

16 December 2010

Amy,

RE: Application for New Year's Eve Event at Barangaroo – Beverley Bowden submission (13 December 2010) response

As you would be aware, special arrangements are put in place for public transport each New Year's Eve. Much of Sydney's foreshore is not directly accessible by public transport, for example, no ferries or trains can access Circular Quay. A New Year's Eve Transport Guide is available to the public and details appropriate routes and public transport arrangements throughout the CBD. Accordingly, Barangaroo is included in this plan, and as such a specific public transport plan addressing how people will be transported to and from the site is not required. It should be noted that the event has been included in the NSW Government's overall planning by transport agencies such as RTA, Railcorp, STA, and local authorities such as City of Sydney, Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority and NSW Police for the New Years Eve Celebrations around Sydney Harbour and the City of Sydney.

Barangaroo currently has 24 hour security and will be engaging additional security personnel for the New Years Eve fireworks watching celebrations. Additional security will be provided before 6:00 pm and finishing at or before 1:30 am. The Security Operational Plan, Crowd Management Plan and Emergency Management Plan will be amended accordingly to provide for consistent hours of opening and closing (Gates opening and closing 6:00pm -12:30am).

Equipment such as large generators or temporary large refrigeration condensers will not be located within 60m of a residential property. A small fridge, if used by an individual vendor, would not result in an excessive noise level, even if the vendor is located closer to residential properties than 60m. With regard to the PA system - City of Sydney Event Guidelines do not limit the use of the PA to emergency announcements only. Further, the Noise Assessment indicates that noise from the public address system will be capable of complying with the noise emission goal of 75dB(A)L_{max} provided that the recommendations set out in the Noise Assessment Report are adopted. While noise from the PA will be minimised by not using it for loud music (background music only is proposed), and by a sound check, it is not necessary to prohibit use of the PA to emergency use only.

All entry and exit points for the event will be via gate 4 as illustrated in Appendix 1 – Site Layout Plan. This was identified and agreed in consultation with the RTA, City of Sydney, Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority, local neighborhood representatives and NSW Police. Only in the case of an emergency evacuation will Gate 3 be used as 'Assembly Area 2' outlined in Appendix 4 Emergency Management Plan.

The event is ticketed and only open to ticket holders. It is not anticipated that all ticket holders will attempt entry at the same time. Should a level of patrons outside the venue become an issue the NSW Police Commander will deploy resources or actions toward ensuring the safety of public and patrons. The Crowd Management plan will also be amended to include further information on crowd management of Hickson Road.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Charles Tzannes', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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