I refer to the Response To Submissions SSD7246

OBJECTION TO HOURS OF CONSTRUCTION

The application as amended substantially increases the noise impact on my home at 8 Hickson Road by extending the hours of construction from between 7.00 am and 5.30pm Monday to Friday to between 7.00am and 10.00pm Monday to Friday.

This proposed extension of construction hours is being justified, almost by stealth, by suggesting that it is an occasional extension when ships are using the OPT. In reality ships are using the OPT on the vast majority of days.

The cumulative noise impact of trucks and activities associated with the operations of the OPT, together with the construction activities proposed at Campbell's Cove will result in noise from 5.00am until 10.00pm on the vast majority of days. This is clearly unreasonable.

Residential amenity is being sacrificed due to the inability of the Ports Authority NSW and the applicant to cooperate and coordinate their activities in Campbell's Cove.

The impact of extended hours of construction up to 10.00pm has not been assessed in either the noise and vibration impact statement or in the traffic impact statement.

FURTHER INFORMATION BEFORE THE APPLICATION CAN BE DETERMINED

The information contained in the application is inadequate to assess the impact of the late-night construction times proposed. Before the consent authority can determine this application, the following information should be required to be submitted

1. Comprehensive details of the activities to be conducted after 6.00pm Monday to Friday including the number of workers on site, areas designated for the stockpiling and handling of material, areas of the site where activities of any kind will be undertaken after 6.00pm. It should also include specific details of the type of equipment to be used on site after 6.00pm for the handling and dispersal of material. In particular, will concrete be delivered to the site after 6.00pm and if so, will concrete be pumped and laid on site after normal hours?
2. A revised Traffic Impact Statement specifically addressing issues relating to extended construction hours at Sydney Cove. The assessment should include details of the type and number of vehicles that will be used in association with any activities on site after 6.00pm including the type and size of vehicles used for the delivery and removal of material to and from the site and equipment that will be used in loading, unloading and distributing materials.
3. A truck routes plan for after 6.00pm truck movements being produced to maximise public safety and minimise noise and vibration impacts on residential properties.
4. A Noise and Vibration assessment of the impact of after 6.00pm and up to 10.00pm on the residents of 8 Hickson Road and appropriate measures to eliminate such impacts. Such assessment to take into consideration the cumulative impact of noise from the OPT

on ship days when activity commences at 5.00am and the noise impacts associated with the construction work at Campbell's Stores

LIMITS ON EXTENDED ACTIVITIES

Any consideration of extended construction hours should be on the basis that:

1. Extended hours from 6.00 to 10.00pm only be allowed for a maximum of 2 nights per week and only when the OPT is being utilised by ships for more than 4 days per week, Monday to Friday. This restriction puts the emphasise on site management to properly organise and coordinate site activities to minimise night time use.
2. Activities carried out on site after 6.00pm being strictly limited to the delivery and removal of materials. The distribution of material around the site and the excavation or installation of any material after 6.00pm being prohibited.
3. The areas used for the stockpiling of material for either disposal or distribution be restricted to the southern end of the site. The area should be fenced and gated from the rest of the site and access between the stock pile area and the rest of the site should be closed from 6.00pm until 7.00am the next day. The location and size of the stockpile area should be shown on a plan to be submitted for approval prior to the commencement of construction.
4. Noise reduction measures recommended by the EPA and the noise consultants being conditions of any approval, particularly that recommending that vehicles use 'quacker' movement/reversing alarms rather than 'beepers' and the adoption of a neighbour friendly work plan.
5. The Ports Authority NSW be encouraged to act cooperatively in the interests of reducing cumulative noise impact by introducing neighbour friendly work practices at the OPT including the requirement that trucks, forklifts and other vehicles use quacker alarms rather than beepers, and the control of ship PA systems.

NORTHERN ACCESS TO HICKSON ROAD

It is noted that it is proposed to provide service and emergency access from Hickson Road between the Park Hyatt Hotel and Bay 11. Access from this location should be restricted to emergency access only and all service access should be restricted to the southern end of the site from Circular Quay West.