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Planning Proposal – Consolidation of former Hurstville and Kogarah Local Environmental Plans into a single Georges River Local Environmental Plan

Dear Ms Connolly

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the planning proposal to consolidate the three Local Environmental Plans (LEP) applying to the former Hurstville and Kogarah local government areas into a single *Georges River Local Environmental Plan 2020*.

We have reviewed the planning proposal and note the following amendments which relate to heritage:

- including protection and preservation of the natural, built, cultural and Aboriginal heritage of Georges River, to build upon and enhance the character of local areas, as an aim of the LEP
- under Clause 4.3 – Height of Buildings, ensuring that developments provide appropriate height transition to items and areas of heritage significance
- under Clause 4.4 – Floor Space Ratio, ensuring that developments provide appropriate built form transition to items and areas of heritage significance
- aligning Clause 5.10 – Heritage Conservation with the Standard Instrument LEP
- introducing a new local Clause 6.2 – Earthworks, which ensures that earthworks which require development consent will not have a detrimental impact on cultural or heritage items or features of the surrounding land, among its provisions, and
- introducing a new local Clause 6.17 – Creative Industries in Zone IN2, to foster a diverse range of industries, including cultural heritage institutions, in the IN2 Light Industrial zone.

We also note that the planning proposal intends to make a number of amendments to Schedule 5 – Environmental Heritage, as a result of a Heritage Review of the former Hurstville local government area, including:

- removal of four local heritage items, which have either been demolished, heavily altered or been adversely impacted by recent development
- amendments to the curtilage of 19 local heritage items, including existing ‘façade only’ listings and the amalgamation of group items, and
- amendments to the descriptions of 84 local heritage items to provide property names or a greater level of detail.

We note that Council identified that the Inventory Sheets for some local items contained information which contradicted the LEP listing for the item. We understand that Council has now updated the State Heritage Inventory to reflect the LEP.

We consider that the amendments identified above will either have a positive heritage impact or are administrative in nature. As such, we do not raise an objection to any of the proposed changes.

We have reviewed our records and note that the amalgamated Georges River Council area contains:

- seven State Heritage Register items, and
- 78 Registered Aboriginal Sites.

Council should ensure that any amendments made to its planning controls will not have a negative impact on these heritage items and sites. We can provide additional information and advice if required.

If you have any questions regarding this matter please contact James Sellwood, Senior Heritage Programs Officer, Statewide Programs at Heritage NSW, Department of Premier and Cabinet by phone on 02 9274 6354 or via email at james.sellwood@environment.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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