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Dear Sir,

**Application for New Year's Eve Event at Barangaroo
DA 079-12-2010**

I am the owner of an apartment in the residential building known as "Towns Place", and make the following submission in relation to the above Application.

A summary of major concerns are as follows:

1. The lack of any public transport plan;
2. The lack of any crowd management plan on Hickson Road prior to the start or at the conclusion of the event;
3. Hours of operation which are not clear and are contradictory between the SEE and the Appendices;
4. Noise generated by the public address system (it is noted that there will not be any amplified music) and generators and refrigeration plant placed within 60 m of residential apartments.

The Application fails to address the issue of how 15,052 people will be transported to and from the site. It is stated that the 15,052 people will arrive by train or bus and walk to the site (from George Street or Wynyard Station) but there is no Public Transport Plan outlined.

And with that number of people expected to arrive within a relatively short space of time at the entry Gate on Hickson Road, there is no crowd management plan. Security will only be in place from 18.30 to 01.30.

We are directed by your Letter of notification to the SEE which states at 3.4 *Hours of Operation*: 6.00 pm on 31 December to 12.30 am on 1 January. This hopefully is incorrect, as elsewhere it is stated that Security will only be in place from 18.30 to 01.30. It is noted in further Appendices that the hours will be 7.00 pm to

1.00 am and this should be clarified and security extended to at least an hour prior and an hour post the event times.

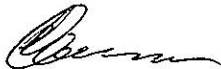
Even though it is stated at *Appendix 6: Noise Emission Assessment*, that “temporary mechanical plant (e.g. generators, refrigeration plant) should be located at least 60 m from any residential property”, it would appear that the food and beverage vendors noted on Appendix 1 are located right behind Gate 3 at Towns Place which is less than 60 m from the residential building of “Towns Place”.

Also, in that same Assessment it is argued that the noise of the fireworks will exceed 75 dB(A) but fails to take into account that the fireworks are only for approximately 15 minutes at 9 pm and midnight – not the 6 or 7 hours (yet to be clarified) proposed for the event. It is noted that no amplified music will be allowed at the event. However, the public address system should only be used in the case of an emergency and not otherwise at the event.

It is also noted that all pedestrian entry and exit for the event, will be via Gate 4 on Hickson Road and not Gate 3 at Towns Place.

Thank you for considering this submission. I have made no political donations.

Yours faithfully



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