



28th October 2013

Submission re MP 08 0191 Port Kembla Demolition Project

Please delete my personal information.



This has been a difficult submission due to the limited time and the poor quality of the information provided. Please accept my apology if it is not done in a professional manner as I am only and ordinary but concerned resident of Port Kembla.

These are my comments and questions re the

General Submission Information

I find that these Plans raise problems that are due mainly to the fact that the residents who are the major stakeholders have been left out yet again until after the facts are put out by the experts.

The 'shopfront'.

I was lucky to know about the 'shopfront' and the existing documents as I am now in the Exclusion Zone and received a new PKC letter (that was left in my letterbox and also is unsigned) on Saturday 19th October. Many other resident of Port Kembla do not even get letters to know about the 'shopfront'. The 'shopfront' is not general knowledge in Port Kembla.

This doesn't give us 2 weeks of 'shopfront' when we don't know until after it has started and it also restricts the time that we get to respond.

I am also fortunate that I can now look at 2 of the Demolition Plans available at the 'shopfront' after they were obtained for me by a friend on 25th October. However I am unable to speak with the authorities as I am unable to view when they are in attendance as the infostack website doesn't state this on their timetable.

The Infostack website. See Appendix A and B

We are told to get our information from the PKC website but when you look is it not up to date and is inadequate and inaccurate.

The stackinfo states that all agencies will be scheduled to be at the shopfront yet only 2 appear on the timetable published. I assume that some of my questions would apply to the NSW Police who are not to date listed to attend. That also denies the public (what the Minister promised) that we would have input. I also made this request to Mr Ian Wilson when he attended the Port Kembla Pollution Meeting on 7th November but have never had a reply.

Promises made by Minister Hazzard on 19th September. See Appendix C

Minister Brad Hazzard promised that we as major stakeholders would be given opportunity for input by having a representative regularly attend the Working Group Meetings. This did not happen.

Recently an invitation was given for 6 people only to attend a Special Meeting at the 'Shopfront' (during the first week) but I believe that the offered had to be changed due to

such short notice and that the next meeting for 6 people only is now to happen just a day or so before submissions are to be lodged denying us ample time for input yet again. Mrs Olive Rodwell did request and extension of lodgement time but I am not aware if that has been granted.

Mr Hazzard assured us at that meeting that the community would be treated better. Upon reading Appendix H of the Golder Report given out at the 'shopfront' and reading all of the errors in the Maps used **I don't feel that our Safety and Lives are being treated with respect and this required urgent attention.**

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***Evacuation Management Plan: 200M Stack Demolition
Revision 1: 9 October 20134.***

Once again the residents who are the major stakeholders have been left out to date and thus problems still exist.

I find **the document in general is confusing and hard to follow** as it often pertains to the former demolition plan and at other times relates to the future demolition plans.

Some general issues arising are --

Item 2. Identification of Exclusion Zone appears to be for the revised plan but most of the other information is mainly for the former demolition date and most points are out of date now and not applicable to a revised plan.

Item 3.1.4 Notifications lists the two primary school contacts but excludes the Illawarra Seniors College. Why?

Item 3.1.6 Care for Pets does not provide shelter for pet owners should the day be wet or hot or windy.

Item 4.1.3 Approach lists a public meeting that was pathetically run and needs to be revised and rescheduled.

Item 4.2 Additional Consultation due to Change of Demolition Date – second item under Stakeholder – see my remarks below re dilapidation surveys.

Demolition Notification Letters in Appendix 4 –

My **minor** comments are re the delivery (or rather the non-delivery) of the shown letters;

I was formerly not in the Exclusion Zone and only ever got one letter from PKC about the former demolition attempt. I read in Appendix 4 that 3 letters were sent out (that is letterbox dropped). I only ever received 1 of those letters and all properties in or out of the EZ learned from the media about the deferred demolition and not by any PKC letter.

Others who were in the original EZ were surprised too when I showed them the other letters that they were supposed to have gotten.

Will future letters that will be required to be delivered actually be sent out?

My **major** problem with the Demolition Notifications letters are as follows;

These letters are just left in the letterboxes of the occupants of properties and contain information about requesting a dilapidation survey to be done. These dilapidation surveys obviously relate to the properties but the relevant information is not being given to property

owners. **How is PKC going to contact the property owners with this important information given that many tenants would not even know their landlords?**

Security of Properties During Demolition and incorrect maps –

Many errors appear in the maps being used with roads inserted that have never existed and other roads that are relevant or missing and should be there.

I live at _____ and I will have to access _____ property via Wentworth Lane and Sydney Place (when Church Street is closed). However the maps don't even show Sydney Place and there are no DETOUR signs marked to close the southern end of Wentworth Lane. This leaves my property open to easy public access even though I am in the Exclusion Zone and I will be required to leave my property for safety reasons. If the lane does eventually get closed then it can still easily be accessed by residents in Fifth Avenue (who are not in the EZ) using their rear gates.

Will these maps be corrected and information used be reviewed? I am happy to share my 69 years of local knowledge to assist.

What method of protection will PKC use stop looter such as happened recently in the Bush Fire Zones?

See Appendix Dre some of the above.

This company has a poor record in our town from when they operated with "State of the Art" technology and now we are left to trust them to finish this demolition.

Thank you for your patience.

Signed:.....

Appendixes A, B, C and D attached.

"A"

Why the stackinfo FAQs section is faulty, misleading and inaccurate.

Note: I have labelled and hi-lited relevant items A to J on copy of site info attached and the following are my remarks/questions.

- A. How can this happen when 2 months notice of road closures etc are part of the Consent?
- B. This website was unable to be view by many people who tried to do so.
- C. Please advise of the demolition companies other "15 such stack demolitions" as I can only find 3 other stacks that they have demolished and they were all about 1/3 of the size of this stack anyway and were not next to a township with a large bread baking factory, a service station and 2 smash repairers within the footprint.
- D. This stack is reinforced concrete and lined with bricks and that doesn't sound much like a "tree" to me.
- E. PKCs top priority so far hasn't indicated their priority to be safety or the earlier scheduled felling would have gone ahead and would not have been delayed.
- F. Not all access roads are shown on their maps in their documents supplied on 25th October and therefore not all access to the Exclusion Zone is shown to be blocked.
- G. This is surely a joke answer with concrete and bricks (with possible hazardous contents) going to hit the ground.
- H. 11,000tonnes of concrete and brick stack hitting the ground will surely also make a sound.
- I. The Exclusion Zone spoken of now is 300m.
- J. How and when will these bus timetables and diversion routes be published and distributed for the public and school children who use them.

Copy of the FAQS section of stackinfo website as on 22nd October and 27th October 2013 -----

ABOUT THE STACK DEMOLITION

When is the stack being demolished?

The date for the stack demolition has been postponed by government agencies. Residents and businesses will be notified of the new date as soon as possible.

At this stage the previously advised timings remain however we will advise closer to the date. They are as follows:

7.30am	Road access limited in Exclusion Zone
From 8.30am	Clear all Exclusion Zone properties
9.30-11.30am	Demolition takes place
Around 15 mins after demolition	Exclusion Zone lifted

Wasn't it scheduled for Thursday 5 September?

It was, however plans for the demolition have been paused at the request of government agencies to allow for further discussions.

Wasn't the demolition approved?

The demolition of the stack was approved by the NSW Government in 2010, and the approval required some additional plans pertaining to evacuation, environmental management and consultation with government agencies.

(A) Why is the stack being demolished?

Port Kembla Copper has been steadily clearing the site of redundant structures since 2010 and this work is due for completion by the end of this year. Its removal is necessary to redevelop the site for its future use.

Why not keep the stack?

If the stack was retained it'd take between \$500k and \$1 million a year to safely maintain it, and that's strongly prohibitive to future users of the site. If the site users stopped maintaining the stack its condition would deteriorate, and it'd be much harder and more expensive to demolish the stack once the site had already been redeveloped.

Has the demolition been approved by government?

(B) PKC was granted approval to demolish the stack in 2010 and is working with the Department of Planning and Infrastructure to finalise the remaining plans required prior to the demolition. Planning requirements and PKC reports are available on the Department of Planning and Infrastructure's website:
http://majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au/index.pl?action=view_job&job_id=2702

Is the demolition safe?

(C) The best and most qualified demolition experts in Australia are conducting the demolition, and this will be their

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16th such stack demolition. The stack will fall to the north, well within the boundaries of the Port Kembla Copper site. This is called a "felling" demolition. Workcover accepted commencement of demolition work of 30 July 2013.

D Where will the chimney fall, how do you know where it will go?

The chimney will fall within the Port Kembla Copper site in a northerly direction. The chimney has undergone extensive engineering inspections to determine its strength and straightness. The demolition involves the removal of the northern side at the base to a height of approximately five meters this will allow them chimney to topple over in a northerly direction pivoting on its southern side. This would be similar to cutting a wedge out of the front of a tree to topple it over.

E Is it possible debris will fall to the south, even though the stack will fall to the north?

A risk assessment has been undertaken which has shown that it's highly unlikely. However, safety is Port Kembla Copper's top priority, which is why the Exclusion Zone will be in place.

Will there be footage broadcast of it?

Local media may choose to broadcast live footage of the felling. Port Kembla Copper will record the event and make this footage available online.

Will it be postponed in bad weather?

The felling can safely proceed in the rain. Only the most extreme high winds would necessitate a brief postponement. The demolition experts will make any safety decisions necessary relating to the weather or other factors, based on their expertise.

F Where can I watch it?

Safety is Port Kembla Copper's top priority so people are encouraged to move well back from the Exclusion Zone as a safety precaution.

What time will the stack come down?

The precise moment of the felling will take place between 9.30am and 11.30am. This window of time is necessary to allow for variables in clearing the Exclusion Zone and the time involved in making final preparations to trigger the demolition.

G Will the demolition disturb a lot of dust?

Concrete dust disturbed by the demolition is predicted to settle within the boundaries of the Port Kembla Copper site. The stack itself has been cleaned from top to bottom to remove industrial dust.

Will the sound be loud?

H The noise that the blast emits when the explosives are initiated will be below the limits set by the EPA, the noise can be compared to a loud thunder clap.

I Can I look at it directly?

As all persons will be at least 250 metres away, the explosion will be safe to view and not harmful to eyes.

Will roads be closed?

Roads within the Exclusion Zone will be closed and barricades set up at nearby intersections. Road access into the Exclusion Zone will be limited from 7.30am until after the all clear is given.

Will public transport be impacted?

(5)

Trains will operate as normal. Buses that normally run along roads in the Exclusion Zone will have minor route diversions for a few hours.

What is going to happen after the stack is demolished?

The site will continue to be cleared ready for redevelopment. Port Kembla Copper is in preliminary discussions with a number of interested parties.

Why not keep the stack as a tourist destination?

The deadline for a viable proposal to do that was due to Port Kembla Copper by Monday 12 August. To be successful, that proposal would need to have:

- Regulatory approval
- A viable and fully funded business plan
- Committed financiers of demonstrable and significant substance

As these requirements were not met the demolition will proceed as planned.

Current Stack Demolition Info Centre Timetable

as at night of Tues. 22 Oct 2013

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Taken from Stackinfo website as at 12.40pm 25 October

Port Kembla residents are invited to speak with planning, demolition and environmental experts and agencies about plans for felling the Port Kembla Copper at a specially arranged Information Centre now open.

The Information Centre is located at PKC's main entrance on Military Road and is attended at scheduled times by representatives of the Department of Planning and Infrastructure, Wollongong City Council, WorkCover, the Environmental Protection Authority, **NSW Police**, Golder Associates and PKC. The timetable will be updated weekly, and the most recent timetable can be found on this page.

Drafts of several management plans are available here (Evacuation Management Plan, Evacuation Management Plan Appendix and Stack Demolition Management Plan) and at the Centre for review and clarification.

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Note:

I wish to speak with the NSW Police but although it says they will be there, they are not listed.

Stackinfo Timetable as at 7.20pm Sunday 27th October 2013

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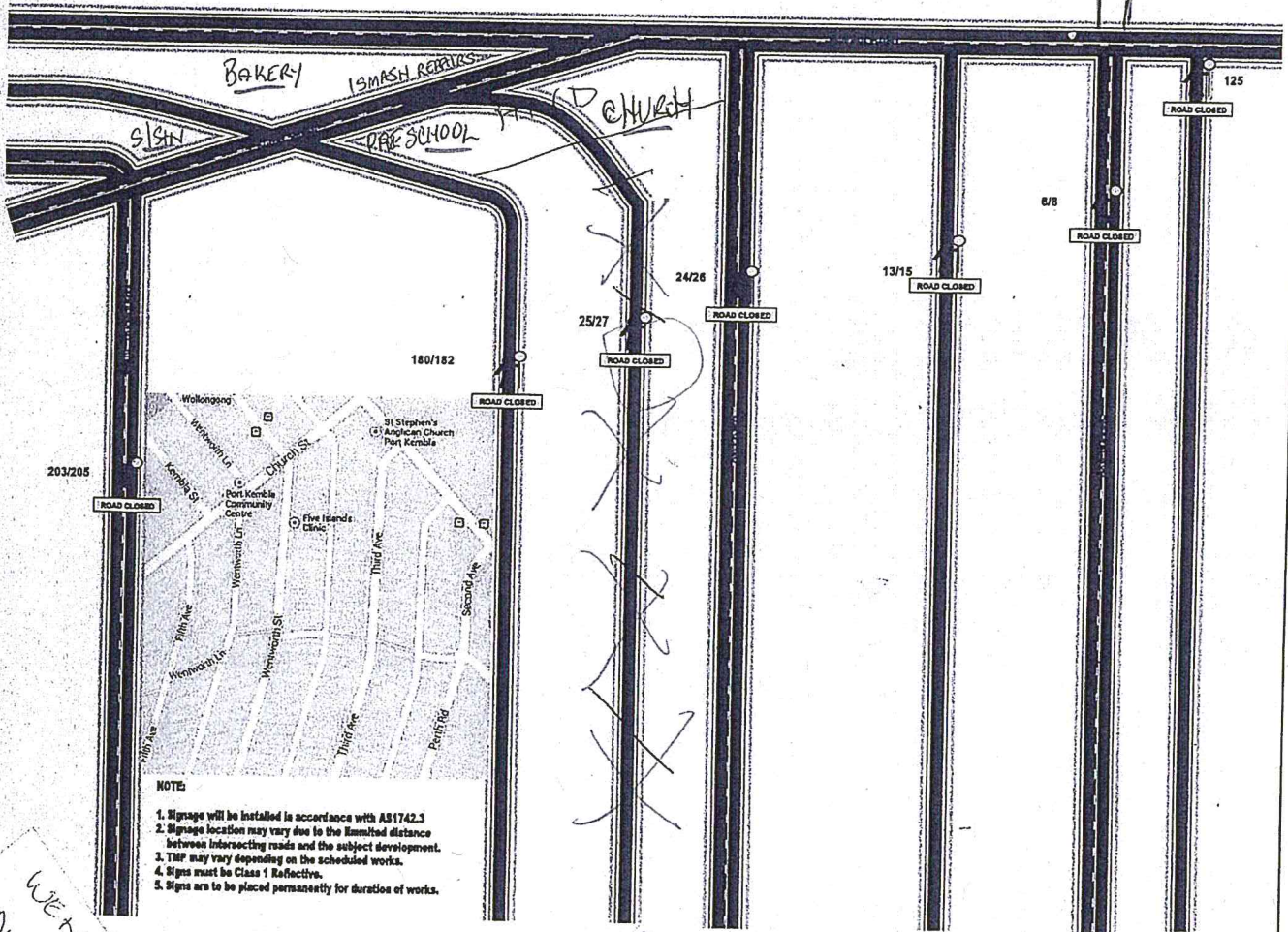
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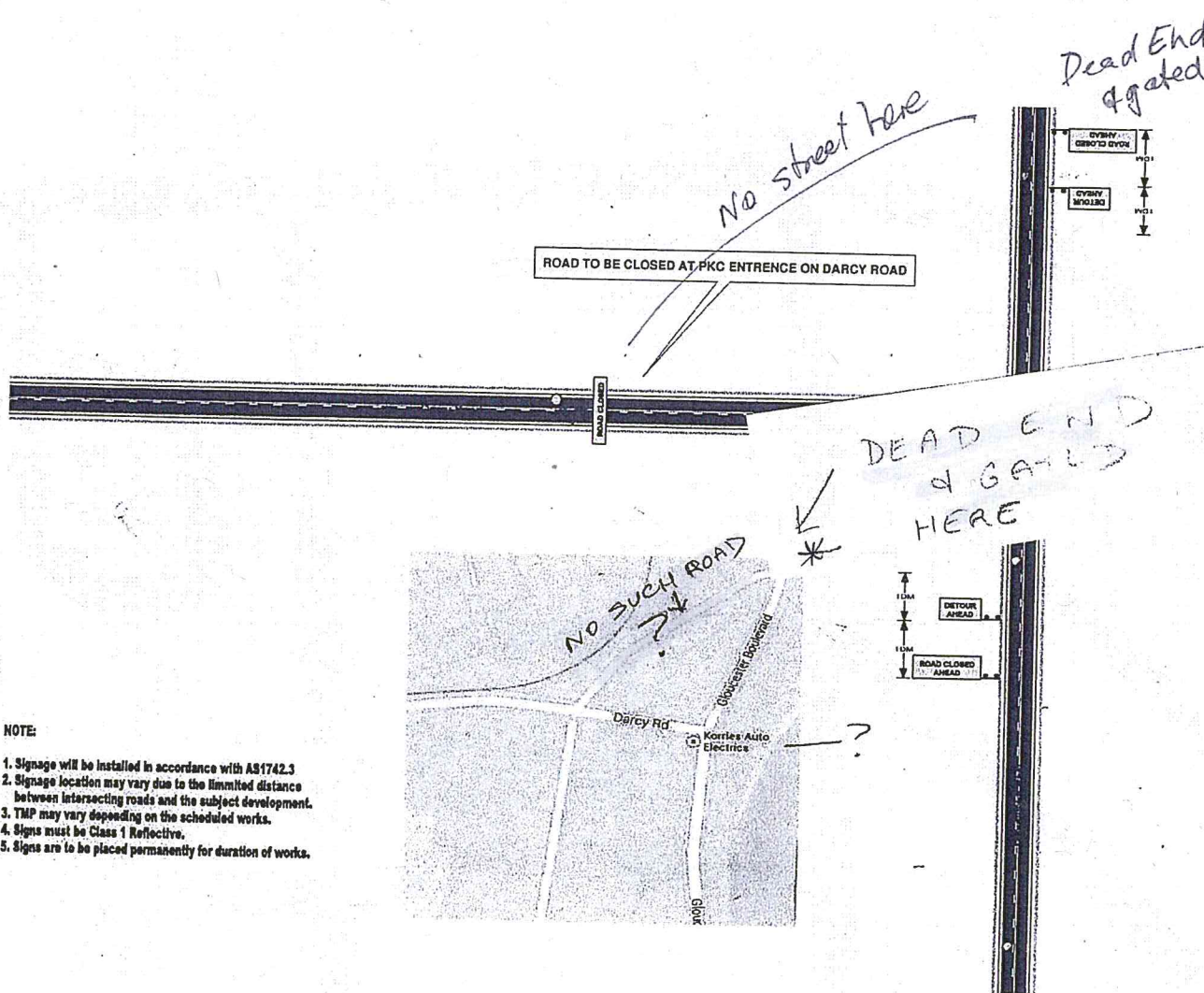
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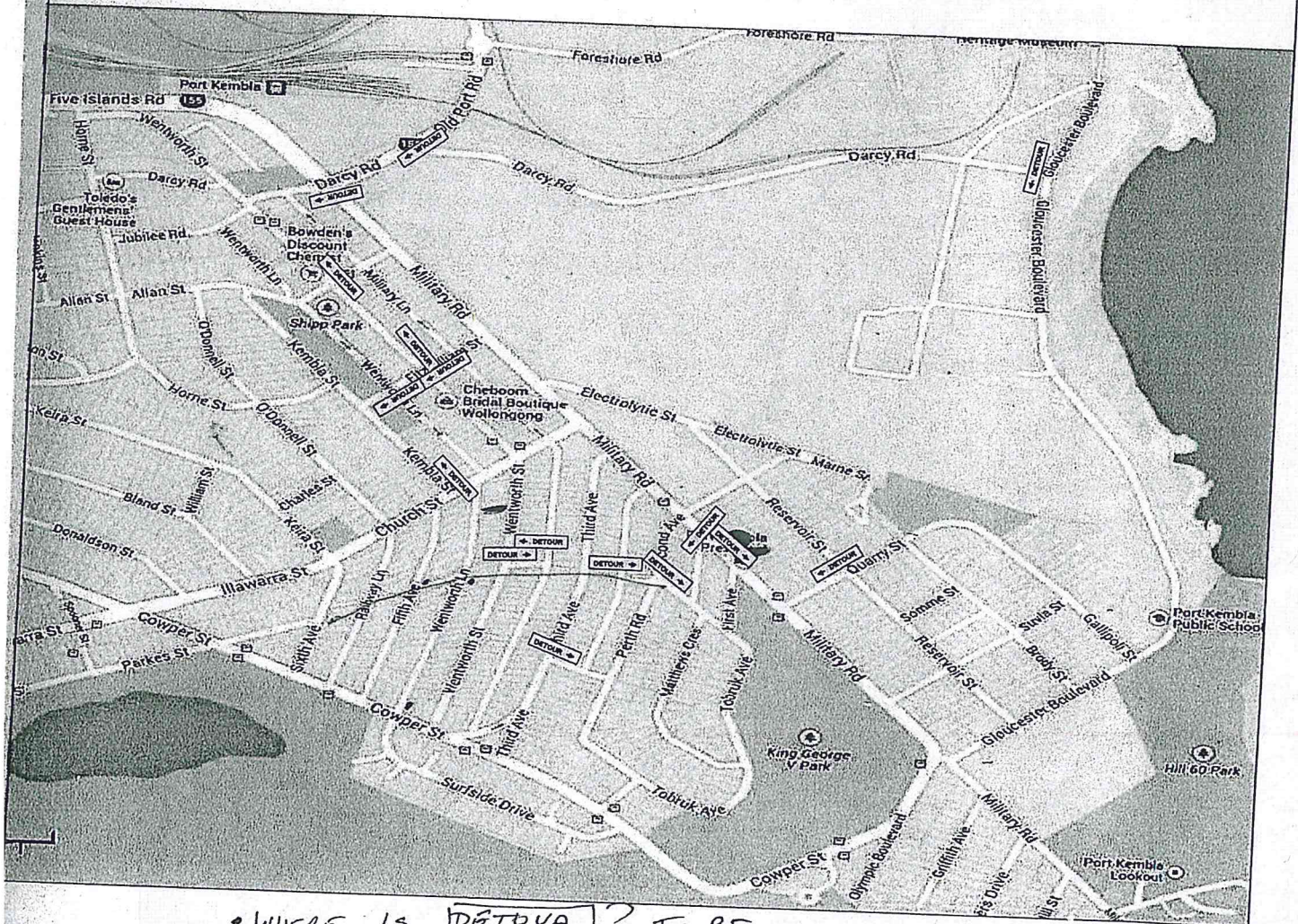
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* See Golden map

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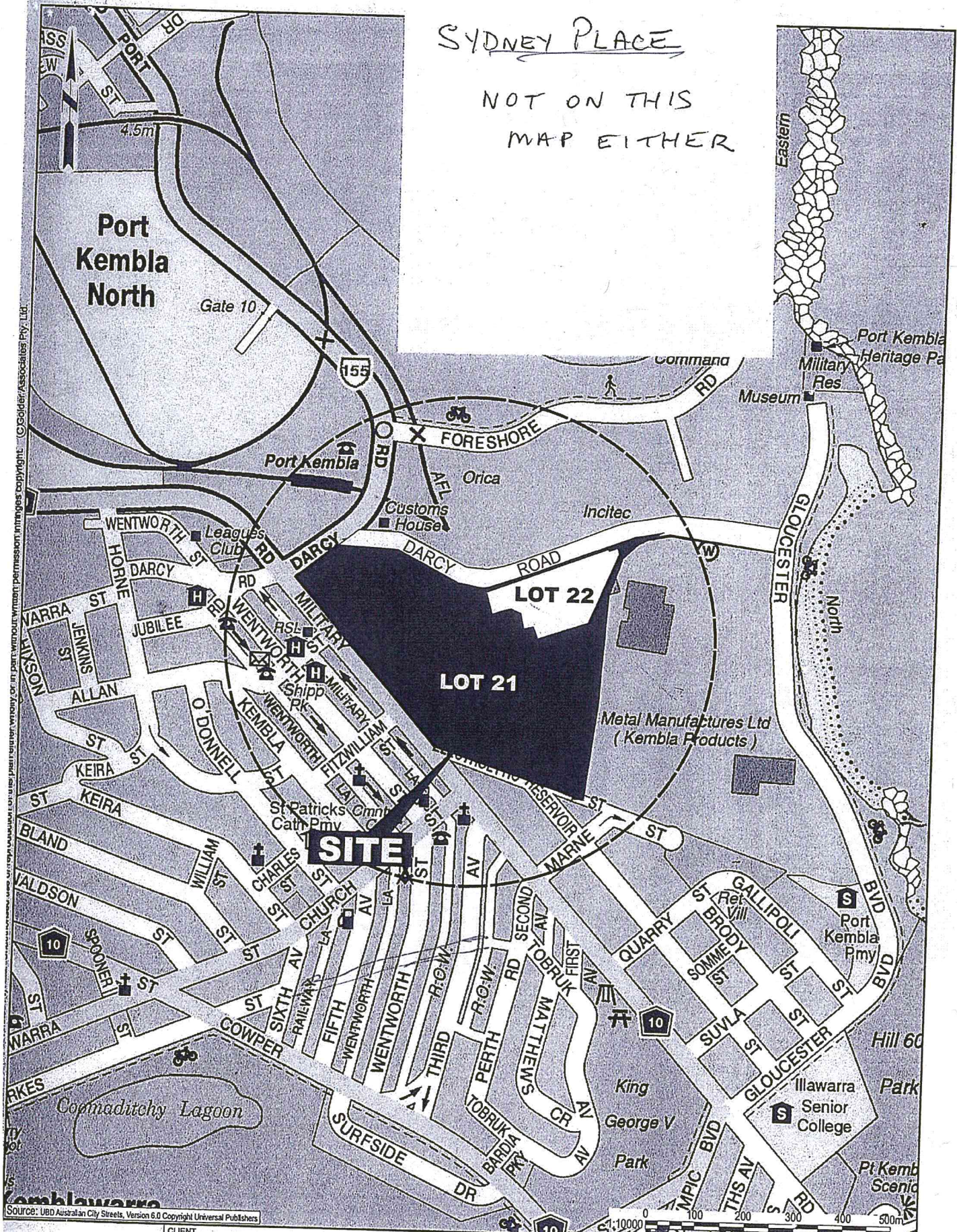
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• WHERE IS DETOUR? TO BE

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