

The Cutaway Cultural Facility, Barangaroo - SSD-47498458 Submission

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I do not need my name withheld

Submission Category: Objection mostly but also comment and support

Reportable political donations: None

I am a local resident living just meters away from the Cutaway. I am greatly impacted by all activities taking place at the cutaway and particularly with all the comings and goings of event organisers, setup and takedown of all structures, deliveries, event attendees etc.

My objections to SSD-47498458 are as follows:

- 1.Plans to build a national Indigenous centre at the cutaway have been dumped despite criticism from Aboriginal leaders. Plans for a National Indigenous Centre should be pursued in parallel with this development to ensure that our First Nations people are not left behind.
- 2.Planning documents for a fit-out of a new "Cutaway cultural facility" beneath Barangaroo Reserve were lodged by Infrastructure NSW on March 2, one day before the start of the caretaker period before the NSW election. I think consideration of this development should be delayed until after the election has been completed and a new government is in place.
- 3.It's planned the Cutaway would operate on a 24-hour basis allowing for overnight cleaning, kitchen operation, security operating or bumping in/out. This activity should be limited to the new/changed entry from Nawi Cove or from Wilson Parking only so as to prevent disturbance from vehicle and people movements for the residents on Merriman and Bettington Streets as well as the larger Millers Point. One big impact we have currently is the tendency for operators to shut off the street or to fill it with bump in/out vehicles.
4. Another big impact currently is that organisers continually allow patrons to exit via stargazer lawn which fills the park with loud, drunk individuals and spoils the peace for everyone. Placemaking NSW (and City of Sydney) should consider making condition of consent to protect resident amenity such that the plan of management prohibit the use of the lift to deposit patrons on level 2 after 10pm. All event attendees must be directed to exit from Nawi Cove entrance or Wilson Parking.
5. Merriman and Bettington streets should not be used for parking by event organisers or attendees and should be considered for change to "Residents only parking". Event organisers or attendees must be directed to park at Wilson Parking only.

6. No commercial activity should occur on Stargazer Lawn which should be preserved for passive recreation as a park only. A select few exceptions can be made to accommodate long standing large-scale public, free events on national community occasions such as Australia Day. Any such exceptions should be listed on the conditions of consent. Nearby residents are suffering greatly already from very high levels of noise.

7. Local, not for profit community groups and local schools should be given FREE access for a set number of hours each year. All not for profit groups and schools should have the ability to access reduced fee structures.

8. There must be much better way-finding and links to nearby restaurants and cultural centres at Walsh Bay, Barangaroo and the Rocks.

My support to SSD-47498458 is as follows:

1. The provision of Cafe and kitchen facilities.
2. Increase in toilet facilities. Signage and way-finding to the toilets is critical.
3. Improvements to acoustics to ensure that sounds stay within the cutaway and do not escape into the surrounding neighbourhood.

Lastly, this SSD includes very voluminous documents which are difficult to fully understand without putting in many hours of detailed study. Therefore Infrastructure NSW should hold Consultation sessions with the public - specially the neighbourhood of Millers Point, Barangaroo and the Rocks so that we can all understand the impacts and can have our questions answered.

I look forward to further consultation on this SSD. We, the local residents are desperate for some relief from the high levels of disruptive noise and traffic and do not want any further impacts to our amenity.

Thanks and regards

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