



6 CONCLUSION

6.1 Summary of Findings

This REF has been prepared in accordance with all the relevant legislative requirements and regulations. The REF has ensured that the City of Parramatta Council has examined and fully considered, all matters that have the potential to affect or are likely to affect the existing environment as a result of the project.

No heritage items were found. However, there is potential for unexpected archaeological discoveries and it is recommended that preliminary excavations for both Aboriginal and Non-Aboriginal heritage items be undertaken before construction commences. Visual and noise impacts during construction will be temporary, with measures to minimise disruption. Air pollution impacts are anticipated to be minimal.

Waste management will follow the waste hierarchy, prioritising avoidance, resource recovery, and proper disposal. Asbestos is of potential concern at this site and all measures outlined in NSW Waste Classification Guidelines (EPA 2014) should be adhered to and a Remediation Action Plan for asbestos to be written if it is present.

The project will remove 6 street trees and retain others. Most of these are exotic. The proposed project will plant a further 20 trees and ground-level vegetation, increasing greenery and improving the overall environment. Mitigation measures need to be put in place to minimise vegetation clearing and to protect those trees which are to be retained from direct or indirect damage.

On the basis of the above considerations, no impacts on threatened species were found so a Test of Significance was not required.

Earthworks will be required during the project which will potentially result in erosion and sediment impacts, including the generation of sediment laden water. To manage soil and water related risks, a CEMP and Erosion and Sediment Control Plan will be developed and implemented throughout the project.

Construction traffic and parking and road closures and diversions during roadworks has the potential to create short term impacts in Phillip Street, George Street, Horwood Place and Auctioneer Lane but these can be managed through a Construction Traffic Management Plan. The project will permanently change traffic flows in Horwood Place and remove 32 parking spaces. These impacts will be managed through the operational Traffic Management Plan (Appendix M).

6.2 Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP)

A CEMP is to be prepared by the construction contractor and reviewed by the City of Parramatta Council prior to works commencing. The CEMP will include relevant sub-plans and mitigation measures as detailed throughout this REF and for high-risk environmental aspects. The CEMP will describe how activities undertaken during the project will be managed. This is implemented prior to the commencement of works and adhered to for the duration of works.

It is recommended that this REF be incorporated into the contract conditions for the undertaking of the proposed works.

6.3 Concluding Statement

The REF has examined and considered the available information on matters likely to affect the environment by reason of the activity. It has established that the proposal described will have some environmental impacts, which could be ameliorated satisfactorily. With mitigation measures, it is not likely to significantly affect the environment of threatened species, populations, ecological communities or their habitats.



The REF has concluded that there will be no significant impacts on matters of national environmental significance. No referral to the Australian Minister for the Environment under the EPBC act is required.

The proposal would be unlikely to cause a significant impact on the environment. Therefore, it is not necessary for an environmental impact statement to be prepared and approval to be sought from the Minister for Planning under the EP&A Act.