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Dear Mr Nixey

**Request for Modified Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) - Westfield Shopping Centre, Parramatta - MP 10\_0068 MOD 1 (Concept Plan)**

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I refer to your correspondence received on 8 September 2017 requesting advice from the Heritage Council of NSW for the draft Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) for Modification 1 to the concept plan MP 10\_0068 for Westfield Shopping Centre, Parramatta. Modification 1 involves relocating the proposed tower further west, increasing its height to 210 metres and increasing its floor plate for a 2 storey office podium with a resultant 39 storey tower plus roof plant level.

The draft SEARs have been reviewed and it is recommended that the following additional requirement should be added to **Key Issue 6. Heritage**:

- **The HIS should include a detailed Visual Impact Assessment (VIS) illustrated by accurate photomontages. The VIS should assess how the development affects the significant views identified in Annexure A, *Conservation Agreement for the protection and conservation of the World and National Heritage values of the Australian Convict Sites, Old Government House and Domain, Parramatta executed 23 December 2015* and advise how any adverse impacts would be minimised.**

For the Agreement, refer: <https://www.environment.gov.au/system/files/pages/4b63db66-1d8e-4427-91d1-951aff442414/files/ca-nsw-convict-sites.pdf>

On 12 October 2016, the Heritage Council of NSW recommended that this requirement should be included in the draft SEARs for MP10\_0068 - Concept Plan as the proposal is in the vicinity of the World Heritage buffer zone of Old Government House and Domain, Parramatta. However, this requirement was not listed in the draft SEARs for MP10\_0068. It is recommended that this requirement be included, particularly, as modification 1 now involves a substantial increase in the tower's height and bulk and the tower may present a long unrelieved west elevation to the significant views from World Heritage listed Old Government House and Domain, Parramatta.

If you have any questions regarding the above matter, please contact Ed Beebe, Senior Heritage Assessment Officer, at the Heritage Division, Office of Environment and Heritage on (02) 9585 6045 or [ed.beebe@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:ed.beebe@environment.nsw.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

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