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Dear Ms Sureda

Subject: MP 10_0111 - Inner West Light Rail Extension (IWLRE) – Conditions of Approval MCoA B14 – Historical Archaeological Assessment Report

Reference is made to your letter dated 30 March 2012 regarding the above Major Project and providing a copy of the 'Inner West Light Rail Extension: Historical Archaeological Assessment' prepared by AMBS, dated January 2012. Reference is also made to an email about this matter sent by Siobhan Lavelle on 20 April 2012 regarding the review of the Archaeological Assessment report.

The Heritage Branch notes that this Major Project was approved under Part 3A of the EPA Act on 16 February 2011 subject to Minister's Conditions of Approval (MCoA). MCoA B14 requires the preparation of a baseline archaeology assessment in consultation with the Heritage Branch.

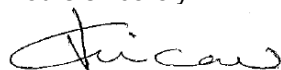
This letter confirms that the Heritage Branch has completed the review of the above report. The report advises that there is generally low potential for archaeological relics to survive, with some exceptions being the specific remains which might survive in parts of the IWLRE route, mostly related to historic brick-making activities. In-situ retention of relics is not considered warranted.

A program of archaeological monitoring and recording has been recommended in conjunction with the IWLRE works. A series of Research Themes have been proposed based on NSW Heritage Council Historic Themes. Research questions posed are considered appropriate. The report also makes reference to the need for an excavation director to be nominated who can help guide the works. The report further indicates that artefacts would be appropriately managed and that a final report would be provided. Any significant archaeological findings would be notified to the Heritage Council in accordance with S146 of the Heritage Act which has not been suspended by the operation of the Part 3A consent.

Based upon the review the abovementioned report is considered adequate to guide the forthcoming detailed design works and any subsequent archaeological works.

Please contact Siobhan Lavelle at the Heritage Branch using the details on this letter if you require any further information at this stage.

Yours sincerely



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