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To whom it may concern,

SSD-9831 WESTERN SYDNEY UNIVERSITY, BANKSTOWN CITY CAMPUS - DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION CONDITION - REGISTER ABORIGINAL PARTIES CONSULTATION LETTER

BACKGROUND AND CONSULTATION PREVIOUSLY UNDERTAKEN

Urbis Pty Ltd (Urbis) was commissioned by Western Sydney University (the proponent) to undertake an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment (ACHA) as per the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974* (NPW Act) and the *National Parks and Wildlife Regulations 2009* (NPW Reg).

The ACHA informed the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) which was submitted to support the State Significant Development Application (SSD-9831). The ACHA was carried out in accordance with the *Guide to investigating, assessing and reporting on Aboriginal cultural heritage in NSW* (Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) 2011) and addressed the relevant requirements of the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) issued under Section 4.12(8) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (EP7A Act) and Schedule 2 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulations 2000* (EP&A Reg).

The ACHA concluded that:

- There are no registered Aboriginal objects and/or archaeological sites within the subject area;
- There are no landscape features with potential for Aboriginal objects or archaeological deposits located within the subject area;
- The subject area has been the subject of high to extreme levels of disturbance since the 1960s at the latest;
- The original soil profile has been entirely removed from the subject area during the last 50 years and replaced with extensive levels of fill material; and
- No Aboriginal cultural heritage values have been identified by the RAPs.

Based on the above conclusions, the ACHA made the following recommendations:

- The proponent should continue to consult with the Aboriginal community in regard to the project.
- The proponent is encouraged to include the RAPs in the discussion of the potential of the interpretation of the Aboriginal history and cultural heritage values of the Bankstown area.
- Unexpected Finds Protocol and Human Remains Protocol be implemented during construction.



Figure 1 – Approved WSU building.

Source: Western Sydney University Bankstown City Campus SSD-9831 – Assessment Report (2021)



PROJECT UPDATE

Western Sydney University and Walker received State Significant Development Approval for the Bankstown City Campus on 18 February 2021. The site preparation continues, with the appointment of Mainland Civil in December 2020 to undertake the Early Works. Main Works construction is expected to start in Q1 2021 and is scheduled to be completed by Q3 2022.

Prior to the commencement of Main Works construction and throughout construction, Walker and Urbis would like to consult with the Aboriginal Community, including Registered Aboriginal Parties (RAPs).

To ensure a collaborative approach we will be consulting with the RAP's during the following construction stages (Table 1) there will be two approaches for the community engagement; Project Update and Detailed Engagement Opportunities.

Walker Corporation will supply your organisation with the Project Updates outline below (Table 1).

Table 1: Construction Stages

Project Stage	Aboriginal Engagement and Opportunities	Anticipated Completion Date
Detailed Excavation	Yes – Project Update	Quarter 1 2021
Building Structure	Yes – Project Update	Quarter 2 2021
Building Facade	Yes – Project Update	Quarter 3 2021
Building, Services & Finishes	Yes – Detailed Engagement Opportunity	Quarter 4 2021
Main Structure Complete	Yes – Project Update	Quarter 2 2022
External Finishes and Landscaping	Yes – Detailed Engagement Opportunity	Quarter 2 2022
Overall Completion	Yes – Project Update	Quarter 3 2022

During construction, the following protocols will be implemented.

- Unexpected Finds Protocol: In the unlikely event that previously unknown Aboriginal object(s) and/or sites are discovered during the construction phase, works must stop and an appropriately qualified archaeologist and members of the Gandangara Local Aboriginal Land Council (GLALC) should be contacted to assess the nature, extent and significance of the identified object(s) and/or sites.
- Human Remains Protocol: In the unlikely event that suspected human remains are encountered during the construction phase, all work in the area that may cause further impacts must cease immediately and the following measures must be implemented:
 - The location, including a 20m curtilage, should be secured using barrier fencing to avoid further harm;
 - The NSW Police must be contacted immediately.



DETAILED ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

A self-contained Aboriginal Native Garden will be established on the third level of the proposed development. This garden will be adjacent to the community outreach centre for Aboriginal youth on a publicly accessible terrace. Indigenous planting selection will be collaborated with WSU indigenous representatives. The chosen planting selections to have cultural, medicinal or historic significance. The proponent is engaging with the Aboriginal community regarding the detailed design of this garden and would appreciate your feedback and involvement.

Facilities are proposed to include the Badanami Centre, supporting Aboriginal Elders and the Aboriginal student community on campus. Aboriginal space within the Badanami Centre is currently under early stages of design. Preliminary vision includes a possible 'Yarning Circle' and other organic engagement opportunities; however, the design is to be further developed with input and engagement from WSU Indigenous Representatives.

KEEP IN TOUCH

The WSU Bankstown website will be continually updated as the construction for this exciting project progresses. If you wish to keep updated, please refer to our website:
wsubankstown.walkercorp.com.au

Should you wish to register for Detailed Engagement Opportunities or have any queries please email bankstowncitycampus@walkercorp.com.au and a member from Walker Corporation will get back to you promptly.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew Crisp". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined.

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