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City of Sydney historical association
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Dear Beverly Brooks

Glebe Island Concrete Batching Plant

This letter has been written to make you aware of a recent heritage assessment undertaken for Glebe Island and to request any input or further information you may have that may be relevant to this assessment.

AECOM has recently undertaken a heritage assessment of the Glebe Island area. This assessment was undertaken in relation to Hanson currently seeking consent to develop a new concrete batching plant at Glebe Island.

Glebe Island was not initially developed until the 1850s, when the Glebe Island Abattoir was established under an Act of Parliament. The abattoir was located to the south of the site. Development in this area did not commence until the shutting down of the abattoir and reclamation works commenced, associated with the construction of the Glebe Island grain silos in 1900. This was undertaken at the same time as the new Glebe Island Bridge was being constructed. A wharf frontage, silos and grain handling storage equipment occupied the site until 1984 when the Glebe Island area was cleared and used as part of the car export terminal.

The recent heritage assessment identified that the site is not registered on any statutory heritage registers, but is located adjacent to two items listed on the NSW State Heritage Register (SHR): the Glebe Island Bridge (SHR #01914), and the White Bay Power Station (SRH # 01015). This assessment has identified no direct impacts to any known heritage sites in the vicinity of the proposed concrete batching plant, including no impacts to the Glebe Island Bridge located immediately to the south. There would be some indirect impacts to the Glebe Island Bridge identified in the Conservation Management Plan, obscuring some views from Sommerville Road, located immediately to the west of the Bridge, and causing minor obscuring of views from the southern end of Balmain at Birrung Park.

The assessment has also identified the potential for archaeological remains associated with the first Glebe Island Bridge to be present in the vicinity of the proposed development, and these remains are likely to be of local significance.

The following mitigation measures have been recommended.

A historical archaeological monitoring program should be undertaken concurrently with any excavation works below the existing hardstand in the vicinity of areas of potential for archaeological remains associated with the first Glebe Island Bridge. The archaeological monitoring works are to be undertaken by a suitably qualified historical archaeologist under the approved Research Design and Methodology document.

At the conclusion of the work a report of the findings from the monitoring works will be prepared and submitted to the Heritage Division for their records.

Should you have any comments or further information relevant to this assessment could you please send it to the email address included below.

Yours faithfully



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