

4 October 2012

Office of Environment and Heritage
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Attention: Ms Fran Scully

Our Ref: 12-0387fs3

Re: Western Precinct, Jordan Springs , Salvage Area 5: Summary of archaeological works undertaken as authorised by AHIP #10996059

Dear Ms Scully

Following our phone conversation this afternoon (4 October), this letter is to provide you with a brief summary of the archaeological works undertaken at Salvage Area 5 (SA5), Jordan Springs Western Precinct.

Archaeological excavation in accordance with Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit (AHIP) #10996059, was undertaken by Godden Mackay Logan + Jo McDonald CHM (GML+ JMcDCHM), assisted by representatives from the registered Aboriginal stakeholders for the project (Deerubbin Local Aboriginal Land Council, Darug Custodian Aboriginal Corporation, Darug Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessments, Darug Tribal Aboriginal Corporation, and Darug Land Observations), from Monday 27 August 2012 to Friday 28 September 2012 inclusive. The excavation was carried out in accordance with the archaeological research design attached to the AHIP, and the conditions of that AHIP.

Archaeological excavation across SA5 was undertaken as a combination of systematic testing and open area salvage excavation. All deposits were hand excavated to the B horizon clay and wet sieved through nested 8mm and 3.5mm sieves. Forty two 1x1m test units were excavated on a staggered grid, centred across SA5, with 20m spacing. Following the completion of the forty two test units, three pits (Pits 22, 28 and 33) were selected for open area excavation due to moderate to high stone object densities and/or diagnostic stone object types. Each open area expansion was excavated until the outer limits of the feature (ie artefact densities) were reached. Area A (Pit 22) was expanded by 11m² from the original pit, Area B (Pit 28) was expanded by 44m² from the original pit, and Area C (Pit 33) was expanded by 4m² from the original pit.

A total of 101m² was excavated within SA5 (42m² through systematic testing and 59m² through open area excavation), from which a total of 1907 Aboriginal stone objects were recovered. Of the stone objects recovered, 1571 stone objects were recovered from Open Area B. Stone object analysis and recording will now take place for SA5, and a post excavation report detailing the excavation proceedings and all results, will be prepared. Stone objects from SA5 will be analysed on a comparable level with previous analyses of excavated assemblages on the Cumberland Plain and within the former ADI St Marys site, in order to make an accurate assessment of the significance

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of SA5. Once completed, the post-excavation report will be submitted to OEH, and a copy sent to all registered Aboriginal parties for the project.

Should you have any further questions regarding this excavation, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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