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Department of Planning and Environment
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Dear Michele

Re - Exhibition of State Significant Development Application (SSD 6533) Remediation of Barangaroo

Thank you for your time today and guiding us in respect of the matters raised regarding this re visited DA. It seems the original of this DA by-passed us somehow.

As mentioned we are residents of the Stamford on Kent building located on the corner of Kent Street and Gas Lane. Our apartment is located on the western side and at the southern end of the building and overlooks Jenkins Street to the Barangaroo site.

We continue, in principle to be supporters of the re-development of the old wharf site and very much admire the design aspects of what Lend Lease has built to date. However, we have concerns about the ongoing works on the site particularly regarding noise, air quality, contaminates and how these are managed.

We have read and considered the Response to Submissions report also Appendix E of the Environmental Impact Statement but these documents do not alleviate our concerns in respect of the following:

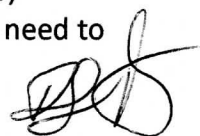
- **7.7 Air Quality**

In the event of pollutants or dangerous vapours escaping into the air there appears to be no emergency warning systems in place to warn neighbouring residents to remain indoors/close doors and windows or in fact to evacuate people who may be present in a determined risk area.

- **7.8 Noise and Vibration**

There is no mention that the noise assessments undertaken have considered low frequency noise, which we recognise as a special environmental noise issue. Experience has shown us that the use of self powered lights/generators has usually been detrimental to the acoustic amenity for ourselves and the surrounding residences. We have on a number of occasions had to complain to Lend Lease of overnight noise from such equipment. They have always responded positively regarding the effects on us but if adequate mitigation measures had already been in place our amenity would not have been affected.

During the operation of the temporary cruise terminal (Barangaroo Central Area near Block 5) when the majority of the mains powered light towers were replaced with self powered lights we suffered significant sleep deprivation and noise disturbance in the early hours of the morning of each ship arrival. This went on from November 2010 until mains power was re-connected to that part of the site in April 2011. There is no doubt in our mind that in spite of our numerous exchanges with both the Barangaroo Delivery Authority and Sydney Ports Corporation seeking to resolve the matter, commissioning of powered lights to the area was at their convenience and not driven by a need to protect our and the surrounding residences amenity.

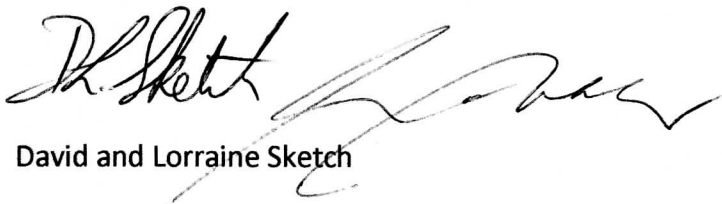


We are fearful that as part of the remediation/construction of areas Block 4 & 5 some of the equipment that will be operational overnight, such as pumps, generators and fans, will have a similar impact on us and other surrounding residences. We note that the 2.4 metre solid hoarding / noise barrier (Appendix E 2.10) is unlikely to mitigate noise to apartments such as ours that look down on the construction site from an elevated position on Kent Street. Noise may also be magnified by reflections from the Towers in Barangaroo South.

We wish to point out that on our own initiative and prior to Lend Lease commencing excavation and construction on the old wharf site (Barangaroo South) we took measures to sound proof our bedroom window and have since further insulated the door from our bedroom to the balcony, but these measures are not entirely effective against low frequency noise.

In general we are not objecting to the remediation/excavation of the areas Block 4 and Block 5 but need assurances that our concerns, as outlined above are seriously considered and taken into account when determining the application.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Sketch' followed by a flourish, and then 'Lorraine' in a cursive script.

David and Lorraine Sketch