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Mr Sam Haddad
Director-General
Department of Planning
GPO Box 39
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Attention: Daniel Keary

Dear Mr Haddad

**MODIFICATION TO MAJOR PROJECT 08-0093
DARLING WALK – PUBLIC DOMAIN**

We refer to the abovementioned Project Application for public domain works at Darling Walk, Darling Harbour.

On behalf of our client, Lend Lease Development, we write to request the Minister (or his delegate) modify the Project Approval 08-0093 under Section 75W of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* as described below. The modification relates to a minor change to the alignment of the Harbour Street footbridge and additional canopy over the stairs. The following amended footbridge drawings are attached:

- AD903900-03 General Arrangement Plan
- AD903905-01 Typical Section
- AD 903906-01 North Elevation
- AD 903907-00 Perspectives
- AD 903908-01 Comparison Plan

In accordance with Section 245k of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000*, please find enclosed the fee of \$750 for the assessment of the request.

The changes sought to the Project Approval are as follows:

Proposal

It is proposed to modify the alignment of a section of the Harbour Street footbridge which connects to the northern building. The current design includes a bulged area between the western side of Harbour Street and the new northern building. The proposed new alignment removes the bulged area due to structure engineering requirements. In addition, it is also proposed to extend the canopy over the stairs at the eastern end of the footbridge. The proposed changes are illustrated on the attached drawing – Comparison Plan AD 903908-01.

Justification

The approved design of the footbridge included a bulged area to compensate for demolition of a span that previously connected to the old Sega World building, which provided some structural support. The bulged area required additional concrete weighting to balance and stabilise the

bridge. The concrete weighting resulted in a 22% increase in the load on Pier 2 of the bridge. Pier 2 sits above the Cross City Tunnel (CCT) structure.

Since approval of the footbridge design, the operators of CCT have advised that no additional loads could be applied to the footbridge Piers 2 or 3 which are above the CCT structure. Therefore a revised design and alignment of the footbridge is required. Lend Lease have advised that the revised design does not result in any additional loading on Piers 2 or 3 of the footbridge.

The proposed extension to the canopy over the stairs at the eastern end of the footbridge is to provide additional weather protection and to help create a more clearly defined entry to the precinct.

Amendment to Consent

It is proposed to amend the drawing references in Condition A2 of Schedule 2 as set out below. Words proposed to be deleted are shown in **~~bold strike through~~** and words to be inserted are shown in ***bold italics***.

D. Architectural (or Design) Drawings prepared by Francis-Jones Morehen Thorp (FJMT)

Drawing No.	Revision	Name of Plan	Date
AD 951008	-	Footbridge — Elevation	July 20 2009
AD 951009	-	Footbridge — Section	July 20 2009
AD903900-03		General Arrangement Plan	22.04.2010
AD903905-01		Typical Section	01.04.2010
AD 903906-01		North Elevation	01.04.2010
AD 903907-00		Perspectives	01.04.2010

Conclusion

The project as proposed to be amended by this modification will be the same as the approved project, with only a minor realignment of the footbridge and additional canopy. The proposed amendment has no additional environmental impact beyond those issues considered and assessed in the approval of the original project.

Should you have any queries about this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me on 02 9956 6962 or kosborne@jbaplanning.com.au.

Yours faithfully



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