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Attention: Ben Eveleigh

Dear Ms Warton

RE: Review of preferred project report for Wet 'n' Wild Sydney, Reservoir Road, Prospect (MP10\_0190).

I refer to your letter dated 4<sup>th</sup> August (received on the 9<sup>th</sup> August) requesting review of the additional information in the Preferred Project Report for Wet 'n' Wild. Accompanying this letter was the Preferred Project Report and its associated Attachments lettered A through I by JBA Planning, dated August 2011.

Accordingly, these reports have been reviewed in tandem with the previous submissions from the Heritage Council and the following comments are provided:

- 1. It is noted that in response to the March 2011 submission by the Heritage Branch additional information has been sourced for the proposal including a Baseline Archaeological Assessment by AHMS and a Heritage View Analysis Report by Richard Lamb & Associates and that the Heritage Impact Statement by Graham Brooks & Associates and the final Landscape Master Plan has been revised to include recommendations from both these reports.
- 2. It is also noted that the Draft Statement of Commitments by the Applicant has been updated to include some recommendations from the Archaeological Assessment and the Heritage View Analysis.
- 3. It is considered that additional tree planting and buffer landscaping should be included along the western edge of the car park up to where the land for the Policeman's cottage is located to provide additional screening to help maintain the rural character of the area.
- 4. The final Landscape Masterplan details that an identity 'V' sign has been included in the vegetation gap adjacent to the car park area on Reservoir Road. The Heritage View Analysis has determined that this location is a view corridor from St Bartholomew's Church to Reservoir Road which should be maintained by a break in the buffer vegetation. It is considered that if this 'V' sign is located in this specific view corridor, it size and location should not detract from the view corridor.

5. Several specific errors were noted in the revised Statement of Heritage Impact by Graham Brooks & Associates. The State Heritage Register curtilage of Proposed Reservoir is incorrectly represented in Figure 1.4. The curtilage includes all of the land up to Reservoir Road. This incorrect curtilage provides a distorted view of the proximity of the subject site to Prospect Reservoir which is in fact, adjacent to it. This needs to be fixed.

Section 8.5 of the SoHI is titled 'Evaluation against the NSW Heritage Branch Correspondence'. The correspondence detailed in this Section was the Heritage Branch's first round of comments on the Proposal (December 2010) and is *not* the latest round of comments (March 2011) which the Preferred Project report details and responds to in Attachment B. This is inconsistent and provides a distorted view of comments provided. The SoHI needs to be amended to reflect all comments provided by the Heritage Branch.

Inquiries on this matter may be directed to Katrina Stankowski on 98738569 or via email at Katrina.Stankowski@planning.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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