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Attention: Mark Brown

Dear Michael,

## Subject: Exhibition of Environmental Assessment for Concept Plan, Discovery Point, 1 Princes Highway, Wolli Creek (MP 10\_0003)

I refer to your letter dated 24/8/2010 received by this Branch on 27/8/2010 requesting comments on the Environmental Assessment for the above mentioned proposal.

It is noted that the Tempe House and Magdalen's Chapel heritage items and curtilages are located in the near vicinity of the proposed works.

It is advised that the proposal and the EA documentation have been reviewed. It is requested that, should the application be approved, the following conditions be imposed to ensure that all heritage issues are satisfactorily addressed:

1. The recommendations (including mitigation measures) contained in the 'Environmental Assessment Report, Concept Plan, Discovery Point, 1 Princes Highway Wolli Creek Residential and Mixed Use Development (MP10\_0003)' by JBA Urban, August 2010 and Appendixes: U 'Statement of European Heritage Impacts Tanner Architects'; V 'Non-Indigenous Archaeological Investigation' by Casey and Lowe; W 'Aboriginal Heritage Impact Statement' by Jo McDonald Cultural Heritage Management must be implemented to minimise the impact of the development proposal. And specifically, the following recommendations relating to non indigenous and indigenous archaeological sites and relics must be implemented viz:

## a) 6.19 Non-Indigenous Archaeology

In accordance with the Non-Indigenous Archaeological Investigation (dated June 2010), the following recommendations must be implemented:

- i. The management of the potential archaeological remains of the Gardener's Cottage and Pine House should be in line with the approved Archaeological Management Plan which covered Area 6 (Casey and Lowe 2002). As such, the likely location of these buildings should be determined through triangulation of historic plans and any remains be recorded in detail using archaeological excavation, detailed planning and GIS survey and mapping; and
- ii. Should substantial intact archaeological deposits or features not identified in the Archaeological Assessment be discovered, work must cease in the affected area(s) and the Heritage Branch contacted for advice. Additional assessment and approval may be required prior to works continuing in the affected area(s) based on the nature of the discovery.

## b) 6.20 Indigenous Archaeology

In accordance with the Indigenous Heritage Assessment (dated June 2010), the following recommendations must be implemented:

- As part of the construction works for land identified as Zone 2 (having moderate potential) in the southwestern portion of the study area, a test excavation programme must be carried out on the land prior to commencement of works to ascertain whether intact archaeological material is present;
- Further archaeological investigation is required in the Zone 2 area to the east of St Magdalen's Chapel if subsurface deposits are impacted by proposed works;
- iii. Aboriginal archaeological excavation must be co-ordinated with any proposed investigation of non-Indigenous material, since intact Aboriginal archaeological deposits will be below any possible historic materials;
- iv. DECCW and the Department of Planning (Heritage Branch) must be consulted regarding the approach advocated before commencement of any proposed archaeological works (See clauses 3 and 4 below);
- A representative of the Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council (MLALC) must be contacted to ascertain if a representative of the Council may wish to be present to monitor topsoil removal and ground disturbance works;
- vi. If human skeletal material is found, all works must cease immediately and the NSW Police Department and DECCW must

be informed. Works cannot recommence until the Police Department is satisfied that the bones do not relate to a recent crime. DECCW must grant a Section 90 AHIP for removal of the Aboriginal bones. This must be done in consultation with the Aboriginal community; MLALC may wish to have Care and Control of the archaeological material retrieved by this salvage excavation. This will need to be negotiated by MLALC, DECCW and the Australian Museum.

- All construction contractors, subcontractors and personnel are to be inducted and informed by the nominated heritage consultant prior to commencing work on site as to their obligations and requirements in relation to historical archaeological sites and 'relics' in accordance with guidelines issued by the Heritage Council of NSW.
- 3. All affected historical archaeological 'relics' and/or deposits of Local and State significance are to be subject to professional archaeological excavation and/or recording before construction works commence which will impact those 'relics'. A Research Design including an Archaeological Excavation Methodology must be prepared in accordance with Heritage Council guidelines. Those documents should be prepared for the approval of the Director-General, Department of Planning and should first be reviewed by the Heritage Branch, Department of Planning.
- 4. After any archaeological works have been undertaken, a copy of the final excavation report(s) shall be prepared and lodged with the Heritage Council of NSW, the City of Sydney and the Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority. The proponent shall also be required to nominate a repository for the relics salvaged from any historical archaeological excavations. The information within the final excavation report shall be required to include the following:
  - a. An executive summary of the archaeological programme:
  - b. Due credit to the client paying for the excavation, on the title page;
  - c. An accurate site location and site plan (with scale and north arrow);
  - d. Historical research, references, and bibliography;
  - e. Detailed information on the excavation including the aim, the context for the excavation, procedures, treatment of artefacts (cleaning, conserving, sorting, cataloguing, labelling, scale photographs and/or drawings, location of repository) and analysis of the information retrieved; f/. Nominated repository for the items; g/. Detailed response to research questions (at minimum those stated in the Department of Planning approved Research Design);
  - f. Conclusions from the archaeological programme. This information must include a reassessment of the site's heritage significance, statement(s) on how archaeological investigations at this site have contributed to the community's understanding of the Site and other Comparative Site Types and recommendations for the future management of the site;
  - g. Details of how this information about the excavations have been publicly disseminated (for example, include copies of press releases, public brochures and information signs produced to explain the archaeological significance of the sites).

- 5. If, during development processes, any evidence of any Aboriginal archaeological site or relic is found other than those already identified, all work on the site is to cease and the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NSW) and the Heritage Branch contacted immediately.
- 6. If, during construction processes, any evidence of any previously unidentified European heritage items and/or archaeological relics is found (particularly at the Greenvale Homestead complex and its historic graveyard), all work on the site is to cease and the Heritage Branch contacted immediately.

Please contact John Dee of this Branch on (02) 9873 8572 for any enquiries regarding this matter.

Yours faithfully

13/09/2010

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