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As requested we advise that Conservation Plans are best prepared before there are any proposed development as they can then assess the significance and set in place appropriate policies without the potential bias of a proposed development.

In the words of James Kerr in "The Conservation Plan", "the conservation plan is to guide future action" (page 29) and sets in place "appropriate requirements and opportunities to guide the planning of new work" (page 29). This means that it is appropriate to prepare it before any proposed development as it can guide the future opportunities.

In the case of the Canberra Brickworks it will be one of updating the previous CMP and then having it endorsed. This then will clarify conservation issues and removes one element of risk regarding future potential for the place.

We can expand on the above if desired.

Yours faithfully,



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