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Dear Mr File

**RE: EXHIBITION OF AMENDMENT OF PLANNING PROVISIONS FOR SYDNEY OLYMPIC PARK**

Thank you for referring the abovementioned proposal to the Heritage Council of NSW for comment. The proposal seeks to amend the Major Development SEPP by expanding the range of uses within the Sydney Olympic Park areas that are zoned RE1 Public Recreation. The proposed uses are:

- childcare centres
- function centres
- information and education facilities
- markets
- places of public worship
- public administration buildings
- respite day care centres
- restaurants and cafes
- tourist and visitor accommodation

As outlined in the documentation provided, the 'Newington Armament Depot and Nature Reserve' is listed on the State Heritage Register (SHR No. 01850). A Conservation Management Plan for this item (prepared by Tanner Architects, dated September 2013, Issue C) was endorsed by the Heritage Council of NSW on 18 November 2013.

As delegate of the Heritage Council of NSW, I believe that the increased public use and awareness of the Newington Armament Depot site, provided that the uses (and associated works) are compatible with and do not adversely affect the heritage significance of the Newington Armament Depot, including any other heritage items located on or in the vicinity of the site.

These new uses and new development must be consistent with the abovementioned endorsed Conservation Management Plan. The Conservation Management Plan contains a number of policies to conserve and maintain the cultural significance of the Newington Armament Depot and Nature Reserve.

It is understood that the proposed uses outlined above, with the exception of tourist and visitor accommodation, are permitted with consent within RE1 Public Recreation Zones. Whilst these uses may be permissible in a RE1 zone, they must also offer potential for the enhancement and understanding of the site's cultural significance and ensure conservation of the buildings and landscape features. These matters, in addition to any heritage impacts on building fabric and the cultural landscape, need to be addressed as part of any future development application.

If you have any queries, please contact Lily Chu, Heritage Officer at the Heritage Division, on 9873 8595 or by email at [lily.chu@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:lily.chu@environment.nsw.gov.au).

Yours sincerely



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**As Delegate of the Heritage Council of NSW**

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