

Department of Planning & Environment
GPO Box 39
SYDNEY NSW 2001
Attention: Director – Key Sites Assessments

Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: Response to Submission

Application Name: Proposed Mixed-use Redevelopment and Adaptive Re-use of Heritage Buildings, The Rocks

Applicant: Golden Age and Hannas The Rocks Pty Ltd -C/-Urbis

Application No. SSD 7037, 68-72 Gloucester Street & 85 Harrington Street (LOT 1 DP 777033)

In regard to above proposal re-development, we object the modern apartment building is being built in the heritage precinct based on the key points as below,

- Ruin Australian history in a protected heritage precinct
In Australia, we only have less than 1% of history which are mainly located in the Rocks. The Rocks is Australia's birth place and displays how they settled in Australia, how they built local sandstone houses by hands, from which the area derives its name. Without the Rocks, Australia has no history.
As Australian citizens, we should maintain our history and make this area a preserved precinct. Why do all the youth/students always come to the Rocks? Why do all of our tourists walk through here? Why do all the bride/groom taking choose this area to take the wedding shots? Think about it. Without these historical building, what can we tell the next generation? What can we tell the tourists? What else we can teach our kids about diligent? Everything in the Rocks is made by a lot of hands, blood, sweat and tears. How can we make the next generation remember all of these? With high rise apartments, it's going to ruin our history in Australia the memorial site will be destroyed.

- Building Height without considering neighborhood residential zone as a whole
Building a six storey building on Gloucester Street and 9 storey on Harrington Street are exceeding building limit of Sydney Cove Redevelopment Authority (SCRA) Scheme. The maximum level should be 2 or 3 storey from the Gloucester Street level.

The proposed six storey has a maximum height in Longs Lane, Gloucester Street, Carahers Lane etc. In Longs Lane, the maximum height is 2 storey. Building modern apartments is more commercial purpose but it doesn't consider the Rocks community as a whole. More importantly, developer can't see the impact of the neighborhood interest, however, what they can see is all about money and profit.

- Maintain the same Rocks terrace brings significance to the next generation

The terraces in the Rocks has significant history background and it's a good way to educate our generations how they share bathrooms in the past, lights in pull cord, high window, cypress pine floor, high ceiling and a lot of wooden stairs in the house. Young generation will have no idea about it without seeing the Rocks terrace. Modern apartments won't be able to tell this story and it's going to quite ordinary to most of young generation.

- Don't try reconcile high rise to historical site
Reconciling high rise to historical site is not going to work in the heritage precinct. Each laneway, street, stairs have its own history as well as each terrace also has its own name, own history about who was living there, what did they do. Building a high rise in the middle of the Rocks, it is not going to be bizarre in the area. There are a lot of places in Sydney fit high rise but definitely not in the Rocks.

For all of these, it is highly recommended that all Sydney sider should be able to notify the proposal instead of just the neighborhood. Let the public to judge what is right or wrong.

Kind regards

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