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Dear Mr Dumpleton

Reference is made to your letter requesting that the Heritage Council review the Response to Submissions Report by Hansen Bailey (dated August 2012) for the Coalpac Consolidation Project (10_0178). It is noted that the Heritage Council has previously provided comments on this project in August 2011, February 2012 and April 2012.

Accordingly, the Heritage Branch (on behalf of the Heritage Council) has considered the above and provides the following comments:

1. The Heritage Council notes that the comments provided by the Heritage Council (dated the 13th of April 2012) on the Environmental Assessment do not appear in the Response to Submissions Report.

The Heritage Council notes that as it is an independent statutory body, any comments provided by the Council can not be amalgamated with any other heritage organisation or government department. The Heritage Council would like this report amended to include their April submission on the project, the detail of which is provided below under points 2 & 3.

2. It is considered that the preparation of a Historic Heritage Management Plan detailed in Section 8.13.4 of the EA should be specifically listed as a Statement of Commitment by the Applicant.

This is to ensure that the management of heritage as referenced in the EA is undertaken in an appropriate manner and that all aspects of this management are documented in a way that allows all individuals working on this project to understand how and why historic heritage is being managed.

- It is recommended that a condition of Approval for this project require the preparation of a Historic Heritage Management Plan prior to works commencing.
- 3. Should any future archaeological works be required on non-Aboriginal heritage sites, including testing or salvage works, it is considered that the Excavation Director in question must be appropriately qualified to undertake these works.
 - It is recommended that a condition of Approval for this project require that the proposed Excavation Director for any future non-Aboriginal archaeological works demonstrate that they meet the requirements for managing these

archaeological works against the Heritage Council Excavation Directors Criteria. This submission should be forwarded to the Heritage Branch, Office of Environment & Heritage for confirmation.

If you have any questions regarding the above advice, please feel free to contact Katrina Stankowski at Katrina.Stankowski@heritage.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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As Delegate of the NSW Heritage Council