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Acting Director – Key Site Assessments
NSW Department of Planning & Environment
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Dear Sir/Madam

Re: SSD 7056 Remediation, Renewal and Adaptive Re-Use of Campbell's Stores, The Rocks

I wish to lodge a personal submission, objecting to the amended DA for SSD 7056, in particular to the 'Glass Box'. My name is James Neville and I live at 14 John Street Petersham NSW 2049. My email address is jneville@practical.net.au

I have no objection to my name being published in respect of this matter.

I have read the terms of the Department's Privacy Statement and agree to the Department using my submission in the way it describes. I understand this includes full publication on the Department's website of my submission, any attachments and any of my personal information in those documents, and possible supply to third parties, such as state agencies, local government and the proponent.

I have not made a reportable political donation.

On 26 November 2015 I submitted a letter to you in which I outlined the reasons for my objection to what is proposed by way of 'development' at Campbell's Cove.

Subsequently the developer has had ample opportunity to provide commentary upon opposing submissions – and I have had an opportunity to review that commentary online. Unfortunately, it appears that the developer has not adequately addressed my concerns. It is unreasonable that permission to proceed with this development would be considered in the absence of sensible responses to these legitimate objections.

Originally, the purpose of this building was unclear – and it now appears that the stated purpose is for retail usage. To what extent can there be certainty that subsequent applications for use as a restaurant/bar precinct will not be given? The harbour foreshores are prime pedestrian land and there is no pressing community need for any of it to be given over for retail use when there are many alternative retail options within less than 0.5 km of the precinct.

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My original submission highlighted several concerns and because they have not yet been addressed I am restating them in the expectation that they might yet be seriously considered (if not by the developer) by the Department.

The site is public land and it is inappropriate that land in such a prestigious heritage precinct should be rostered for private development when the alternative is to use the space for uninterrupted pedestrian access to the Harbour foreshores. It should continue to be available for optimal visual enjoyment of this outstanding heritage precinct including the Campbell Stores.

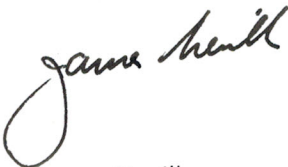
The use of this land has already been addressed in Conservation Plan (7.6.1) for this site which calls for the existing one story building to be removed – not to be replaced by a larger building.

The proposed four story building included as part of the Campbell's Stores Development Application will obscure full visibility of Campbell's Stores. Its modernistic design is unsympathetic and inconsistent with the character of The Rocks.

There is no evidence that community sentiment towards preservation of the character of The Rocks has evaporated. You would be aware that a broad community based cross section rallied successfully in the 1960s and 1970s to ensure that this vital heritage area would be preserved. The proposed development is at odds with that sentiment.

I can be contacted should further amplification of these submissions be required.

Yours faithfully



James Neville