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**Mariyam Nizam**

Senior Heritage Assessments Officer

Heritage NSW

Department of Planning and Environment

**Re: Western Distributor, Sydney | DA 23/4398**

Dear Mariyam,

This letter has been prepared at the request of JCDcaux (the applicant) in relation to DA 23/4398. The DA seeks development consent for replacement and relocation of an approved third-party digital advertising signage structure on the Western Distributor (A4). The subject site is located within the City of Sydney. The principal environment planning instrument for the site is the *Sydney Local Environmental Plan 2012 (LEP 2012)*. The site lies within the curtilage of an item listed on the State Heritage Register ('Pyrmont and Glebe Railway Tunnels') under the *NSW Heritage Act 1977* and is also listed on the Transport Asset Holding Entity S.170 Register.

The proposed works involve the installation of a new digital advertising sign within the light railway corridor in Pyrmont, adjacent to the Western Distributor, at the eastern end of the Anzac Bridge. The new sign will be located on a steel mesh structure with a vertical planting system. The structure will be supported at ground level on the sandstone embankment by a concrete plinth.

Refer to Figure 1 which reproduces the site plan.



**Figure 1: Proposed site plan.**

Tzannes, 2023



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This letter should be read in conjunction with the following documents:

- Design Statement prepared by Tzannes.
- Construction Methodology Statement prepared by Hanlon Industries.
- Geotechnical Statement prepared by BHM Geotechnical Pty Ltd.
- Landscape Statement prepared by Common Grounds Landscape Architecture.
- Planting Statement prepared by Fytogreen.

Weir Phillips Heritage and Planning have reviewed the documents accompanying this submission and are satisfied that the methodologies proposed below for the installation and ongoing maintenance of the signage structure will have a minimal and acceptable impact on the State Heritage listed item. This will be achieved in the following ways:

- The Geotechnical Report confirms that installation of the signage is complex but feasible. Carrying out the works with minimal impact to the sandstone embankment can be achieved through procedures including hold points to ensure the safety and stability of the ground surface during geotechnical drilling and investigative works. It is anticipated that with appropriate management of the construction and installation of the sign, there will be little to no disturbance of the sandstone embankment.
- The Construction Methodology Statement provides detailed procedures which have been designed to mitigate any impact on the sandstone embankment, which includes measures for the initial investigation and preparation of the site, as well as for its ongoing protection during installation of the signage and post-construction site clean-up.
- The signage will use pre-grown planters and units as set out by the Landscape Statement. The plants will be watered using an irrigation system with any run-off directed to stormwater outlets, so as not to impact on the sandstone embankment.
- The plant species nominated in the Planting Statement are of a low maintenance native species which will have no impact on the sandstone embankment, whether as a result of growth or habit.

Please do not hesitate to contact me on 8076 5317 if you have any questions.

Yours faithfully,



**James Phillips** | Principal