Application Referral Cultural Heritage - Response

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Recommendation:	Proposal is acceptable subject to conditions.
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Proposal:	Cycleway Extension and Associated Works
Application No:	PLN-18-505
Assessment Officer:	Helen Ayers,

Referral Officer comments:

The proposal is essentially a continuation of the cycleway through the former railyards at Macquarie Point. for much of its length, the proposed cycleway extension follows the route of the original railway - and will act as an interpretive device for the former rail corridor.

Heritage provisions:

The land upon which the proposal is located includes two identified places of cultural significance (Red Shed an Goods Shed). The proposal is therefore subject to the discretionary provisions of clause 22.4 of the Sullivans Cove Planning Scheme 1997.

Clause 22.4.5 states:

'Building or works' on places of cultural significance which cannot satisfy the 'deemed to comply' provisions of Clause 22.4.4 may be approved at the discretion of the Planning Authority.

The following criteria must be taken into consideration in the assessment of all proposals to undertake 'building or works' on places of cultural significance:

'Building or works' must complement and contribute to the cultural significance, character and appearance of the place and its setting;

'Building or works' must be in compliance with the conservation strategy of an approved Conservation Plan, where required and/or provided;

The location, bulk and appearance of 'building or works' must not adversely affect the heritage values of any place of cultural significance;

'Building or works' must not reduce the apparent authenticity of places of cultural significance by mimicking historic forms;

'Building or works' may be recognisable as new but must not be individually prominent;

The painting of previously unpainted surfaces is discouraged.

Comment:

The proposed cycleway extension is considered to meet all relevant provisions of this clause.

Archaeology:

The proposal is located with an archaeological zone and the application is accompanied by an archaeological report.

The conclusion of the report is as follows:

It is considered that the risk of impact to significant in situ historical archaeological features and

deposits arising from the proposed work is very low to negligible on the following basis:

1. Excavations within place No. 12 of the Scheme are unlikely to result in the destruction of items of archaeological significance. No excavations are proposed for the revised area of archaeological sensitivity as defined in the 2015 test excavation report (Figure 2 above). The

2015 report recommended that no further archaeological investigation was required for excavations occurring outside of the revised sensitivity zoning.

2. Excavations within place No. 90 of the Scheme are unlikely to result in the destruction of items of archaeological significance related to the Domain Diversion Tunnel. However, care should also be taken during works to avoid inadvertent impacts to the tunnel.

Advice

1. For precautionary purposes and in the Project Specifications it would be prudent to put in place notification protocols whereby archaeological advice is sought in the unlikely event that

features or deposits of an archaeological nature (This may include but not be limited to the exposure of orange hand made clay bricks or sandstone blocks forming walls or surfaces, or artefacts such as fragments of ceramic, bottle glass, bone, shell or other items) are uncovered during excavation or where

doubt exists concerning the provenance of any strata revealed during excavations. In such instances, excavation should immediately cease pending attendance on site and receipt of advice from a qualified archaeologist, at which point, depending on the findings, it may also be necessary to involve the Hobart City Council in discussions.

2. This statement has been prepared in support of the Development Application under the Sullivans Cove Planning Scheme 1997. Separate requirements under the Aboriginal Heritage

Act 1975 should be established prior to carrying out works.

Comment:

Subject to the imposition of an appropriate condition to reflect the requirements of the archaeological report, the proposal is considered satisfactory.