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Dear Erica

**Newcastle Inner City Bypass – Rankin Park to Jesmond (SSI 6888)
Infrastructure Approval Condition A1 and Table 1 definitions – Hollywood shanty town and
Wallsend Plattsburg tramway historical archaeological research design and excavation
methodology Stage 1 low impact work submission**

Transport for NSW (TfNSW) are currently completing early work for the fifth section of the Newcastle Inner City Bypass between Rankin Park and Jesmond. We are also continuing to refine the design and plan for the main work and are now planning to perform investigation and salvage work on the Hollywood shanty town and Plattsburg tramway heritage sites.

The Conditions of Approval (CoA) for the project include an allowance for construction and operation of the project to be carried out in stages. The development of a staging report to describe the proposed staging was accepted by the NSW Planning Secretary in October 2019.

Table 1 of the instrument of approval includes a definition of construction applicable to the project. The definition specifically excludes low impact work (where it is either listed or determined by the Environmental Representative or the Planning Secretary as low impact work) from requiring approval of a CEMP prior to the activity being carried out.

In the project staging report the project stages were identified and defined as construction or low impact work. An archaeological salvage program of Hollywood shanty town was identified as Stage 1 early work and is the subject of the enclosed low impact work submission. TfNSW are seeking approval from the Planning Secretary for the archaeological salvage program of Hollywood shanty town to be considered as low impact work under Condition A1 and Table 1 definitions.

The archaeological salvage program would be carried out in accordance with the Historical Heritage Research Design and Excavation Methodology prepared in response to CoA E21 and E22, and the low impact work submission.

As the proposed investigation and salvage works are within an area containing a threatened ecological community (ie Lower Hunter Spotted Gum Ironbark Forest) and have the potential to impact upon heritage items, consultation as identified in Table 1 of the instrument of approval with Biodiversity Conservation Division and Department of Premier and Cabinet – Heritage NSW have been carried out to assist the Planning Secretary in their determination. Neither agency raised any concerns to the classification of the proposed works as low impact in accordance with the Infrastructure Approval Condition A1 and Table 1 definitions. Copies of the correspondence to and from the agencies can be found as an attachment to the low impact work submission.

For further information or to provide comments, please contact Andrew Grainger on 0424 565 662 or by email andrew.grainger@transport.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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- Encl: 1. Newcastle Inner City Bypass 'Hollywood' shanty town site & the Wallsend / Plattsburg tramway – Historical archaeological research design & excavation methodology Stage 1 low impact work submission.
2. Newcastle Inner City Bypass 'Hollywood' shanty town site & the Wallsend / Plattsburg tramway – Historical archaeological research design & excavation methodology.