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Subject: DA2023/0669 - 16 Macpherson Street WARRIEWOOD

Attn: Alex Keller

Dear Alex,

**Development Application No. DA2023/0669** 

Description: Demolition work and the construction of 28 dwellings, infrastructure, roadworks, tree removal,

landscaping, community title subdivision and the dedication of the creekline corridor to Council.

Address: 16 Macpherson Street WARRIEWOOD

Reference is made to the proposed development at the above area and Aboriginal heritage.

Curio Projects completed an Aboriginal Objects Due Diligence Assessment in August 2023. The conclusions and recommendations made in the report were:

- The study area contains no registered AHIMS sites
- The nearest AHIMS site is 2.5km from the study area
- The study area is situated within the Warriewood swamp soil landscape
- The most likely site type to be present in the study area would be middens or low-density artefact sites representative of resource gathering
- Landforms within the Warriewood soil landscape have limited potential to contain subsurface Aboriginal objects due to a high-water table, regular flooding and erosion
- The highwater table and swampy nature of the study area is likely to have unappealing for long-term occupation and the study area is unlikely to have been utilised beyond transitory access to the resources nearby or occasional use for short-term campsites
- The study area does not contain any sandstone outcrops or platforms that would be required for grinding grooves to be present
- The study area has undergone various disturbances including intensive farming, construction of drainage, construction and ongoing use as a garden center/nursery that would have further reduced any archaeological potential
- No Aboriginal objects or areas of archaeological potential were identified during the site inspection
- Overall, the study area has low potential to contain subsurface Aboriginal objects based on the analysis of the landscape and understanding of the historical disturbances to the site over time
- Works can proceed without any further assessment of Aboriginal heritage.
- Should any suspected Aboriginal objects be identified during development, works should cease immediately, and an archaeologist be notified to assess the find. All workers on the site should be made aware of their obligations under the NPW Act 1974.

Given the above, the Aboriginal Heritage Office considers that there are no Aboriginal heritage issues for the proposed development.

Under the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974 (NPW Act) all Aboriginal objects are protected. Should any Aboriginal Cultural Heritage items be uncovered during earthworks, works should cease in the area and the

Aboriginal Heritage Office assess the finds. Under Section 89a of the NPW Act should the objects be found to be Aboriginal, Heritage NSW and the Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council (MLALC) should be contacted.

Kind regards

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I acknowledge and pay my respects to the traditional owners and ancestors of the lands in which the AHO work across.