

**ANGEL PLACE
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Dear Jamel,

HERITAGE RESPONSE TO RFI | DEPARTMENT OF LANDS BUILDING (SSD 7484), MOD 17

Urbis has reviewed the referral comments from Heritage NSW and the City of Sydney with respect to the proposed works under MOD 17 of SSD 7484 at the Department of Lands Building (23-33 Bridge Street, Sydney). Urbis has also reviewed the responses to the RFI provided by project architects Hassell and project heritage architects Purcell.

Urbis supports the Hassell & Purcell commentary on the following basis:

Flooring

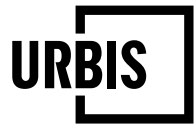
- Only a small portion of timber flooring is proposed for removal under this modification, as indicated in the updated architectural plans. The flooring is located in a small number of rooms which are of lesser relative value – within the inner perimeter of the building – and does not impact the rooms of higher value at the external perimeter of the building. The proposed removal of flooring is concentrated in select areas which have already been approved for use as new amenities which will facilitate the major adaptive reuse which has been approved for the building. Additionally, all removal of fabric will be carried out in accordance with the endorsed Salvage Methodology.

Fireplaces

- The current design illustrates the locations of the fireplaces which are proposed for temporary removal and salvage. The selected fireplaces are located in spaces which have been previously approved for new uses in accordance with the major adaptive reuse scheme (i.e., back-of-house / amenity areas), with the salvaged fireplaces proposed to be reinstated in locations where fireplaces have been previously removed over time.

Strongroom doors

- It is proposed that the existing strongroom doors will be temporarily removed and reinstated within the existing reveals. However, it is suspected that these doors may contain asbestos material which will be confirmed as part of the removal process. Should the doors contain HAZMAT material, these doors may be required to be safely disposed of should no appropriate alternative solution be found.



- The removal of the doors will enable sufficient clearance for equitable access within this highly significant part of the building which, on balance, is a reasonable heritage outcome.

On the basis of the above, Urbis endorses the Hassell & Purcell responses from a heritage perspective.

Yours faithfully,

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