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'NeW Space' Development - 409 Hunter Street, Newcastle Review of draft Mitigation Measures – SSD6457

Dear Gillian,

APP Corporation Pty Limited, on behalf of The University of Newcastle, has commissioned Archaeological Management and Consulting Group (AMAC) to review draft mitigation measures for the 'NeW Space' development by the University of Newcastle at 409 Hunter Street, Newcastle.

The following interpretations have been incorporated into revisions of the draft mitigation measures. These have been drafted following collaboration with the Office of Environment and Heritage (Newcastle - OEH) and the Heritage Division of NSW (HD) with reference to matters pertinent to the Heritage Act and the NPW Act, usually administered directly by these bodies. However in this instance the project has been determined as a State Significant Development (SSD 6457) and matters pertinent to these acts will be managed directly by the Department of Planning and Environment (DoPE). In review, the input, scope and competency of the data required is equal to the existing permit system.

Following discussions, email and draft recommendations (with OEH/ HD), the following actions are necessary to close out the existing test excavation works, and complete documentation for the DoPE to endorse the necessary archaeological field works and subsequent reporting process. The DoPE will refer archaeological matters to the relevant body (OEH/ HD) for review. There are no specific statutes or guidelines for DoPE, OEH or HD to manage the SSD process for archaeology; however the practices currently adopted internally to manage this process are those which are advised here. No standard endorsements for archaeology (s140 or AHIP) will be issued by DoPE. Overarching project endorsement will include archaeological components and conditions, and it is understood that these measures represent current best practise in dealing with archaeological matters within the SSD concept.

Heritage Act (1977) & NPW Act (1974) – Close out testing phase requirements

Complete under both acts, all reporting for test excavation in terms of the original conditions or guidelines of the endorsing bodies (as opposed to the interim management report supplied), Additionally undertake the revision of the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment (ACHA) document be made based on the finds of testing.

This documentation should be supplied to the relevant bodies (HD & OEH) and the DoPE for SSD purposes. These studies close out the existing works set by test excavations for the HD and the OEH.

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DoPE Field Phase Documentation & Post Excavation Matters (replaces s140 permit & AHIP)

The second phase of documentation includes compliance with SSD 6457 conditions issued by DoPE for data. These include an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Plan, Indigenous liaison and a research design, excavation methodology and impact analysis for both forms of archaeology (OEH and HD), DoPE liaison as required, field works prior to development and final reporting resultant there upon in terms of the conditions and endorsed documentation.



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Table 1 – Table outlining European and Indigenous Heritage tasks.

Task	European Heritage	Indigenous Heritage	Consent Authority	Phase	DoPE/ HD/ OEH 'current practice' SSD
A-B	Close out Test Excavation permit Report (Table 1)	Close out Test Excavation guidelines report	HD/ OEH	Completes Testing	√
C	-	Revised ACHA	OEH	Completes Testing	√
D-E	Bridging Documentation (HIS, Methodology etc.)	Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Plan	DoPE (vetted by HD/ OEH)	Final Endorsements main excavation	√
F-G	Monitoring & recording as required	Comprehensive core excavation area	DoPE (vetted by HD/ OEH)	Final Field Works	√
H-I	Final Excavation Report European Heritage	Final Excavation Report Indigenous Heritage	DoPE (vetted by HD/ OEH)	Final Reporting*	√
J-K	UoN to retain artefacts	Artefacts re-buried, or retained by stakeholders	DoPE (vetted by HD/ OEH)	Completion	√