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Dear Ms Waterworth

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the West Schofields Precinct Plan.

There are currently no State Heritage Register (SHR) items listed within the precinct boundary. Please note that there are three SHR items located within the vicinity of the boundary, including the Riverstone Railway Station Group, the Nurragingy and Colebee Land Grant and the Blacktown Native Institute site. However, we believe that there is adequate separation between these SHR items and areas zoned for development. The buffer zone created by the playing fields in the northernmost area of the precinct is of particular benefit to the railway station site.

We note that if any historic archaeological material is uncovered on the site in the future will be subject to the relics provisions of the *Heritage Act 1977*. Previous comments about the archaeology were provided in relation to the draft precinct plans for both the northern and southern precincts. It is unclear whether the updated reports for this submission namely; 'West Schofields Part Precinct (Northern Part) Non-Indigenous Heritage Assessment, prepared by Extent Heritage and dated July 2018, and 'West Schofields Part Precinct (Southern Part) Non-Indigenous Heritage Assessment, prepared by Extent Heritage and dated May 2018 incorporated these comments. Therefore, the following comments are reiterated from our previous correspondence:

- Each archaeological site should be subject to an individual significance assessment to ensure they are understood in context and as individual items.
- Recommendations for archaeological permits, including archaeological testing, should be placed first to clearly indicate the requirements of the *Heritage Act 1977*.
- The environmental conservation area currently containing a portion of the archaeological remains of the Wilmington Estate should be widened to include all of this site.

- The site of the possible Burial Ground of the Blacks requires a more detailed investigation to establish the heritage significance and to develop appropriate management measures. The non-indigenous heritage assessment could be updated to include a more detailed discussion of the site's link to a key period of contact between Aboriginal people and settlers. The requirement for permits under both the *Heritage Act 1977* and the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974* should also be discussed.

If you have any further enquiries please do not hesitate to contact Ms Nicole Secomb, Heritage Programs Officer, Statewide Programs at the Heritage Division, Office of Environment and Heritage on 02 9875 8532 or [nicole.secomb@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:nicole.secomb@environment.nsw.gov.au) (Tues, Thurs, Fri).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rochelle Johnston', written in a cursive style.

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