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Dear Mr Standen

Windsor Bridge Replacement Project (SSI-4951) – Historic Archaeological Report, Detailed Salvage Strategy (land-based), and Hawkesbury Region Sand Bodies Study (Conditions B3 and B4)

I refer to your correspondence seeking the Secretary's approval of the following documents under conditions B3 and B4 of the project approval:

- Historical Archaeological Report comprising:
 - Test Excavation Report Aboriginal Heritage dated 23 May 2017
 - Test Excavation Report Historical Archaeology (European heritage) dated 24 May 2017
- Hawkesbury Region Sand Bodies Study, Version 1.4
- Detailed Salvage Strategy (land-based), Version 2.5.

Your request follows the Department's 22 September 2017 approval of the staged salvage program and endorsement of the draft Detailed Salvage Strategy for Stage 1 (Area 1 only). I note the Detailed Salvage Strategy has since been updated to address both stages of the land-based salvage program, comprising Areas 1 to 5. As you are aware, the Historical Archaeological Report and Hawkesbury Region Sand Bodies Study inform the final Detailed Salvage Strategy (land-based). As such, the Department required these documents to be finalised, prior to completing its consideration of the final Detailed Salvage Strategy for these areas.

I have reviewed the above documents and supporting information, and I am satisfied they adequately address the relevant requirements of condition B3 and B4 for the land-based components of the project (i.e. non-maritime).

I understand that the maritime heritage component of the work is the subject of a separate consideration due to ongoing consultation with the Office of Environment and Heritage – Heritage Branch. The Department is satisfied with this approach given the different physical contexts of land-based and maritime heritage considerations in the project area, which are not expected to interact with each other.

As required by condition C4, I remind you that all Stage 2 salvage works must be supervised by a specialist Heritage Manager and Heritage Consultant team, whose appointment must be approved by the Secretary prior to the commencement of pre-construction works on the project.

Please ensure the requirements set out in my letter of 22 September 2017 continue to be met for Stage 1 (Area 1) and where relevant, these measures are also carefully implemented for Stage 2 (Area 2 to 5). It is essential that the salvage works are completed prior to construction commencing in each area and in accordance with strict heritage management measures and environmental controls

in the project approval and the Construction Environmental Management Plan and Construction Heritage Management Sub-plan, once approved.

RMS must also prepare site cards for each of the identified archaeological deposits, prior to lodgement to the AHIMS database.

If you have any queries regarding this matter, please contact

or

Yours sincerely

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As Delegate of the Secretary