Baseline Historical Archaeological Assessment, the response by AHMS to the submission by Blacktown City Council, and the submission provided by the NSW Heritage Council when viewed together, should be regarded as sufficient to address the concerns outlined in Point 3 of Schedule 3 of the NSW Planning and Infrastructure Submissions' Review.

Yours sincerely,



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