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Dear Miljan

RE: Hospital Road REF aboriginal cultural heritage

Thank you for requesting our assistance in the Aboriginal Heritage component of the Review of Environmental Factors for the northern portion of Hospital Road, Randwick.

We have previously assessed the likelihood of significant or undisturbed potentially artefact bearing deposit as low within Hospital Road. [in particular see 2018 MDCA ACHAR Appendix C]. The basis for this assessment is that the road is underlain by several services which would have caused significant disturbance to subsurface deposits.

Refer:

- Aboriginal Archaeological Assessment Stage 1 Development and Proposed Future Expansion of The Randwick Hospital Campus Randwick, NSW. Mary Dallas Consulting Archaeologists. 2018. Report to Advisian
- Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report. New Acute Services Building for The Prince of Wales Hospital, Randwick NSW. Mary Dallas Consulting Archaeologists. 2018 Report to NSW Health Infrastructure. Incorporating additional information on the ASB SSD expansion 2019

MDCA and the LaPerouse Local Aboriginal Land Council [LaPLALC] have been undertaking Aboriginal cultural and archaeological investigations across the ASB site between Botany Road, Hospital Road, High Street and Magill Street including the mid to southern portion of Hospital Road. MDCA are in regular contact with Mr David Ingreys of the LaPLALC as the work continues. The northern portion of that study area was investigated under a Heritage NSW Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit [AHIP]. The method of investigation described in the AHIP was also used over the ASB portion.

These investigations have included monitoring of deep machine trenching and manual excavations into some of the highest Randwick aeolian sand sheets of the Botany Dune system. These sands continue under Hospital Road and can be seen in the west-facing sections between Magill Street and the previous site offices of Lend Lease Building, to the north. The investigations also included partial monitoring of a deep trench for an electrical service along the northern fall of the dune spur apex on Hospital Road.

Monitoring under an Unexpected Finds protocol was identified as the appropriate methodology for the investigation of the southern end of Hospital Road and is applicable to the northern end. It would be usual to undertake a preliminary Aboriginal heritage assessment, in the first instance. However, it



could be argued that the existing Due Diligence for both the ASB and non-ASB lands, and the subsequent Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report [ACHAR] accompanying an application for an AHIP developed for the non-ASB lands would also apply to the Road in terms of archaeological potential and any required management options.

Management would include a provision for archaeological monitoring of civil excavations along the road as required. This would also involve the participation of the LaPLALC. The likelihood of preserving any Aboriginal site as may be found *in situ* is also assessed as low. It has been found that the LaPLALC prefer collection and, where possible, reconstruction for the purpose of community education and understanding. Their preferred treatment of human remains, to date, has been to salvage for reburial at their private repatriation grounds.

Yours sincerely

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