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Notice of Exhibition - Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) - Augusta Street Warehouse and Distribution Centre, Blacktown (SSD-36138263)

Dear Mr Williams,

Thank you for your referral seeking advice from the Heritage Council of NSW on the above State Significant Development (SSD) proposal.

The proposal is for the construction and operation of a warehouse and distribution centre comprising of four warehouse buildings including one multi-level building with a total GFA of 134,565 m², maximum height of 34.84 m, car parking, intersection and access works.

There are no State Heritage Register (SHR) items on the project site. To the east of the Prospect Highway is SHR item *St. Bartholomew's Anglican Church (former) & Cemetery* (SHR no. 00037).

Other SHR items in the vicinity include:

- *Former Great Western Road, Prospect* (SHR no. 01911)
- *Royal Cricketers Arms Inn* (SHR no. 00600)
- *Prospect Reservoir and surrounding area* (SHR no. 01370)

HNSW has reviewed the supporting documents including:

- Statement of Heritage Impact (Coast History & Heritage, August 2023)
- Environmental Impact Statement (Urbis, 12 September 2023)
- Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment (Habit8, 6 September 2023)
- Landscape plans (Habit8, 6 September 2023)
- Architectural plan (Pace Architects, August 2023)

As delegate of the Heritage Council of NSW, I provide the following advice in relation to environmental heritage matters:

- The Statement of Heritage Impact outlines that the development will impact the remnant rural setting of St Bartholomew's and its views towards the west. In mitigating the development, a neutral colour palette and screen planting is proposed at the eastern end.

- While screen planting is supported, the dimensions of the eastern landscape setback are unclear in the architectural and landscape plans. In some areas, this appears to be too narrow for the proposed canopy tree plantings and lower storey planting needed to mitigate the impact. To address this, HNSW recommends the development is amended to provide a minimum 8m landscape buffer within the site boundary at the eastern edge, to enable screen planting to be wholly accommodated and maintained within the subject site.
- The Statement of Heritage Impact provides recommendations in relation to unexpected archaeological finds, archival recording, and maintenance of screen planting. These are supported by HNSW.
- The Statement of Heritage Impact concludes that the proposed development will not impact heritage items in the vicinity. HNSW advises that the proposal will have an acceptable heritage impact to other SHR items in the vicinity. Advice on impacts to local heritage items should be sought from the local council.

If you have any questions about this correspondence, please contact Lily Chu, Senior Assessments Officer at Heritage NSW on (02) 9873 8500 or heritagemailbox@environment.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely

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