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Dear Ms Waterworth *Sarah*

West Schofields Precinct

I refer to the 3 December 2018 email provided by the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) on the two Aboriginal cultural heritage (ACH) assessment reports for the West Schofields precinct within the North West Growth Centre. This email followed OEH's advice of 10 and 26 October 2018 in relation to flooding and biodiversity assessments.

As previously advised, OEH has been unable to review the entirety of the ACH reports due to resourcing and workload issues and provides the following comments following a review of the executive summaries, conclusions and recommendations:

- OEH supports the recommendations of the reports.
- OEH strongly supports further investigation and identification of areas with significant ACH values. Additional assessment should be made to identify the location of the Aboriginal burial ground identified from historical maps in the vicinity of Durham, Angus and Kerry Roads. OEH supports mechanisms, both legislative and physical, to ensure significant ACH value areas are conserved and protected from development.
- Identified areas with significant ACH values should be conserved and zoned E2 - Environmental Conservation in public ownership (or RE1 – Public Recreation if managed as passive parkland where an E2 zone in public ownership is not possible).
- Areas of known Aboriginal objects and/or potential archaeological deposit that cannot be conserved should be investigated and appropriate mitigation, including archaeological salvage, undertaken.

If you have any queries about this advice, please contact Richard Bonner on 9995 6917 or by email at richard.bonner@environment.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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