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Attention: [REDACTED]

Draft Sydney Olympic Park Master Plan 2030 (Interim Metro Review) and Amendment to State Environmental Planning Policy (State Significant Precincts) 2005

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft Sydney Olympic Park Master Plan 2030 Interim Metro Review (draft Master Plan) and amendment to *State Environmental Planning Policy (State Significant Precincts) 2005* (SSP SEPP), intended to make changes to the planning controls for the Central Precinct to allow the delivery of a Sydney Metro station.

The following comments are provided in view of the draft Master Plan, Amendment and supporting studies:

Aboriginal cultural heritage considerations under the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*

Heritage NSW supports the 'Connecting with Country' themes for planning, design and construction; however, it is unclear what level of Aboriginal Cultural Heritage assessment (if any) has been undertaken to inform the draft Master Plan.

Heritage NSW considers upfront assessment of Aboriginal archaeological and cultural values, including open and inclusive consultation with the Aboriginal community, should be undertaken to inform the Master Plan.

This would involve identifying all potential areas, objects, places or landscapes of heritage significance to Aboriginal culture and people that may potentially constrain future development within the Central Precinct.

Upfront assessment provides essential information to enable decisions to be made about avoiding, mitigating and managing impacts to Aboriginal cultural heritage at an early stage. Heritage NSW recommends that identification of Aboriginal cultural heritage values and consultation with Aboriginal people be guided by the following documents:

- *Guide to Investigating, Assessing and Reporting on Aboriginal Cultural Heritage in NSW*
<https://www.heritage.nsw.gov.au/assets/Uploads/files/Guide-to-Investigating-Assessing-and-Reporting-on-Aboriginal-Cultural-Heritage-in-New-South-Wales.pdf>

- *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents 2010*
<https://www.heritage.nsw.gov.au/assets/Uploads/files/Aboriginal-Cultural-Heritage-Consultation-Requirements-for-Proponents.pdf>
- *Code of Practice for Archaeological Investigation of Aboriginal Objects in NSW*
<https://www.heritage.nsw.gov.au/assets/Code-of-Practice-for-Archaeological-Investigation-in-NSW.pdf>

Design controls should be incorporated into the Master Plan which enable conservation of significant Aboriginal cultural heritage values where identified through assessment.

Considerations under the *Heritage Act 1977* as delegate of the Heritage Council

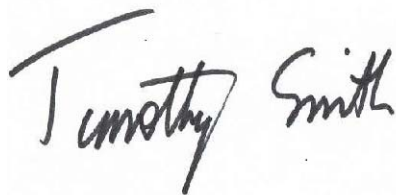
There are no State Heritage Register items within the Central Precinct, however the precinct does contain the 'State Abattoirs Heritage Conservation Area' (HCA) which is identified as having State significance under the SSP SEPP.

The draft Master Plan proposes a Central Urban Park adjacent to the HCA, this is considered to have a positive heritage outcome as it will allow for better integration between the HCA and the Central Precinct, and greater public interaction with and appreciation of the HCA.

As the HCA is listed under the SSP SEPP and the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, the assessment and consideration of impacts rests with the Department of Planning and Environment as the consent authority.

If you have any questions on this matter please contact [REDACTED] Senior Planning Officer, Heritage Assessments at Heritage NSW by email at [REDACTED] or by phone on [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely



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