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Subject: Request for a meeting with you this week, visiting commissioned City of Sydney artist Lara Schnitger

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Cc: Lara Schnitger <makirocks@sbcglobal.net>, Lisa Corsi <lcorsi@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au>

Dear Ronald and Melissa

I am Barbara Flynn, Curatorial Advisor to the City of Sydney for the Sydney Centre. I am writing at the suggestion of Lisa Murray, City Historian, to ask if there would be any possibility of artist Lara Schnitger making a time to meet with you while she is visiting Sydney this week. Lara is a dual citizen of The Netherlands and US commissioned to make an artwork in a central Sydney laneway. The artwork honours women and one motif she would like to include pending receiving permission of local female elders addresses the women's culture of the Sydney region. The City has arranged meetings for Lara with these female elders and as a show of respect the artist is working hard to learn as much as she can in preparation for those meetings. She has very specific questions that we believe you will be well placed to assist her with if you can make the time to direct her to the relevant library resources:

- was fishing practiced throughout all of Sydney Harbour or were there particular fishing grounds off specific parts of the harbour coastline;
- was scarification practised by women in the Sydney region, and what did the motives used in scarification mean;
- were Aboriginal women largely dependent or independent;
- are there instances historically documented of Aboriginal women making contact with European women; and
- is there a word in the Eora language for the English word 'equal'.

Would it be possible for Lara to meet with you at the library directly to ask your advice on sources to help her find the answer to these questions?

Lara would be happy to work to your schedule, or would definitely have these times available:

tomorrow (Tuesday, 25 September): 9-11am or noon-1.30pm;

Wednesday, 26 September: 9-10.30am;

Thursday, 27 September: 1-6pm; and

Friday, 28 September: available all day.

I close in the hope that a meeting will be possible and would like to thank you in advance on Lara's behalf.

With respect and regards

Barbara

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