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Dear Ms Gibson

Modification 5 to Pitt Town Concept Plan (MP 07_0140 MOD 5)

I refer to your emailed letter of 9 June 2016 inviting the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) to comment on the above proposal.

OEH has reviewed the information provided and does not support the proposed modification to create three additional lots as it has the potential to increase future impacts on highly significant Aboriginal cultural heritage (ACH) values. With the additional lots created by the 2014 modification, this represents a 40% increase in the number of lots in the original concept approval.

OEH does not agree with the advice provided by Kayandel Archaeological Services (KAS). It does not reflect OEH's understanding of the ACH of the Pitt Town area or the extent recent development has impacted on these values. Based on archaeological excavations undertaken at the nearby Cleary Precinct in 2010 and currently underway in the adjoining Lot 11, the proposal area is considered very likely to contain intact deposits of Aboriginal objects that are highly significant both scientifically and to the Aboriginal community.

OEH disputes KAS's assertion that an ACH Conservation Zone exists. The public reserve that KAS references as a 'Conservation Zone' was rejected by OEH as an inappropriate conservation outcome as it is a sloping area within the flood zone which is very unlikely to contain the significant ACH values within the higher sand deposits of the proposal area.

If you have any queries regarding this advice please contact Richard Bonner on 9995 6917.

Yours sincerely

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