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Draft Western Sydney Aerotropolis Plan and Supporting Documents

Dear Western Sydney Aerotropolis Team

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on the draft Western Sydney Aerotropolis Plan, the State Environmental Planning Policy (SEPP) Discussion Paper and Development Control Plan (DCP) for Phase 1 of the project. I apologise for the delay in our response.

Heritage, culture, history and tradition, both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal, define the local character of a place and help create and maintain a sense of meaning for communities. As such, it is important to identify heritage values and opportunities to protect and celebrate those values.

Heritage NSW congratulates the Planning Partnership on the level of detail and consideration given to Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal heritage in the draft Aerotropolis planning package, including:

- the strong focus on Aboriginal cultural heritage and the proposed Connecting with Country approach to planning for the Aerotropolis, which will include Cultural Design Principals and guidance from leaders in the Aboriginal community
- opportunities to include cultural infrastructure for Aboriginal people to practice and share culture and for the wider community to visit to interact with and understand the Aboriginal culture, history and heritage of Western Sydney
- the recognition of the importance of heritage as part of the wider cultural infrastructure of the area, and the need to preserve and activate heritage and integrate it with new development, and
- consideration of specific heritage conservation strategies and controls during the precinct planning process and in DCPs, including detailed site investigations which will inform master planning and development applications

The SEPP Discussion Paper identifies three State Heritage Register (SHR) items in the Aerotropolis:

- Kelvin Park Homestead (SHR 00046)
- Church of the Holy Innocents (SHR 02005), and
- Belfield Farm.

We note that Bellfield Farm is not listed on the SHR. The farm was nominated for SHR listing and considered by the Heritage Council of NSW's State Heritage Register Committee in October 2016. The SHR Committee found that the farm was of local significance only. Therefore, it is appropriate that the farm is listed as a Local heritage item under *Liverpool Local Environmental Plan 2008*.

Care must be taken to avoid impacts on the SHR items, and consideration needs to be given as to how to mitigate any impacts where they are unavoidable. We can provide specific information and more detailed advice on these items if required.

We support the proposed mapping of Local and State Heritage items located within the Western Sydney Aerotropolis precincts in the proposed Aerotropolis SEPP and the consideration of these items at the precinct planning stage.

The proposed aims and objectives and performance outcomes included in the Phase 1 DCP in relation to heritage conservation, historic archaeology and Aboriginal culture and heritage are considered to be a positive heritage outcome.

If you have any questions please contact James Sellwood, Senior Heritage Programs Officer, Statewide Programs at Heritage NSW, Department of Premier & Cabinet by email at [REDACTED] or phone on [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely



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