

# Wilkinson House, Darlinghurst NSW

Visual impact renderings and methodology report

VIRTUAL IDEAS

## 1. INTRODUCTION

This document was prepared by Virtual Ideas to demonstrate the visual impact of the proposed development at Wilkinson House, Darlinghurst NSW with respect to the existing built form and site conditions.

## 2. VIRTUAL IDEAS EXPERTISE

Virtual Ideas is an architectural visualisation company that has over 15 years experience in preparing visual impact assessment content and reports on projects of major significance that meet the requirements for relevant local and state planning authorities.

Our reports have been submitted as evidence in proceedings in both the Land and Environment Court and the Supreme Court of NSW. Our director, Grant Kolln, has been an expert witness in the field of visual impact assessment in the Supreme Court of NSW.

Virtual Ideas' methodologies and outcomes have been inspected by various court appointed experts in relation to previous visual impact assessment submissions, and have always been found to be accurate and acceptable.

## 3. RENDERINGS METHODOLOGY

The following describes the process that we undertake to create the renderings that form the basis of this report.

### 3.1 DIGITAL 3D SCENE CREATION

The first step in our process is the creation of an accurate, real world scale digital 3D scene that is positioned at a common reference points using the MGA 56 GDA94 coordinates system.

We have used data including existing, approved and proposed building 3D models as well as a site survey to create the 3D scene. A detailed description of the data sources used in this report can be found in Appendix A, B and C.

When we receive data sources that are not positioned to MGA-56 GDA94 coordinates, we use common points in the data sources that can be aligned to points in other data sources that are positioned at MGA-56 GDA94. This can be data such as site boundaries and building outlines.

Descriptions of how we have aligned each data source can also be found in Section 3.2.

### 3.2 ALIGNMENT OF 3D SCENE

To align the 3D scene to the correct geographical location, we used the following data:

We used the site survey (Rygate) and Aerometrex data to position the buildings in our 3D software. (refer to Appendix B for details)

Cameras were aligned to positions in surrounding buildings using both 3D models and the Aerometrex data to accurately reflect the views provided.

### 3.3 RENDERING CREATION

After the completing the camera alignment, we add lighting to the 3D scene.

A digital sunlight system was added in the 3D scene to match the lighting direction of the sun in Sydney, Australia. This was done using the software sunlight system that matches the angle of the sun using location data and time and date information.

For the renderings, we were requested to apply a basic white material to the proposed development, a basic blue material to the existing building on our site and peach for surrounding DA approved future developments.

Images were then rendered from the software and additional line work in red was added to show the extent of the DA Approved building model.

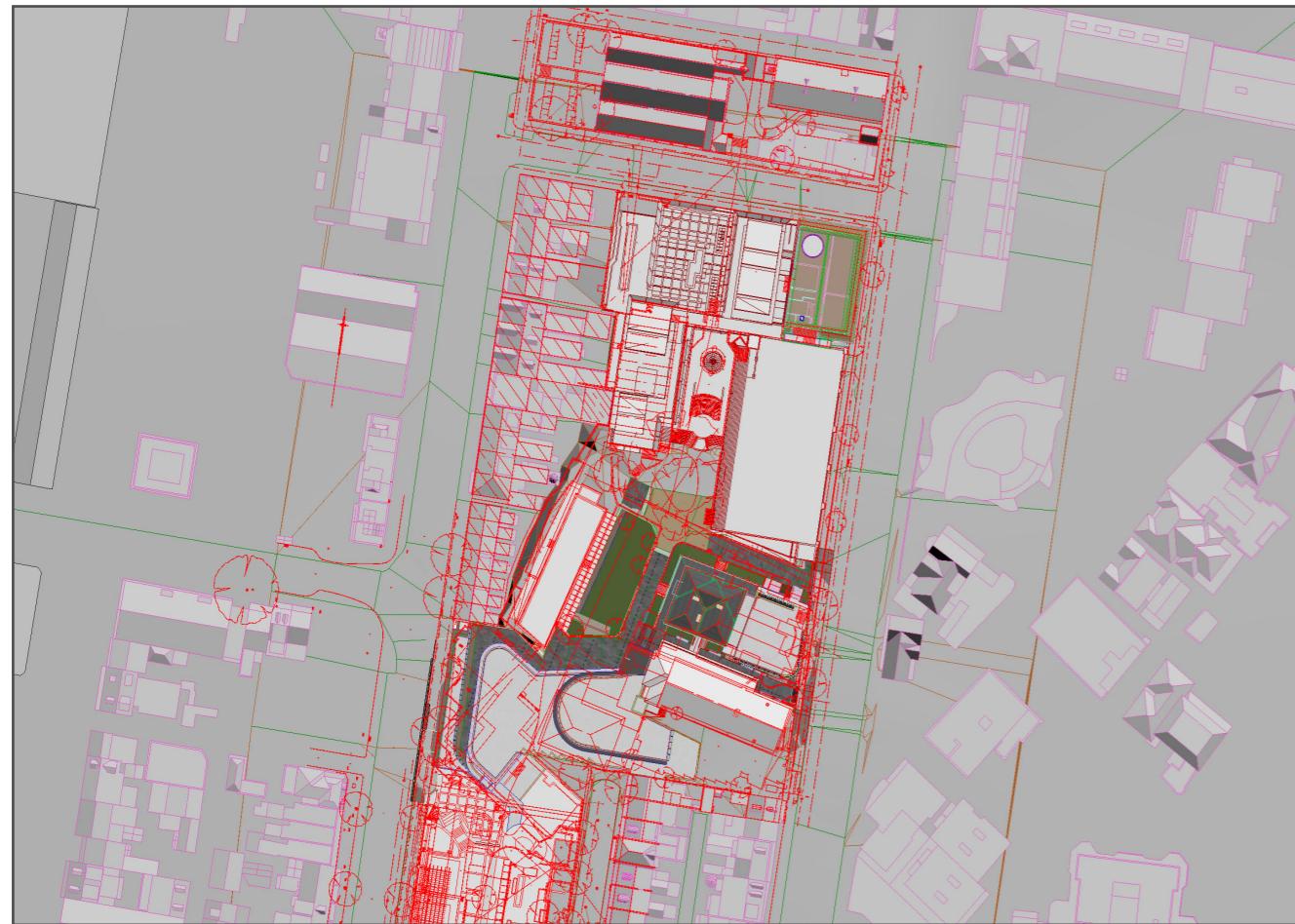


Image showing 3D building models aligned to survey drawing from Rygate(Red) at MGA 56 GDA94, by aligning site boundary of SCEGGS Darlinghurst.

## 4. MAP OF 3D CAMERA LOCATIONS

PLAN ILLUSTRATING CAMERA LOCATIONS FOR VISUAL IMPACT RENDERS OF WILKINSON HOUSE, DARLINGHURST NSW



### Camera Positions

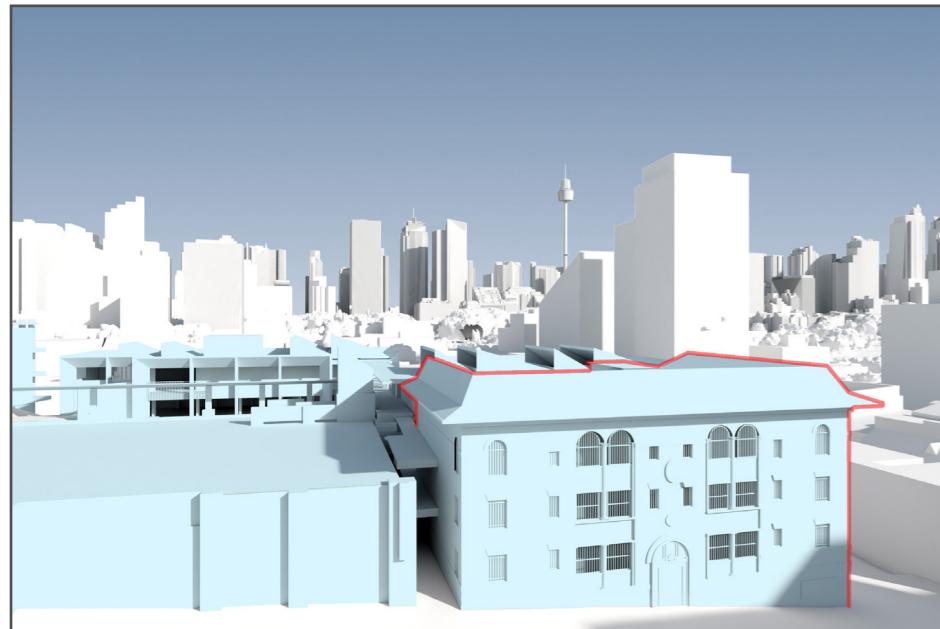
1. Position 1 - The Horizon Apartments
2. Position 2 - The Horizon Apartments Level 2 apartment 1
3. Position 3 - 186 Forbes Street North
4. Position 4 - 200 Forbes Street

 Proposed Wilkinson House

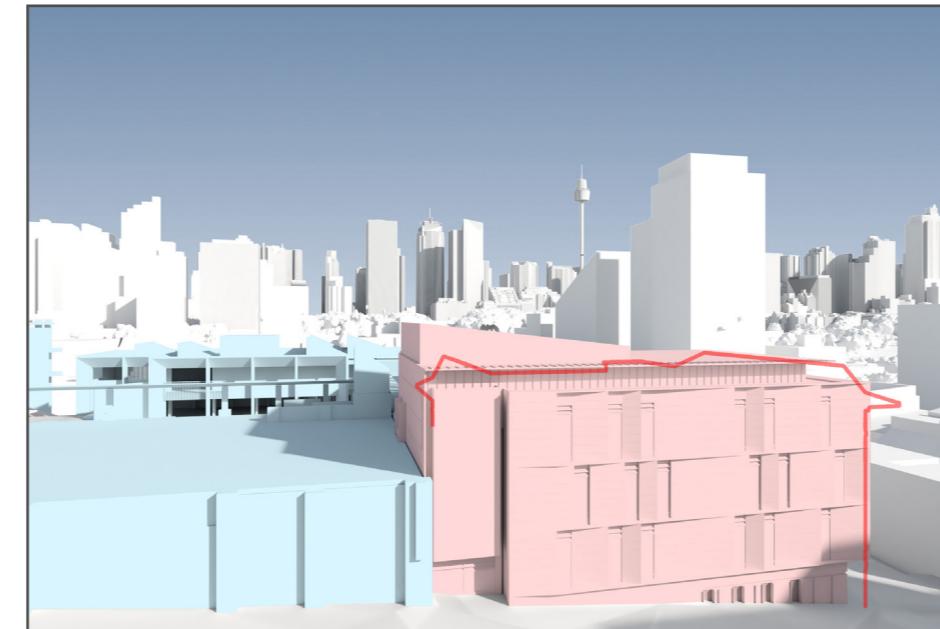
 Approved SCEGGs buildings as part of concept SSDA SSD-8993

## 5.1 CAMERA POSITION 1 - THE HORIZON APARTMENTS

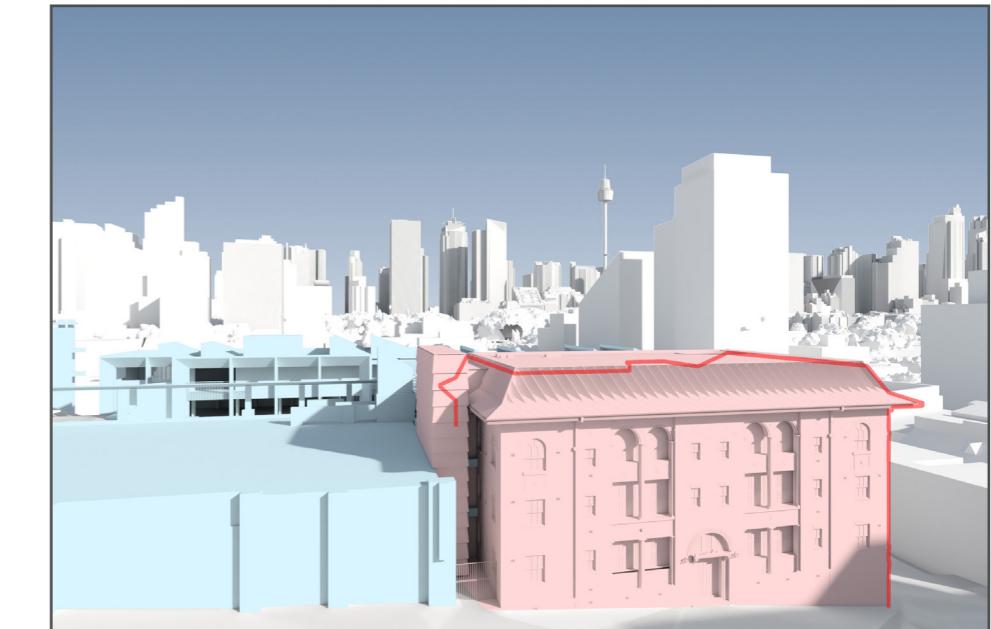
RENDER FROM 3D MODELS SHOWING CURRENT CONDITION



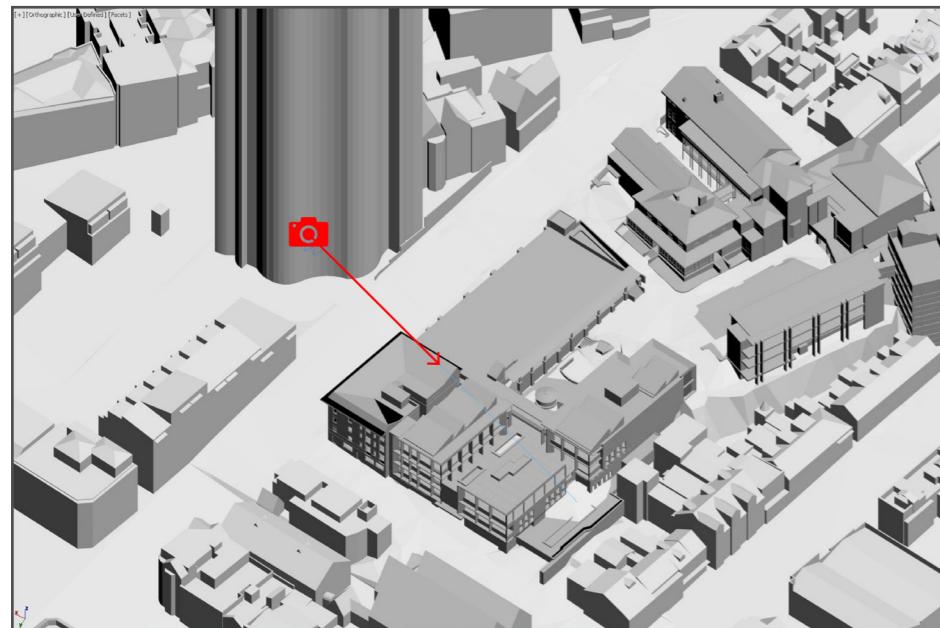
RENDER FROM 3D MODELS SHOWING CURRENT CONDITION AND PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT - PROPOSED AS PART OF CONCEPT SSDA



RENDER FROM 3D MODELS SHOWING CURRENT CONDITION AND PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT - CURRENT PROPOSAL UNDER SSD-19989744



CAMERA POSITION IN 3D VIEW



CAMERA POSITION IN 3D CLOSE-UP VIEW



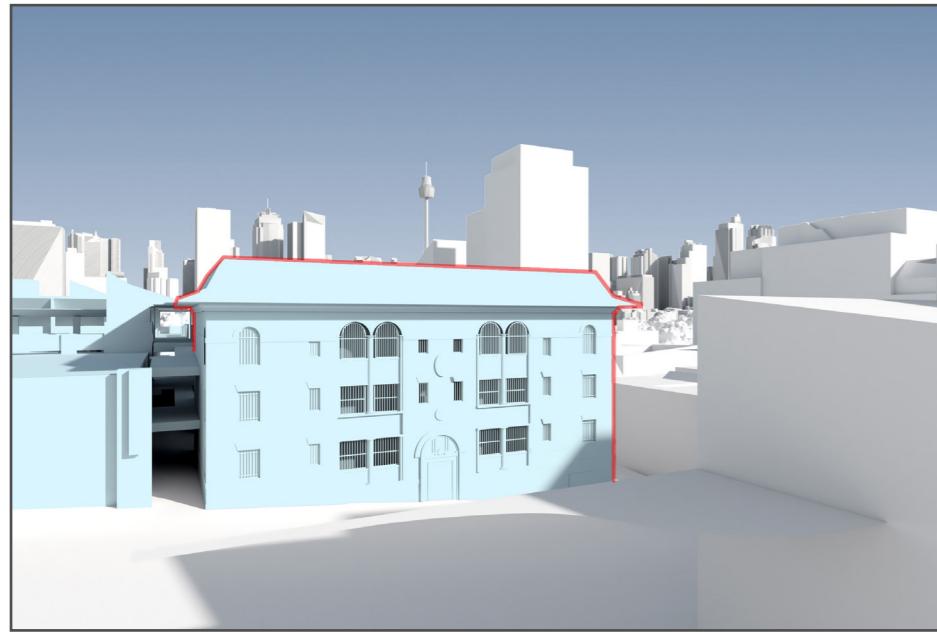
3D VIEW LINE INFORMATION

View Location:	3rd floor level balcony to presumed living area
Camera RL:	48.5m
Focal length in 35mm Film:	24mm

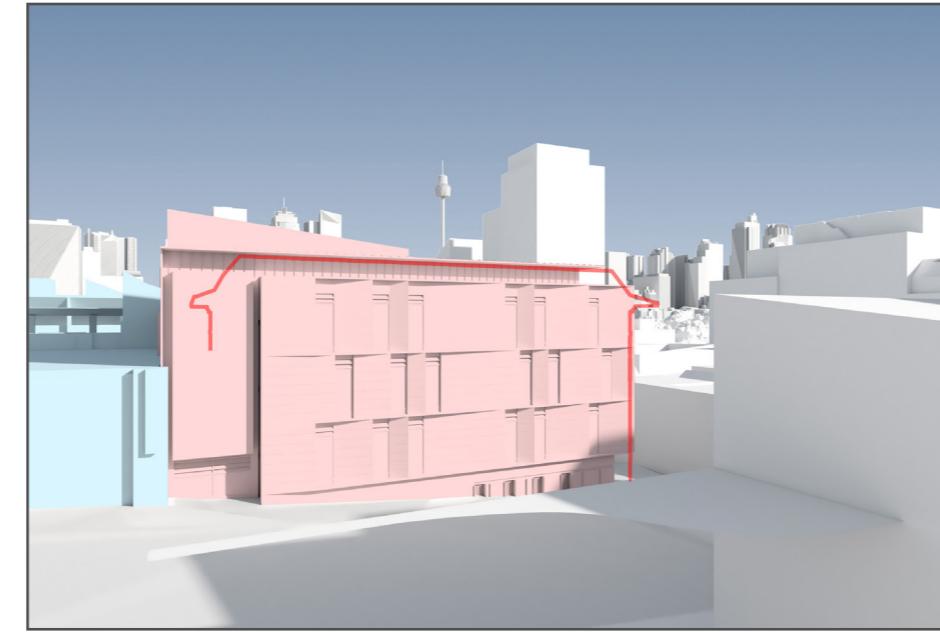
- Models of context buildings
- Outlines of Existing SCEGGS Buildings
- Existing SCEGGS Buildings
- Proposed SCEGGS Buildings including Wilkinson House

## 5.2 CAMERA POSITION 2 - THE HORIZON APARTMENTS LEVEL 2 APARTMENT 1

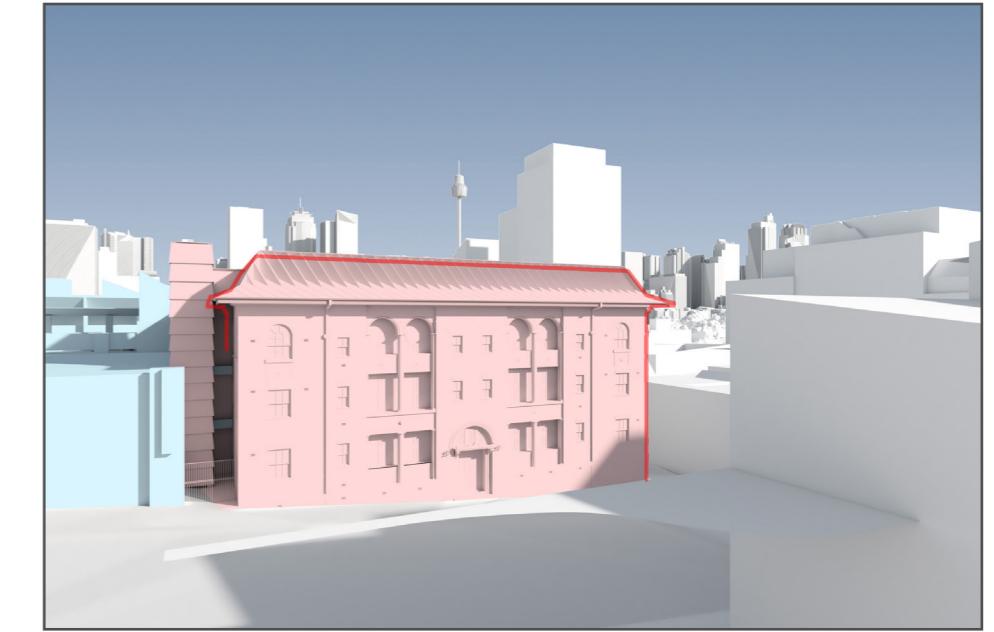
RENDER FROM 3D MODELS SHOWING CURRENT CONDITION



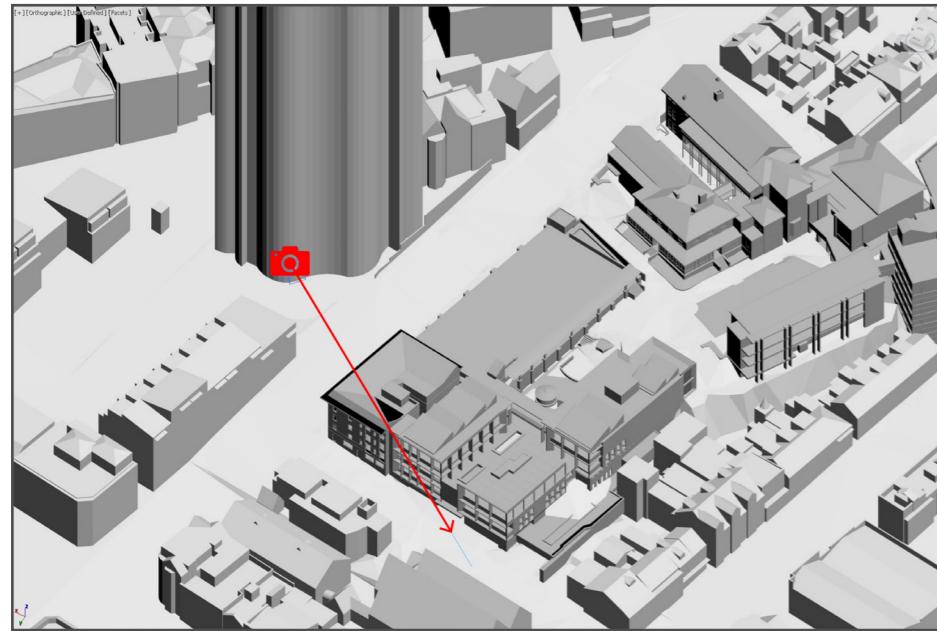
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CAMERA POSITION IN 3D VIEW



CAMERA POSITION IN 3D CLOSE-UP VIEW



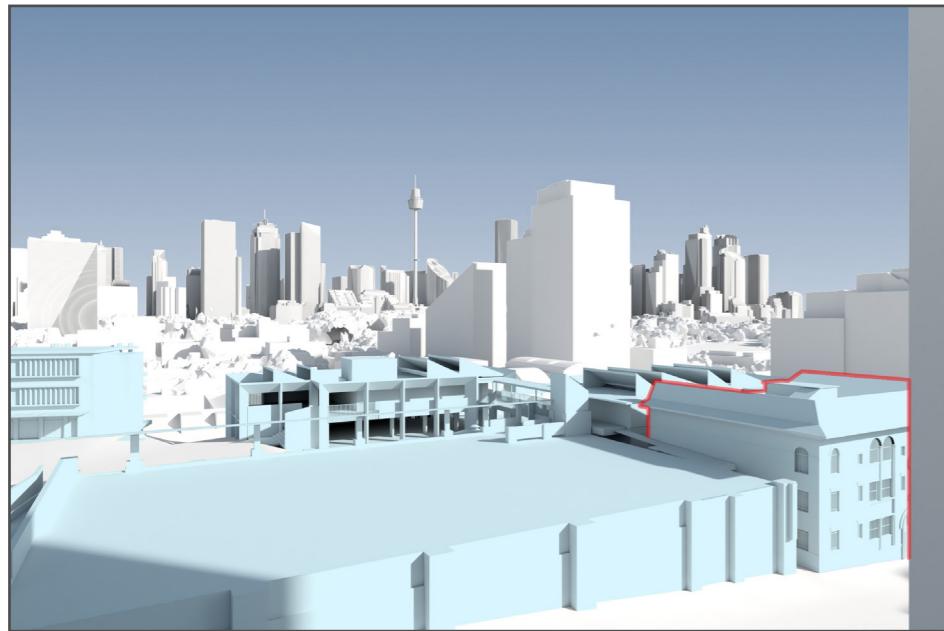
3D VIEW LINE INFORMATION

View Location:	2nd floor level balcony to presumed living area
Camera RL:	42.5m
Focal length in 35mm Film:	24mm

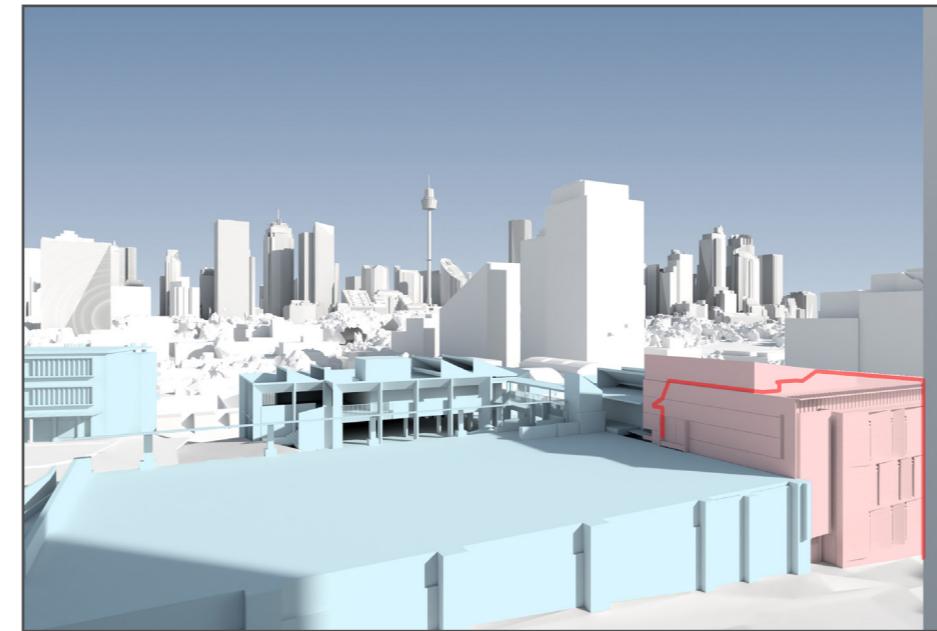
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### 5.3 CAMERA POSITION 3 - 186 FORBES STREET NORTH

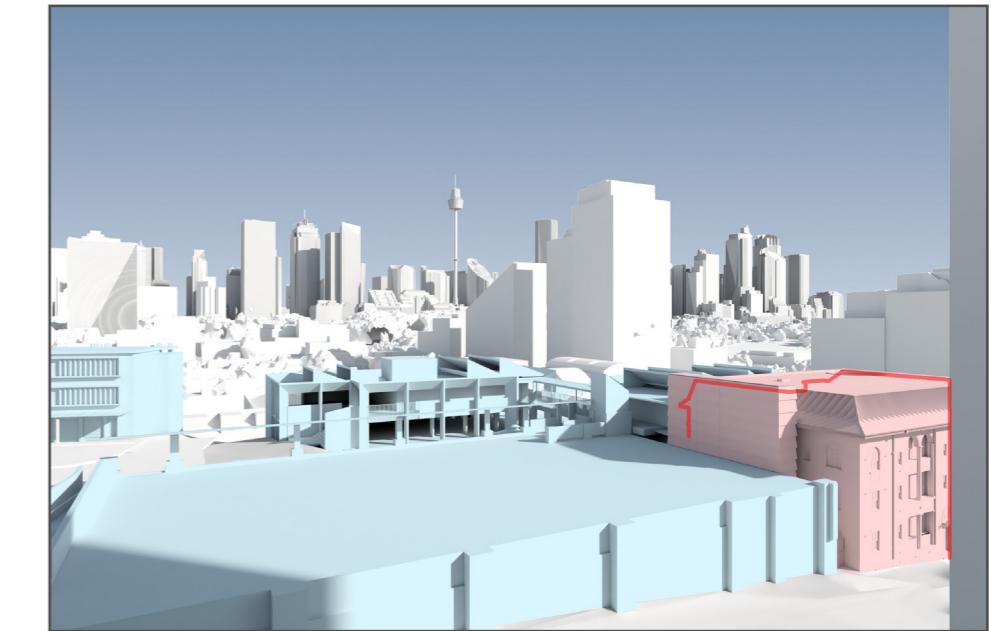
RENDER FROM 3D MODELS SHOWING CURRENT CONDITION



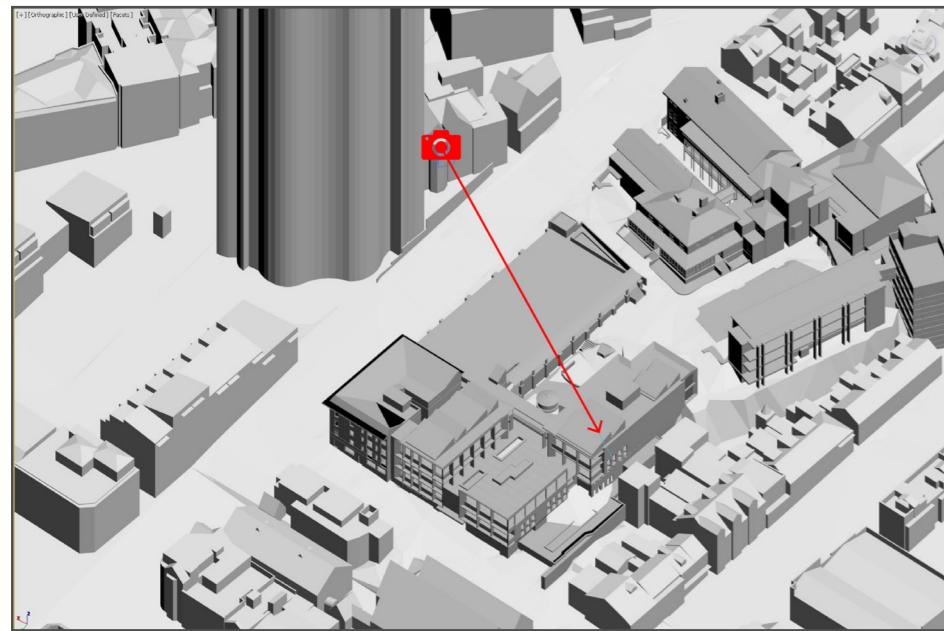
RENDER FROM 3D MODELS SHOWING CURRENT CONDITION AND PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT - PROPOSED AS PART OF CONCEPT SSDA



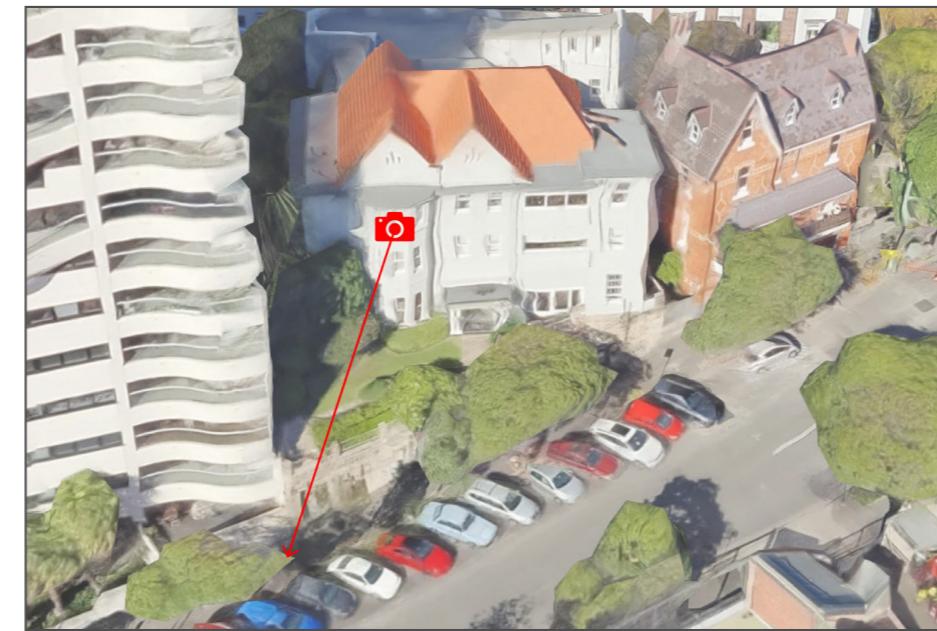
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CAMERA POSITION IN 3D VIEW



CAMERA POSITION IN 3D CLOSE-UP VIEW



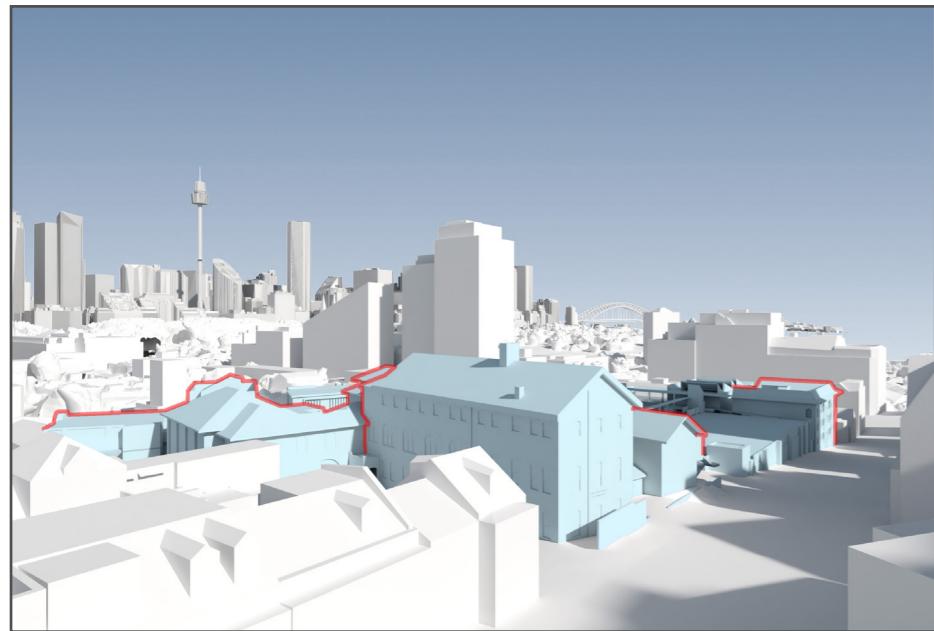
3D VIEW LINE INFORMATION

View Location:	2nd floor level bay window to presumed bedroom
Camera RL:	51.6m
Focal length in 35mm Film:	24mm

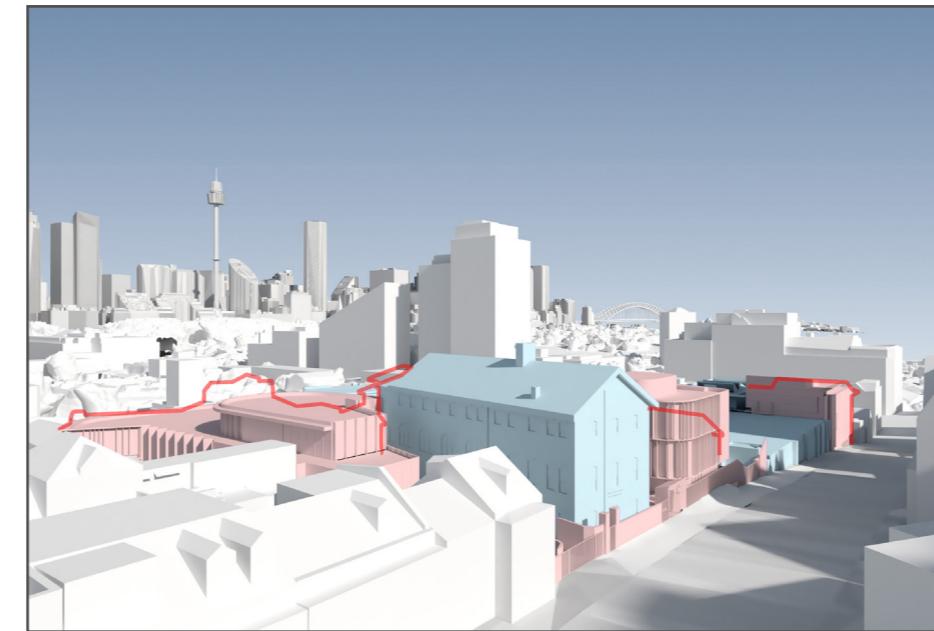
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## 5.4 CAMERA POSITION 4 - 200 FORBES STREET

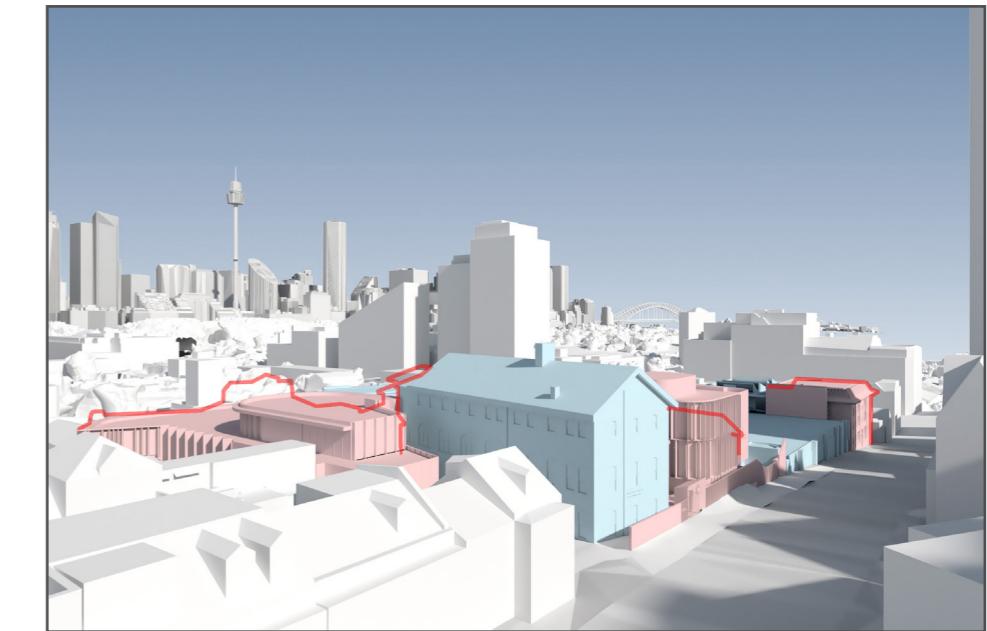
RENDER FROM 3D MODELS SHOWING CURRENT CONDITION



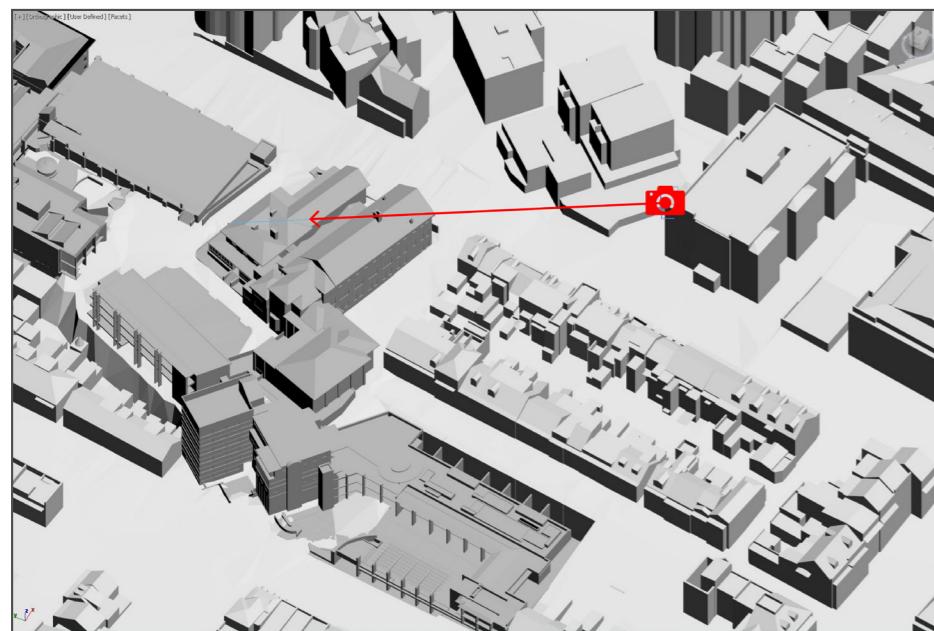
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CAMERA POSITION IN 3D VIEW



CAMERA POSITION IN 3D CLOSE-UP VIEW



3D VIEW LINE INFORMATION

View Location:	Top floor bay window to presumed sun room to living area
Camera RL:	65m
Focal length in 35mm Film:	24mm

- Models of context buildings
- Outlines of Existing SCEGGS Buildings
- Existing SCEGGS Buildings
- Proposed SCEGGS Buildings including Wilkinson House

## 6.1 APPENDIX A: 3D SCENE DATA SOURCES

### A.1 - 3D model of proposed Wilkinson House - 2021 October Submission

File Name: 210927\_2022\_WILKINSONHOUSE\_MODEL  
Author: Smart Design Studio  
Format: Revit  
Alignment: MGA 56 GDA94

### A.6 - Aerometrex 3D Data - refer to Appendix B for details

Author: Aerometrex  
Format: FBX  
Alignment: MGA 56 GDA94

### A.2 - 3D model of proposed Wilkinson House - 2019 September Submission

File Name: 160441\_TKD\_AR\_RVT\_Master\_19\_190729  
Author: TKD Architects  
Format: Revit  
Alignment: MGA 56 GDA94

### A.7 - Site Survey - refer to Appendix C for details

File Name: TKD\_Survey\_190514  
Author: Rygate  
Format: Autocad DWG  
Alignment: MGA 56 GDA94

### A.3 - 3D detailed models of proposed SCEGGS buildings except Wilkinson House

File Names: 160441\_TKD\_AR\_RVT\_Barham\_19\_190723  
160441\_TKD\_AR\_RVT\_Multi\_Purpose\_19\_190723  
Author: TKD Architects  
Format: Revit  
Alignment: MGA 56 GDA94

### A.4 - 3D detailed models of existing development and context

File Names: 160441\_TKD\_AR\_RVT\_Barham\_18\_Existing  
160441\_TKD\_AR\_RVT\_Master\_18\_Existing  
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160441\_TKD\_AR\_RVT\_Site\_18\_Existing  
Author: TKD Architects  
Format: Revit  
Alignment: MGA 56 GDA94

### A.5 - Surveyed 2015 3D North Sydney context model - refer to Appendix B for details

Author: AAM  
Format: 3DS Studio Max file  
Alignment: Supplied referenced to MGA 56 GDA94

## 6.2 APPENDIX B: DETAILS OF AAM AND AEROMETREX 3D MODELS USED FOR ALIGNMENT AND CONTEXT PURPOSES



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### Geocirrus 3D Model

#### Accuracy, Reference Frames and Origin of Model Data

#### City of Sydney Ultimo Area

Untextured Wireframe model (2018),

Level of Detail – LOD3

AAM Project Number: PRJ35737

**Accuracy details:** please refer to table A: 2018 untextured wireframe model

#### Crows Nest Area 3D Data

Textured Wireframe model (2017),

Level of Detail - LOD3

AAM Project Number: PRJ33958

**Accuracy details:** please refer to table B: 2017 textured wireframe model

#### City of Sydney Update 3 square km

AAM Project Number: PRJ33453

**Accuracy details:** please refer to table A (2018 untextured wireframe model) for Sydney CBD and Central Sydney area, and please refer to table B (2017 textured wireframe model) for North Sydney and Harbour Bridge area.



File: 3D Model details.docSydney



#### Table A: 2018 untextured wireframe model

Level of Detail: LOD3  
Capture Date: March 2018  
Capture resolution: 0.095m  
Accuracy: +/- 0.2m RMS vertically and horizontally

#### Table B: 2017 textured wireframe model

Level of Detail: LOD3  
Capture Date: 20/12/2016 and 13/01/2017  
Capture resolution: 0.125m  
Accuracy: +/- 0.5 m

#### REFERENCE SYSTEMS:

Horizontal:  
Datum: GDA94  
Projection: MGA zone 56  
Geoid Model: N/A  
Reference Point: 336305.14 E 6252061.22N

Vertical:  
Datum: Australian Height Datum (AHD)  
Projection: N/A  
Geoid Model: Ausgeoid98  
Reference Point: 2.36 RL

#### Wireframe Models (untextured):

The wireframe model was digitized using photogrammetric methods from aerial imagery captured on 25-28 February 2009, updated from aerial imagery captured on 7th March 2013, again in August 2015, with the latest update in March 2018.

Visible features within the aerial imagery were captured as coplanar shapes with no overlap, gaps or slivers between abutting features. Demolished buildings were removed, and new buildings were added. These features were draped to a 0m ground surface around the building footprint and to other features within this footprint. Building within the CBD area are aligned to the land property base to form a single hollow shell. Models outside the CBD area have not been segregated into individual buildings. Ground control used was 72 topographic features surveyed with rapid static GPS

#### Wireframe Models (textured):

Digitised from nadir and oblique imagery captured Dec 2017-Jan 2018  
Textured from the same imagery  
Geometry at LOD3 level includes awnings and roof furniture

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### Sydney 75mm - 3D MODEL

**Aerometrex Project Number:** A5673

**Aerial Survey Acquisition Dates:** 4<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> February 2019

**Number of frames captured:** 127,250

**Capture Pixel Size:** 7.5 cm GSD

**Horizontal Datum:** Geocentric Datum of Australia 1994 (GDA94)

**Vertical Datum:** Australian Height Datum (AHD)

**Map Projection:** MGA Zone 56 (MGA56)

FBX Offsets: X= 313,000 Y= 5,236,000

**Spatial Accuracy – XYZ:** Derived controls from 10cm Photogrammetric surveying – 25cm absolute accuracy

#### Data Summary:

- **FBX Tiles** – 3D mesh tiles in FBX format split into their Level of Details. Please refer to the associated *metadata.xml* and *Tile\_Index.kml* folder for global offsets and tile extents respectively.

Please note there are different directories for different Level of details meaning L19 is typically the highest level of resolution and geometry and every Level down the geometry gets simplified as well as the texture resolution.



Figure 1: Sydney 2019 3D Model example



Figure 2: Sydney 2019 3D Model example

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### 6.3 APPENDIX C: SITE SURVEY SUPPLIED BY RYGATE

