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Dear Ms Inglis

**PLANNING PROPOSAL FOR 9 – 10 ROGER AVENUE AND 93 – 107 CECIL AVENUE,
CASTLE HILL (12/2016/PLP)**

I refer to your email dated 27 April 2018 seeking comments on the proposed upgrading of the Francis Street/Old Northern Road intersection in Castle Hill that would facilitate the development proposed by the abovementioned planning proposal. The following comments are supplementary to the comments provided on 6 November 2017 by a delegate of the Heritage Council of NSW.

It is noted that the site at 9-10 Roger Avenue and 93-107 Cecil Avenue, subject of the planning proposal, does not contain any heritage items listed on the State Heritage Register (SHR), or in 'Schedule 5 Environmental heritage' of The Hills Local Environmental Plan 2012. However, the Francis Street/Old Northern Road intersection that is planned to be upgraded to facilitate the proposed development, directly adjoins the St Paul's Anglican Church which is listed on the SHR (No. 00332).

It is understood that the Hills Shire Council requested a heritage impact study (HIS) to ascertain the impacts of the proposed intersection upgrade on the State listed St Paul's Anglican Church. The HIS prepared by Colin Israel Heritage Advice (April 2018) recommends 'Option 1A' as the most appropriate road widening option from a heritage perspective. 'Option 1A' does not involve any works within the SHR curtilage, nor on the adjoining footpath, and is unlikely to have impacts on the SHR item. Therefore, 'Option 1A' for upgrading of the intersection at Francis Street/Old Northern Road in Castle Hill as recommended by the HIS is supported. Any other Options as discussed on the HIS is likely to have adverse impacts on the significance of the SHR item and is unlikely to be supported.

Please note that any works within the curtilage of the SHR listed St Paul's Anglican Church will require approval from the Heritage Council of NSW under the *Heritage Act 1977*. In addition, any works in the vicinity of the heritage item could impact on potentially significant historical archaeological remains. Accordingly, it is recommended that consideration be given to the potential for any significant historic archaeology or relics that may be uncovered by

future excavation or ground disturbance near the heritage item. Such excavations are also likely to require approval from the Heritage Council under the *Heritage Act 1977*.

If you have any questions regarding the above matter please contact Vibha Upadhyay, Heritage Programs Officer, Statewide Programs at the Heritage Division, Office of the Environment and Heritage by telephone on [REDACTED] or email at vibha.upadhyay@environment.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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As delegate of the Heritage Council of NSW

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