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Re: Proposed Georges Cove Marina – Non-indigenous heritage

Dear Ernest,

1 Overview

This letter provides updated information regarding the non-indigenous Heritage assessment for the proposed Georges Cove Marina, 146 Newbridge Road, Moorebank (the project) by Heritech Consulting (Heritech 2003) (the 2003 assessment). It has been prepared on behalf of, Benedict Industries Pty Ltd (Benedict).

EMGA Mitchell McLennan Pty Limited (EMM) has been engaged by Benedict to review the 2003 assessment within the current legislative framework. This involved searching relevant statutory historic heritage databases to determine if protected heritage items exist in the project area. Aerial imagery from 1943 was also referenced to identify any historic items or potential archaeological deposits. No further field survey was required because the project area is the same as that surveyed for the 2003 assessment.

2 Previous investigation

The 2003 assessment involved historical research and a field survey of the project area. The site was noted to be extensively disturbed by previous landfill to the north and sand processing operations to the south. No historic items in the project area met local or state historic listing criteria. No areas of archaeological potential were identified (Heritech 2003).

3 Results

Heritage database searches of the Heritage Inventory and the Australian Heritage Databases Inventory were conducted on 9 April 2015. These were verified through more detailed searches of the following registers:

- Liverpool Local Environmental Plan (LEP) 2008: Schedule 5 Environmental Heritage;
- the State Heritage Register (SHR);
- the National Heritage List (NHL); and
- the Commonwealth Heritage List (CHL).

No heritage items were identified in project area from the above registers.

Review of aerial imagery from 1943 aimed to identify potential maritime historic structures related to the Georges River. No indication of structures such as, wharfs, jetties or retaining walls was identified. No other potential historic items were identified in the project area through a review of aerial imagery and database searches.

4 Conclusion and recommendations

No listed historic heritage items will be impacted by the project. As the project area has been highly disturbed, it is unlikely to have archaeological potential. As such, no further investigation is required. Although historic items are not expected to occur in the project area, EMM recommends the following procedures be implemented to avoid harming any historic items of potential significance.

1. If during the course of construction, Benedict or any subcontractors become aware of any previously unidentified historic structures or archaeological deposits all work likely to affect the object(s) should cease immediately an archaeologist be contacted for further advice. Indicators of historic buildings may include brick, timber or sandstone footings, or historic bottle and ceramic deposits. Indicators of maritime material may include sandstone blocks and timber piles adjacent to the river.
2. Benedict should provide heritage awareness training as part of the induction program for all on site personnel. The induction should include examples of historic artefacts and archaeological deposits so that unexpected finds can be identified during project construction.

5 Closing

I trust that this letter provides information relevant to the non-indigenous heritage aspects of the project. If you wish to discuss any of points raised in this letter or have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me on my details provided below.

Yours sincerely



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References

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