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The General Manager
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ATTENTION: STRATEGIC PLANNING

**RE: RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING HERITAGE MATTERS
AT BOOMERNAG PARK, RAYMOND TERRACE.**

In respect to the matters raised by Council's Strategic Planning and in particular, Heritage related matters we provide the amended attached Statement of Heritage Impact (SoHI) prepared by John Carr Heritage Design (8 July 2015 Rev D). The further more detailed assessment is intended to address the location of the existing stone quarry/lagoon, additional investigations relating to historical aboriginal considerations, establish potential curtilage measures and inclusion of bibliography.

It is relevant to note, when identifying specific trees for retention in the absence of specific detailed analysis is somewhat problematic in that some of the trees in close proximity to the reservoir (which appear to have been deliberately planted and it would be reasonable to assume they were planted in conjunction with the opening of the reservoir) appear to be in poor condition.

The amended information provided identifies a suggested curtilage for the quarry lagoon area. It would be considered appropriate for buffers and appropriate treatment to be considered through further more detailed analysis that would occur with the preparation and lodgement of a Development Application. Such investigation through the Development Application stage may result in, for example only - specific tree types be utilised throughout any future subdivision or connection be provided directly from developed areas to the reservoir area etc.

We have also provided a search of the NSW Office of the Environment Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System which identifies there are no known aboriginal sites or places recorded or declared in the vicinity of the park.

The enclosed SoHI provides greater detail to those points raised and discussed above.

Should you have any questions or comments please do not hesitate to contact the below on 4942 5441.

Yours sincerely,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M B de Witt'.

**Matthew de Witt
Senior Town Planner**