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Dear Ms Stening

Aboriginal Archaeologist Assessment – Gap Bluff Centre, Watsons Bay

I write in regards to the site inspection conducted on the above mentioned property on 18 January 2017. We have considered the information provided and the outcome of the site inspection and provide the following recommendations on behalf of the La Perouse Local Aboriginal Land Council (**La Perouse LALC**).

As you may be aware, the La Perouse LALC was established and operates within the provisions of the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983* (NSW) (**ALRA**) and currently represents a membership of 400 Aboriginal persons who reside within or have an association with the La Perouse LALC area. In accordance with Section 52 of the ALRA the La Perouse LALC has a statutory function to “*take action to protect the culture and heritage of Aboriginal persons in the Council’s area*”.

The coastal area of Sydney is a significant area for La Perouse LALC and the families of the La Perouse Aboriginal community due to the past occupation of the area up until 1882. Many Aboriginal families in La Perouse are descendants of Aboriginal people who traditionally camped and hunted and used the area for economic purposes (labor hire and business enterprises) from 1790’s to 1882 prior to the forced relocation to La Perouse.

Following the relocation to La Perouse, Aboriginal families continued to associate with the area through labor hire and cultural activities facilitated by local land holders.

The La Perouse LALC provides the following recommendations:

Recommendation 1:

The La Perouse LALC has no concerns with the planned amendments discussed during the inspection.

Recommendation 2:

The La Perouse LALC advises that if any Aboriginal objects (such as human or animal bone, shell material or stone artifacts) are impacted or unearthed during any activity on the property, the activity must cease and the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage and La Perouse LALC be contacted immediately.

If you would like to discuss this issue further please don't hesitate to contact the La Perouse LALC office on 9311 4282 during business hours.

Yours sincerely,



Chris Ingrey
Chief Executive Officer

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