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Attention: Andrew Hendy – Manager Environment

24/05/2023

Subject: Sydney Metro West, Western Tunnelling Package – Parramatta Metro Station Construction Site
– Request for Approval to Remove Heritage Convict Town Drain

Dear Mr Armstrong

I refer to your submission dated 6 March 2023 requesting approval to remove the remaining physical elements and archaeological deposits associated with the Convict Town Drain at the Parramatta Metro Station construction site. This request has been submitted in accordance with the provisions of condition D15 of SSI-10038. I also acknowledge your recent response to the Department's review comments and request for additional information.

I note that the remaining component of the Convict Town Drain is intact, substantial and representative of its type. It cannot, however, be protected and conserved *in situ* because it is located in a proposed basement.

It is proposed to remove the Convict Town Drain during Stage 1 while conducting further detailed archaeological excavation and research to contribute to the knowledge and significance of the drain. These results would then be integrated in the Heritage Interpretation Plan for the new Parramatta Metro Station.

As nominee of the Planning Secretary, I am satisfied you have demonstrated the removal of remaining physical elements and archaeological deposits associated with the Convict Town Drain is appropriate, in accordance with condition D15 of SSI-10038.

To ensure the works are undertaken in accordance with the commitments in your proposal and supporting documents, I give the following directions under condition A5 of SSI-10038:

Direction 1: All reasonable efforts must be made to salvage as much of the Convict Town Drain as possible.

Direction 2: All salvaged material must be conserved and suitably prepared for long-term storage. These materials must be retained until the conclusion of heritage interpretation planning for the new Parramatta Metro Station.

I give the following further direction under condition A5 of SSI-22765520:

Direction 3: All reasonable efforts must be made to incorporate the Convict Town Drain salvaged material into the final Heritage Interpretation Plan for the new Parramatta Metro Station. Material that cannot be utilised for heritage interpretation, may be offered to others or disposed of as appropriate.

Please ensure you make your request letter and this approval advice publicly available on the project website prior to further removal of the Convict Town Drain.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Leanne Mariani, Environmental Assessment Officer on 8275 1312 or leanne.mariani@dpie.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely

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Dominic Crinnion
Director
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As nominee of the Planning Secretary