

Mark Brown - OBJECTION: SSD - 5397: The Ribbon Sydney, 31 Wheat Rd

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Subject: OBJECTION: SSD - 5397: The Ribbon Sydney, 31 Wheat Rd

Dear Mr Brown,

RE: OBJECTION to Proposal
Name of Proposal: The Ribbon Sydney, 31 Wheat Rd
Application Number: SSD - 5397
Applicant: Grocon Darling Harbour Ltd

I am an owner resident of Millennium Towers Apartments (158 Day Street, Sydney 2000). I am writing to you as I, and many other owners/residents of this building and other surrounding buildings, have serious concerns regarding the proposed redevelopment of the IMAX site at Darling Harbour. Key to our concerns are the proposed size and height of the new development and the fact that it protrudes very far to the east, and in fact overhangs Harbour St.

Currently, as the proposal stands, many of the apartments in our building as well as in adjacent buildings will be severely adversely affected through loss of sunshine and views. This will negatively impact the value of our properties as well as our quality of life. In particular, many of us are aware that the Environmental Impact Statement did not take into account 'a view analysis from surrounding residential buildings (which include Millennium Towers)'. Since the surrounding buildings will be the most obviously affected by this development, it seems unusual that this would be simply overlooked. Furthermore, the Visual Impact Assessment claims that 'no views generated a rating of devastating'. This is a gross understatement, as there is an undeniable devastating impact on surrounding buildings, and further demonstrates that this aspect has been overlooked.

In addition, a building of this size is not appropriate to this location. It is simply too close to our currently beautiful Sydney Harbour, and would further split the harbourside from the beautiful parks and garden areas. In addition it would create more dark corridors, in an area where light and nature should be celebrated. There will also be severe negative impacts on the traffic flow in this already congested area.

For the reasons specified above, I object to the development proposal as it stands, and sincerely hope that the voice of Sydney residents will be heard, and not unfairly disregarded.

With best regards,
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