



## QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

**Ms BARNIER:** Yes. Alexandria Bamier speaking. I cannot say that Urbis considered the effect of turning off the Heritage Act in the context of State significant developments [SSDs] in our submission. But I can say in my experience that certainly the Department of Planning does take the comments of their referral bodies incredibly seriously and certainly we have been sent back a number of times to undergo rigorous consultation with both the Heritage Council, Heritage NSW and the relevant councils, if not further stakeholders as well. In my experience we have not necessarily compromised good heritage outcomes by turning off the Heritage Act in the context of SSDs.

**The Hon. PETER PRIMROSE:** Could you give us an example of that?

**Ms BARNIER:** May I take it on notice and get back to you with some examples? Thank you.

### Response:

It should be noted that most SEARs (Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements) in the first instance require consultation with Council, Heritage NSW and local heritage groups. Therefore, where required all applications are presented to these bodies for comment prior to submission.

Per my statement in the hearing reproduced above, DPIE has required that an applicant undertake further consultation with HNSW and other entities. Urbis has been involved with numerous SSD applications which required further or ongoing consultation with HNSW. This is often in the form of conditions which require HNSW/Council to either be given the opportunity for further consultation on documentation or puts HNSW/Council in a position where they are required to approve a document before a Construction Certificate is issued.

Three recent examples of this are listed below:

- SSD10384 (48 Cumberland Street, The Rocks). Condition A7 required that where additional consultation is required in regard to the consent that details of the consultation are documented and provided to DPIE which details any disagreements between the parties and how these had been resolved. Further consultation in relation to heritage was required in relation to the Interpretation Plan and Schedule of Conservation Works.
- SSD7484 (Sandstones Precinct). Condition B8 requires that the heritage interpretation strategy be prepared in consultation with Council and the Heritage Council. The condition also required that documentary evidence was provided showing that the approved Plan was implemented to the satisfaction of the Secretary, in consultation with Heritage Council and Council,
- SSD10454 (Intercontinental Stage 2). Condition B10 requires that a Schedule of Conservation Works is submitted and approved by Heritage NSW. Condition B11 requires that an Interpretation Strategy is prepared in consultation with HNSW.