

15 May 2026

Our Ref: R/2016/25/A
File No: 2026/277014
Your Ref: DA-445-10-2003

Janith De Silva
Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure

Via Major Projects Portal

Dear Janith,

Advice on Modification – Modification 5 – Forecourt Events and Operational Updates – SSD-DA-445-10-2003

Thank you for your correspondence dated 5 May 2026 inviting the City of Sydney Council (the City) to comment on SSD-DA-445-10-2003 for operational changes to events held on the Southern Forecourt and Monumental Steps of the Sydney Opera House, including:

- increasing maximum capacity from 6000 to 7000 patrons
- maintaining the 99-day event total with the following adjustments to event durations (currently 3 x 20-day and 5 x 11-day events):
 - 2 x 25-day events
 - 1 x 16-day events
 - 4 x 11-day events
- allow all 'Typical Forecourt Events' to use the maximum permitted sound levels between 10am and 11pm
- bump-in from 7am, Monday to Friday and bump out until 12:30am on all days (currently permitted until midnight).
- modify condition 5, 6(a), 7(a), 42, 43 and 44 based on the above.

Please be advised that the City has no comments on the proposal. Should the proposal be amended, the City would welcome the opportunity to comment further.

Should you wish to speak with a Council officer about the above, please contact Kaitlin McCaffery, Specialist Planner, on 9246 7240 or at kmccaffery@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,



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