

Hi Rodger,

Thank you for inviting the City to comment on the proposed modification of SSD 6960 (Mod 2) to adjust the levels of the basement slab to align with concurrent modifications to the Stage 1B Public Domain SSD 7944. Council provides the following comments:

The changes to levels are incrementally minor and are coming via several different modifications, however the overall implications of these changes result in Hickson Park becoming increasingly inaccessible through raising the levels and introducing a seating wall that creates a barrier and mounding the grass. This is not a good outcome for a public open space. The current proposal to elevate levels of the Hickson Park result in a 500mm high wall to the Hickson Road edge, separation between public domain and park, poor permeability and connectivity, and the reduction in universal access for all users. Meanwhile the elevated park levels to Barangaroo Avenue result in walls up to 700mm high.

It is recommended that a condition be imposed to 'cap' future level changes with a maximum ground level and structural slab level.

Hickson Park is intended to be a public open space, not curtilage to the new towers and there is great importance in delivering good open space design with universal access and amenity for all users.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Kind regards,

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