

31 March 2017

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Dear Mr Morten,

**Re: Western Sydney Stadium: S96, Submission Response
Historical Archaeology**

In response to the issues raised by the proposed remediation of an area included in the Stage 2 DA it is now proposed to include this area for remediation within the S96 Modification 1 rather than in the Stage 2 DA. The historic heritage values of the area for remediation of the subject area are addressed as part of the Stage 2 application in the heritage report: *Western Sydney Stadium – Stage 2 DA, Statement of Heritage Impact SSD 8175*, March 2017 by Casey & Lowe and Musecape. This will be referred to below as the Report. A copy of this report is being included within Modification 1 but the amendment to the Mod 1 only relates to the additional early works within the new area and management of the historical archaeology and the removal of trees.

The key issues relating to the area to be transferred to the Modification 1 application are that:

- In the Stage 2 application we identified the subject area to be within a State Heritage Register area (SHR:00596) and outside of the Stage 1 EIS boundary (Figure 1, See report, Section 2.0, Figure 2.6).
- It is outside of the National Heritage-listed curtilage of Old Government House and Government Domain (see report, Section 2.0, Figure 2.3).
- It is outside of the World Heritage Area (WHA) and the nearby buffer zone but its values are similar to those included with the WHA (see report, Section 2.0, Figures 2.1, 2.2, 2.3). The works are within a zone of high sensitivity in relation to the WHA (Report, Figure 2.4).
- An Archaeological Research Design (ARD) was written outlining an appropriate methodology to manage the remediation and retain the archaeological significance of the Government Farm and its full range of archaeological values.

Archaeological Significance and Proposed Impacts

The subject area includes part of the State-significant Government Farm which is considered to have national significance (Figure 4). The heritage values of the subject site are discussed in Section 5 of the report. The proposed impacts on Historical Archaeology by the remediation are set out in Section 10.1.1 and relate to areas containing asbestos. Understanding of the

presence of this asbestos material (ACM) is that it was dumped there during previous Stadium works.

As noted in the Report there is potential to impact on the archaeology and the curtilage of the Government Farm during remediation to remove ACM within the area. An ARD for managing potential impacts during the remediation is included in Section 13.0 of the Report and is attached to this letter. The ARD applies to both Mod 1 and the Stage 2 DA. A minor change to the personnel of the project is identified in the attached version of the ARD.

Removal of Trees

As the subject area is within the SHR boundary of Parramatta Park the proposed removal of trees may have an impact on significance. The proposed removal of trees would be undertaken as part of the remediation and the removal was analysed in the Report (Section 8.0, 11.3). The trees within the subject area are all native and exotic species and were not considered to have heritage values. A number of native trees are located within a median strip. This is within a deeper area of contaminated fill (Report, Figure 8.2). The removal of these trees is considered to be respecting the curtilage of the Government Farm with the landscape of river terraces (Report, 11.3, p. 97).

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions.

Yours sincerely



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Director

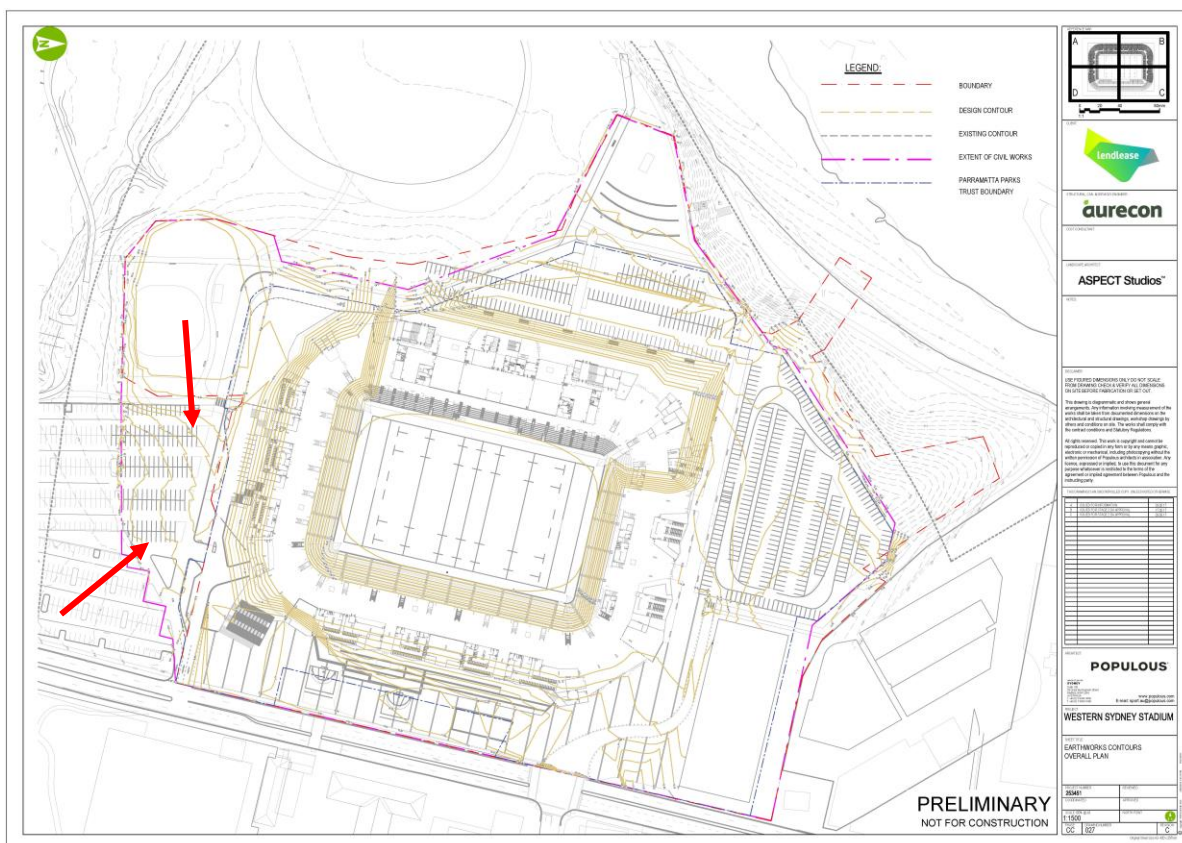


Figure 1: Plan of the Western Sydney Stadium showing the area to be included in Modification 1.

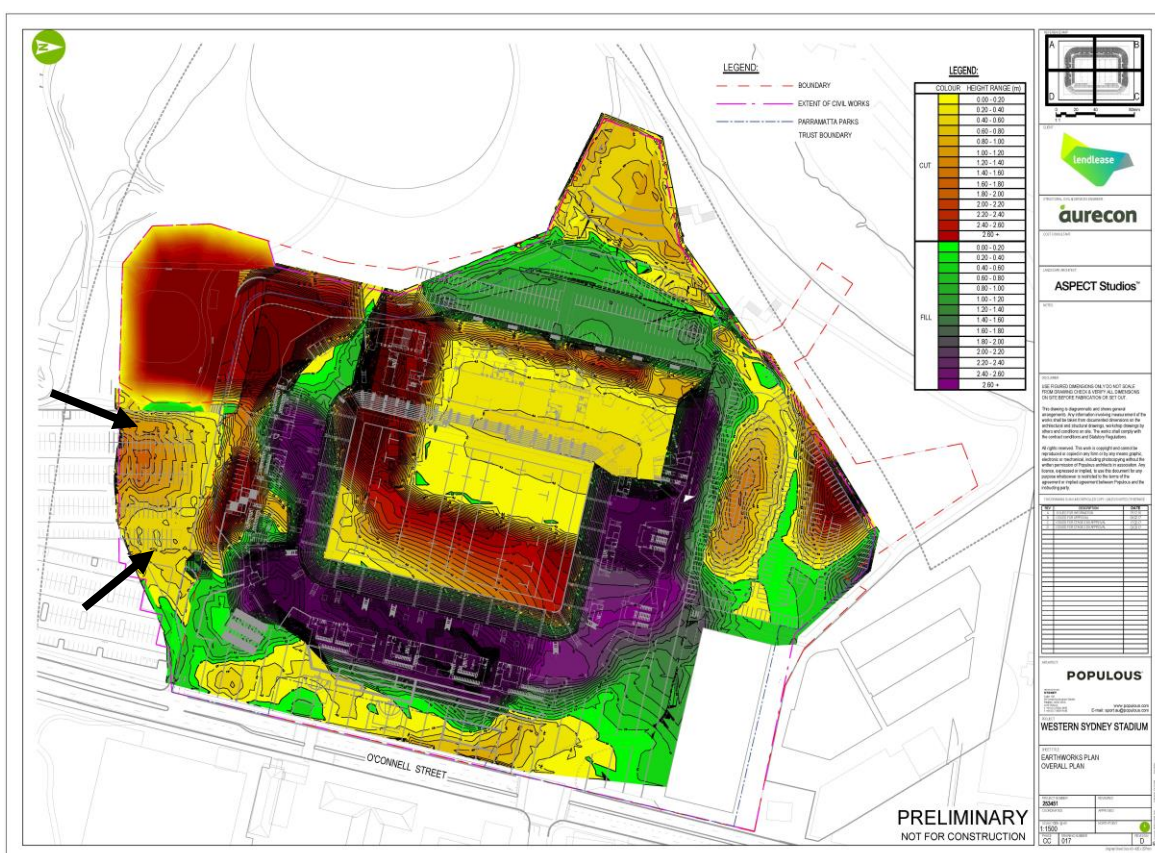


Figure 2: Plan of bulk excavation showing the subject area, with excavation up to 1.4m deep in the southern area.



Figure 3: The southern area bounded by the pink line is the subject area. It is mostly within a Parramatta Park Trust carpark.

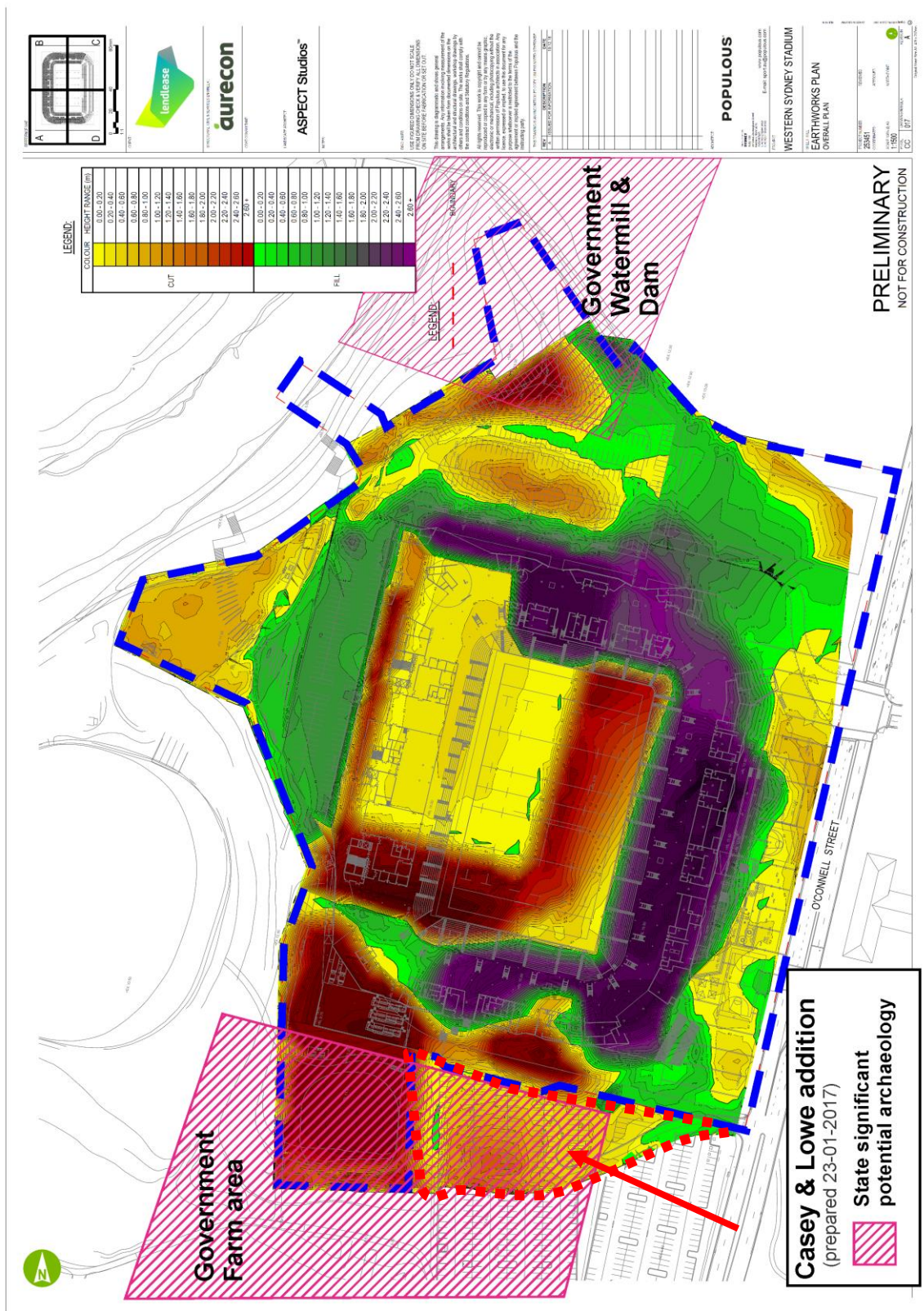


Figure 4: Bulk excavation plan showing the location of the subject area to be included in Mod 1 and the curtilage of the Government Farm.