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Attention: Renah Givney

Dear Amy

Powerhouse Ultimo- SSD-32927319

Further to the submission from Pymont Action of 26 January 2023, please find attached a table of responses. The issues raised in the submission have been addressed in information already provided as part of either the Environmental Impact Statement or Response to Submissions for the application. Relevant excerpts are included in the table.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Tom Kennedy on 0421 595 766.

Yours sincerely,



Tom Kennedy

<p>Comment: The Powerhouse at Ultimo must be retained in its current form as a Museum of Technological Sciences and Engineering, reflecting its historical context. We reject its use as a fashion house and function centre.</p>
<p>Response: As outlined in Appendix H to the Response to Submissions: <i>The programming of Powerhouse Ultimo is not subject to consent of this development application. A focus of fashion, design and creative industries does not represent a change in focus for the museum.</i> <i>The Powerhouse collection includes in excess of 500,000 objects that are globally recognised for its breadth and diversity as Australia’s largest and most significant collection of science, technology and design.</i> <i>The Powerhouse Ultimo Renewal will create a range of spaces that will be inherently flexible to enable the showcasing of the Powerhouse Collection.</i></p>
<p>Comment: We oppose the scale of the proposed “renewal” of the Powerhouse at Ultimo as it represents a huge opportunity cost, leaving other urgent social and environmental needs unfunded.</p>
<p>Response: As outlined in Appendix A to the Response to Submissions: <i>Project expenditure is a matter for the NSW Government and is not relevant to the planning assessment process.</i></p>
<p>Comment: The large heritage items and the 1988 Wran building must be protected and retained in Ultimo.</p>
<p>Response: As outlined in Appendix A to the Response to Submissions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The CMP and HIS accords with contemporary assessments that have been undertaken by the NSW Heritage Council in the recent listing of part of the Powerhouse site. • The 1988 additions are not subject to any statutory heritage listing and may be altered or demolished in accordance with the Urban Design Guidelines. This will be subject to further design investigation and the extent of any demolition would be confirmed in the future Detailed SSDA.
<p>Comment: Cancellation of this proposal will avoid the use of materials responsible for carbon emissions.</p>
<p>Response: As outlined in Appendix A to the Response to Submissions: The endorsed Design Excellence Strategy includes appropriate sustainability targets that will ensure that the Powerhouse Ultimo Renewal is consistent with best practice in sustainable design and operation.</p>