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Dear Mr Standen

Windsor Bridge Replacement Project (SSI-4951) – Heritage salvage within Hawkesbury River

I refer to your correspondence of 2 March 2018 and 4 May 2018 seeking the Secretary's approval that the proposed river salvage works are not construction.

As you are aware from the Department's previous responses on this matter, the proposed heritage salvage work within the Hawkesbury River at Windsor are defined as 'construction' because the salvage work would 'affect heritage'. The Secretary can, however, otherwise approve certain work to not be construction, in consultation with the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH).

I note that the *Maritime Archaeological Testing Report and Detailed Salvage Strategy for Maritime Archaeological Excavation, Revision F, March 2018* (the salvage report), which describes the salvage techniques and process, was approved on 23 March 2018 under condition B3.

I also note the OEH – Heritage Branch's letter dated 12 January 2018 supports the proposed river heritage salvage work, stating that early completion would provide greater opportunity to mitigate impacts.

The Department has carefully considered your request and agrees that the early commencement of salvage of heritage items within the riverine salvage area has merit in allowing the early identification of items prior to the commencement of construction and greater opportunity to consider design amendment to mitigate impacts, if required.

As such, I approve that the river salvage works described in the salvage report are not construction for the purposes of the infrastructure approval.


Please note that river salvage work must be undertaken in accordance with the management measures outlined below:

- The salvage contractor must prepare an Environmental Management Plan for these works, which must be endorsed by the Environmental Representative and RMS prior to river salvage works commencing
- All work must be supervised by the approved maritime archaeologist (Mr Cos Coroneos) and inspected by the approved Heritage Manager (Mr David Marcus) under condition C4
- The approved maritime archaeologist must prepare a risk assessment focussing on heritage issues prior to commencing any river salvage work
- The approved Heritage Manager must endorse the artefact retention policy referred to in Section 12.7 of the report and provide a copy to the Department and OEH for information, prior to the commencement of any river salvage work.

Please ensure you carefully implement the environmental controls and strict heritage management measures set out in the salvage report and the Environmental Management Plan, prior to commencing and during work within the river. You are also reminded that any significant heritage findings resulting from the proposed salvage works may trigger further consideration of potential revised design of the project under condition B8.

If you have any queries regarding this matter, please contact [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely

 31-5-18
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As Delegate of the Secretary