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Attention: Brendon Roberts

Dear Ms Watson

**Request for SEARs - Martin Place Station Precinct**

I refer to your letter received 31 March 2017 by the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) seeking input into the Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) for the Martin Place Station Precinct concept commercial development (SSD 8351). OEH has reviewed the relevant documentation and recommends the inclusion of the following Aboriginal cultural heritage assessment requirements in the SEARs.

**Aboriginal cultural heritage**

1. The EIS must 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 the EIS. This may include the need for surface survey and test excavation. The identification of cultural heritage values should be guided by the Guide to investigating, assessing and reporting on Aboriginal Cultural Heritage in NSW (DECCW, 2011).
2. Where Aboriginal cultural heritage values are identified, 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 EIS.
3. Impacts on Aboriginal cultural heritage values are to be assessed and documented in the EIS. The EIS must demonstrate attempts to avoid impact upon cultural heritage values and identify any conservation outcomes. Where impacts are unavoidable, the EIS must outline measures proposed to mitigate impacts. Any objects recorded as part of the assessment must be documented and notified to OEH.

If you have any queries regarding this matter please contact Marnie Stewart on [marnie.stewart@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:marnie.stewart@environment.nsw.gov.au) or 9995 6868.

Yours sincerely

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