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Dear Ms Matthews

**Altis Warehouse and Logistics Hub - 585-649 Mamre Road, Orchard Hills (SSD-7173 – MOD 3)  
– Notice of Modification**

Thank you for your email of 27 July 2018 received by the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) requesting comments on the Modification application for the above development.

OEH has reviewed the relevant documents and provides recommendations and comments in Attachment A.

Please note, OEH will not be providing comments on flooding matters at this time. This does not indicate OEH support for the proposal, and these matters may still need to be considered by the consent authority.

If you have any queries regarding this matter, please contact Janne Grose on t :8837 6017 or e: [janne.grose@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:janne.grose@environment.nsw.gov.au)

Yours sincerely

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## Attachment A

### **Altis Warehouse and Logistics Hub - 585-649 Mamre Road, Orchard Hills (SSD-7173 – MOD 3) – Notice of Modification**

Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) has reviewed the following documents:

- Modification application report
- Ecological Assessment for the realignment of a 1<sup>st</sup> order watercourses – 31 May 2018
- Civil Engineering report – 18 June 2018
- Bushfire Assessment – 16 March 2016

and provides the following comments.

#### Construction of new channel

The Modification report indicates the MOD 3 application proposes to construct a new drainage channel to replace the current realigned channel. In relation to the new channel, it is recommended:

- a fully vegetated riparian corridor is established along either side of the new channel (measured from top of bank) consisting of a diversity of local provenance native plant species from the relevant native vegetation community
- local native grass species and native shrubs are established along the channel batters to assist stabilise the channel and improve habitat value
- the outlet of the new channel and bank of South Creek near the proposed works is revegetated with local native vegetation to improve habitat, stabilise the bank and mitigate the potential for scouring

#### Filling of the existing channel

In relation to the proposed filling of the existing channel to pre-existing levels, it is recommended:

- the riparian corridor along South Creek where the existing channel is proposed to be filled is revegetated with a diversity of local provenance native plant species from the relevant native vegetation community.

#### Preparation of a Vegetation Management Plan

If the modification application is approved, it is recommended a condition of consent is included to prepare a Vegetation Management Plan (VMP) to address the above issues and provide details on the rehabilitation of a vegetated riparian corridor along either side of the new channel and the riparian areas disturbed along South Creek including:

- the proposed vegetation (such as plant species/communities, spacings, tubestock / virocells / long stems / direct seeding, etc.)
- maintenance of the vegetation (such as maintenance period, watering, replacement of plant losses, weed control etc)
- the monitoring and review of the vegetation
- the long-term protection and maintenance of the vegetation
- the provision of a permanent physical barrier (such as a fence/bollards etc), to prevent inadvertent damage to the riparian vegetation

#### Aboriginal cultural heritage

There is potential for the construction and excavation of the new channel to impact Aboriginal archaeology, particularly as:

- there is an existing Aboriginal site (45-5-4717) recorded in 2016 in close proximity to the existing channel and the proposed works. The modification proposal could impact on these sites
- there is an existing Aboriginal site (45-5-4719) recorded in 2016 on the SSD-7173 site
- the channel maximum width is to be 23 m and drainage easement for the new channel is to be 35m wide (see Section 2, page 3 of Modification report)
- the channel works are located on RU2 (Rural Landscape) zoned land and may have had minimal past ground disturbance
- the works are in close proximity to South Creek which has cultural landscape value to Aboriginal people.

The modification application should identify and describe the Aboriginal cultural heritage values that exist across the whole area that will be affected by the development and document these in an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report (ACHAR). This may include the need for surface survey and test excavation. The identification of cultural heritage values must be conducted in accordance with the Code of Practice for Archaeological Investigations of Aboriginal Objects in NSW (OEH 2010), and guided by the Guide to investigating, assessing and reporting on Aboriginal Cultural Heritage in NSW (DECCW, 2011).

Consultation with Aboriginal people must be undertaken and documented in accordance with the Aboriginal cultural heritage consultation requirements for proponents 2010 (DECCW). The significance of cultural heritage values for Aboriginal people who have a cultural association with the land must be documented in the ACHAR.

Impacts on Aboriginal cultural heritage values are to be assessed and documented in the ACHAR. The ACHAR must demonstrate attempts to avoid impact upon cultural heritage values and identify any conservation outcomes. Where impacts are unavoidable, the ACHAR must outline measures proposed to mitigate impacts. Any objects recorded as part of the assessment must be documented and notified to OEH.

(END OF SUBMISSION)

