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Dear Mr Fetterplace,

**RE: Heritage Division comments on exhibition of Glebe Island Aggregate Handling and Concrete Batching Facility (SSD 8544)**

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I refer to your letter 14 April 2018 inviting comments on this above State Significant Development application which includes:

- Six (6) aggregate silos located along the southern edge of the island with a roof structure and a conveyor feed for aggregates to be delivered by ship
- A fully enclosed double height warehouse facility to accommodate
  - Heavy vehicle tipping bin area along the northern edge of the warehouse
  - Concrete loading area with separate ingress and egress points for agitator trucks and cement tankers
  - Truck wash bay
  - Concrete batch room
- Separate site office building
- At grade car parking with 64 spaces.

The Glebe Island is not heritage listed. However, it is within the vicinity of some State heritage listed items.

- Glebe Island Bridge a State-listed heritage item (SHR: 01914) (20 metres south of the Site)
- White Bay Power Station a State-listed heritage item (SHR: 01015) (740 metres west of the Site)
- The Glebe Island Silos listed as an item of Local heritage significance under the Glebe Island and White Bay Masterplan (Sydney Port Corporations, 2000) (120 metres west of the Site).

Section 5.10 and Appendix C of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) addresses cultural heritage issues and provides the following conclusions and mitigation measures.

- The proposal will not have any impacts on the significance of the Glebe Island Bridge, White Bay Power Station and Glebe Island Silos;
- Significant views including those at Balmain and the White Bay Power Station will not be impacted by the proposal; and
- Due to the potential to impact archaeological items associated with the construction of the Glebe Island Bridge an Archaeological Research Design and Methodology, including monitoring program, should be prepared.

I make the following comments based on our review of the information provided.

#### Fabric, Views and Vistas

- Long distance views to the Glebe Island Bridge will be partially impacted by the new development. These impacts will be restricted to the western abutments of the bridge from Birrung Park and Peacock Point in Balmain and Pirrama Park in Pyrmont. Views from Sommerville Road immediately above the cutting to the west of the bridge will also be impacted.
- Views to the western approach will be obscured, but the visual form and setting of the Glebe Island Bridge will not be obstructed. Views from Sommerville Road are within the controlled port area and are not readily accessible by the public.
- The construction is adjacent to the Glebe Island Bridge and will not impact the structure itself.

#### Archaeology

- The EIS included an assessment indicating the potential for archaeological resources to be present within the vicinity of the proposed silos associated with the concrete batching plant. The potential archaeological resources are associated with sections along the former alignment of Glebe Island Bridge across the harbour and the western abutments. The assessment indicated the proposed excavation below the current hardstand has potential to encounter the tops of former piles or relics not removed as part of the later reclamation works. Remains associated with the first bridge are likely to include former piles and other associated structural remains that may have been deposited onto the former foreshore or seabed area when it was removed from the site. The assessment indicated that these remains would have high research value to yield information relating to the construction techniques associated with the construction of the bridge.
- The assessment recommended the following mitigation measures, including, the preparation of an historical archaeological monitoring program concurrent to the excavation works including an Archaeological Research Design and Methodology for archaeological monitoring and a recording procedure of any remains or relics that are uncovered. However, it is noted that Archaeological Research Design and Methodology was not included as part of the EIS documentation.
- The EIS also indicated the potential for remains associated with former piles and structural remains of the former Glebe Island Bridge which may have been deposited onto the former foreshore or seabed area. The documentation does not assess the impact of the proposal on submerged maritime heritage sites within the site.

- It is recommended that this proposal and any future modification proposal involving impacts to the seafloor should be supported by an assessment which addresses impact to potential maritime heritage sites including a search of the maritime heritage database.

#### Recommendations

The following conditions of consent are recommended.

- The EIS should address any impacts to potential maritime heritage sites including a search of the maritime heritage database.
- The EIS should be supplemented with an Archaeological Research Design and Methodology prepared by a suitably qualified and experienced historical archaeologist. The assessment should be prepared in accordance with Heritage Council of NSW guidelines including *Archaeological Assessments 1996* and *Assessing Significance for Historical Archaeological Sites and Relics 2009*.
- The detailed Archaeological Research Design and Methodology should be provided to the Heritage Council for review prior to any determination of the application. Based on this supplementary assessment to address these elements in sufficient detail, the Heritage Council would be able to provide more specific advice for recommended conditions of approval to manage this resource.

If you have any questions regarding the above advice, please contact Gary Estcourt, Senior Heritage Officer, at the Heritage Division on (02) 9895 6409 or at [gary.estcourt@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:gary.estcourt@environment.nsw.gov.au).

Yours sincerely



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