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Our ref: 18/376196

Dear Fil,

**Sydney Metro City and Southwest (SSI 7400) Low impact works in heritage areas – investigation and preparation at Sydenham Station and the Sydenham Pit and Pump Station Curtilage**

Thank you for your correspondence of 29 May 2018 seeking the Secretary's determination that certain low impact works at Sydenham Station and the Sydenham Pit and Pump Station are not 'construction' activities under the definition in the infrastructure approval. I also note supplementary information provided to the Department on 5 and 15 June 2018 in response to our comments.

The proposed works comprise site investigation works and rail related works, as outlined in your correspondence and the *Sydenham Station Junction: Minor Works 004 Heritage Impact Assessment (4 May 2018)* ('Statement of Heritage Impact'). The Environmental Representative has determined that the works will have only minimal environmental impact, but notes the works may potentially affect heritage items.

I note the Office of Environment and Heritage's (OEH) correspondence of 23 May 2018 confirming that consultation has occurred for non-Aboriginal heritage, and that the management and mitigation measures in the Statement of Heritage Impact are appropriate to minimise the impacts from these works.

However, I understand that full consultation has not yet been completed with the Aboriginal Heritage Section of OEH in relation to potential impacts on Aboriginal heritage items. These activities are subject to a separate determination, following consultation.

As such, you are now seeking a determination that the activities listed at Table 1 (only) are not construction activities. These activities are predicted to have no impact on Aboriginal heritage and negligible impact on non-Aboriginal heritage items, as detailed in the Statement of Heritage Impact.

**Table 1: Low impact works at Sydenham Station**

Proposed low impact works subject to this determination	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Pothole investigations of utilities and services, including non-destructive digging and hand digging to locate services.</li> <li>2. Installation of Galvanised Steel Troughing (GST) underneath Platform 6 and cable trench transition from GST to buried concrete encased cable route.</li> <li>3. Installation of pit and pipe buried cable route through Platform 5, using saw cutting and non-destructive digging.</li> <li>4. Installation of location cases that are 1m wide and 2m high.</li> </ol> <p><i>The works are described at dot points 1, and 4 to 8 of page 11 of the Statement of Heritage Impact.</i></p>
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On this basis, I approve the above low impact works as non-construction activities. Please ensure you carefully implement the methodology and mitigation measures for these works, as described in the Statement of Heritage Impact.

I remind you that further approval is required for all other proposed works not listed in Table 1.

If you have any queries, please contact Swati Sharma, Senior Planner, Infrastructure Management at [swati.sharma@planning.nsw.gov.au](mailto:swati.sharma@planning.nsw.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

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