

An aerial photograph of a vast, snow-covered mountain range. The terrain is rugged and textured with snow, with a prominent lake or valley floor visible in the lower right quadrant. The overall color palette is a range of blues and whites, creating a serene and majestic atmosphere.

## **APPENDIX J.3**

### PODIUM HEIGHT/ PHOTOGRAPHIC EXAMPLES

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The proposed podium height is a result of providing a balance between the desire to reduce the impacts of basement excavation (water table impacts) and providing vehicular ramp access with appropriate clearances as well as maintaining a high degree of visual contact between the 'al fresco' or activated component of the podium and the street frontages.

While the general height difference is an average of 1.2m (RL 5.85 – RL 4.55) or seven steps between the podium and the street this level change is treated with the use of stepped planter beds and glass balustrades that provides an attractive connection/transition between these levels.

The transition between levels has also been made highly accessible with ramps and stairs, which form part of the integrated design.

Examples of the successful treatment of this situation is contained in the following photographic examples. In particular the treatment of 'al fresco' dining areas in the Darling park development along the Darling Harbour frontage in Sydney is an excellent example.



