



16 February 2016

Ms Carolyn McNally
Secretary
Department of Planning & Environment
GPO Box 39
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Ms McNally

**SSD 7430 – Sydney Opera House Lower Concourse: Shade Cover Improvements
Development Application Submission**

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 is to permit some very minor works at the Lower Concourse level in association with the food and beverage premises here to improve the shade cover provisions.

In accordance with the SEARs issued 18 December 2015, please find attached the Development Application incorporating the following documents;

1. SSDA form
2. Environmental Impact Statement by BBC Consulting Planners, and associated Appendices

We look forward to working with the Department of Planning & Environment on this Development Application.

Yours sincerely

Greg McTaggart
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