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Mr Sam Haddad
Director General
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Dear Mr Haddad,

Request for Director General's Requirements for the Environmental Impact Statement to accompany a State Significant Development Application.

Sydney Opera House is more than an architectural monument, a world class performing arts centre and a State, National and World Heritage listed asset: it is also Sydney's foremost tourist attraction and meeting place, as well as an important driver of the State and national economies.

The Opera House has recently developed a new Enterprise Strategy to reinvigorate its purpose and ensure it retains its central position in Australia's cultural life and identity. A key strategic priority will be to improve engagement with visitors to the site and to raise awareness of the Opera House stories, and the experiences and places available on the precinct.

The purpose of the State Significant Development Application being proposed is to permit the construction of a Visitor and Interpretation centre on the southern forecourt as a gateway, information and meeting point at the principal entry to the precinct.

We look forward to receiving the Director General's Requirements and working with the Department of Planning & Infrastructure on this Development Application.

Yours sincerely,



Greg McTaggart
Director, Building Development & Maintenance