

GOVERNMENT ARCHITECT NEW SOUTH WALES

5 May 2020

MARTIN PLACE OSD DRP – SESSION 13 05.05.20

Dear [REDACTED],

Via email:

The following open items from DRP Meeting 13 (15.05.20) were presented in detail to the panel at the recent Meeting 14.

SSDA Condition B13 –Through Site Link

- a) Public Art
- b) Public Activation
- c) Entry Experience
- d) Safety Provisions
- e) Materials & Finishes

The following commentary and advice was provided by the DRP:

- a) Public Art
 - The overall public art strategy is endorsed by the panel.
 - The integration of proposed artworks within the architecture of the through site link and over station public spaces is generally supported
 - The precise positioning of the Moebius sculpture suspended above the north station entry requires reexamination to ensure unimpeded sightlines from eye level from all angles – in animations presented it currently appears too high for full views from the southern gallery level
 - Opportunities for the public to access information about artworks and gain further understanding through physical and digital means should be incorporated
- b) Public Activation
 - The panel is generally supportive of the proposed activation strategy and the organisation of uses and circulation through the proposed public spaces
 - Confirmation is sought on how the number of public WCs proposed has been calculated. Provision of amenities must be sufficient to avoid queues spilling into adjacent public spaces and circulation zones
 - Design of signage, integration with the architecture and ease of wayfinding for members of the public seeking toilet facilities requires

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clarification and further development. Ensure integration with broader signage strategy and materials palette

- Details of public seating and fixtures to promote uses as described (meeting place, people watching vantage point, amphitheatre – Town Hall Steps precedent) are requested for future presentation to the DRP
- c) Entry Experience
 - The overall entry experience as presented is supported
 - More detail is required on wayfinding and signage elements
 - The suspended landscape donut above the eastern entry requires further explanation
 - Integration of the suspended planter with the awning over, treatment of irrigation, drainage, lighting, and materials need to be clearly explained
 - The overall intention for landscaping, including entry landscaping, should be illustrated in future renders
- d) Safety Provisions
 - Proposed measures to ensure public safety including security shutters, CCTV, management of access hours, lighting, 1500mm balustrade heights are noted and supported
- e) Materials and Finishes
 - The panel is supportive of the proposed materials palette presented in DRP 14 featuring further refinement of specifications to include greater richness and patina in selected materials
 - The proposed continuation of Austral Black Granite paving through the site and in the public room with a varied bond pattern is supported
 - The proposed lighting design for the Through Site Link and specialist lighting for artworks is supported

Summary

The two outstanding items for endorsement – Through Site Link and Materials are endorsed by the panel.

The panel supports the interaction of artworks functioning together to create a whole public space composed of interconnected free flowing volumes and spaces.

Open items

It is understood that the following items will be brought to the DRP for review and endorsement at a later date:

- precinct retail strategy
- landscape proposal to L10 terrace
- link between North Tower and 50 Martin Place.

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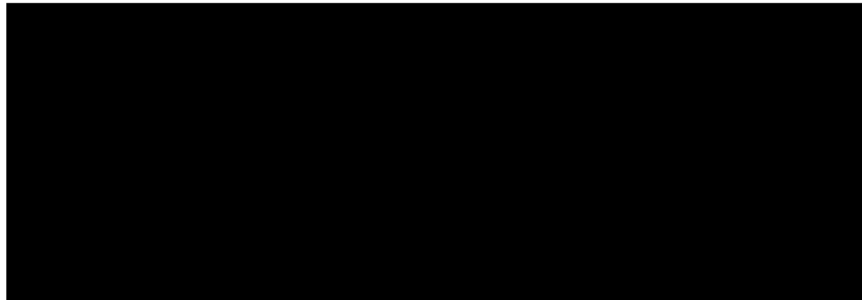
GANSW appreciates the project team's efforts in bringing these matters to the Panel and anticipates future review of the project as it develops to ensure design excellence is achieved.

Sincerely



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27 October 2020

MARTIN PLACE OSD DRP
SESSION 16 20.10.20

Via email:

Dear [REDACTED],

In accordance with Conditions B14 and B15 of the approved project, and progressive panel feedback, the following outstanding items were presented to the OSD DRP:

Amenities

Public art – Mobius sculpture

Public Art – Interpretation Strategy

Public seating

Landscape – suspended entry element

Signage

50MP bridge links

The OSD DRP Panel supports the material presented to date, and consequently:

- Supports discharge of Conditions B13 and B14 by the Planning Secretary
- Notes that the remaining matters are detailed design matters that do not preclude the discharge of the Conditions or achievement of Construction Certificate #1 and design excellence.

The Panel thanked the design team for a thorough and detailed presentation on the matters under consideration. Panel advice and recommendations are provided below.

Amenities:

- Approach to the location and number of the amenities was supported.
- Item can be closed.

Public Art – Mobius:

- Mobius sculpture is suspended so that it can be viewed in full from the upper viewing level (view not blocked by the ceiling or bulkheads). Panel confirmed the matter has been addressed and supports the proposed approach.
- Item can be closed.

Public Art – Interpretation Strategy:

- The interpretation strategy was strongly supported by the panel.

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- Item can be closed.

Public seating

Approach to the design and location of seating to the west was noted and supported, with the following items raised for further design development:

- Aluminium seat edge was queried, ensure that this provides a comfortable (not sharp) edge for users.
- Northern seating overlooking the void still in development, Panel would appreciate further detail on northern seating as it develops.
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Landscape – suspended entry element

Overall the design of this element was supported, with several detail issues raised that should be addressed as the design is finalised:

- Lighting to the planter element to ensure shadows to floor surfaces are acceptable.
- Diameter of the connecting arms and connection detail to the adjacent walls.
- Finish of the ring.
- Panel noted that earlier concepts had illustrated the planter centered on the awning structure above and observed that the current presentation material suggest the planter and awning were now offset. It was queried whether in the offset arrangement, the balance between two strong elements (planter + awning) was potentially compromised. This should be tested.

Signage

The Panel confirmed support for the signage design and overall strategy noting materiality of totems in particular should be subject to detailed development.

The following comments were made:

- Approach to entry signage (bronze, small) is supported, noting that it reflects the same language as 50MP.
- Signage to be included in visualisations going forward.
- Confirm materiality of the plinths including granite base.
- Confirm height layout/font/styles of lettering on wayfinding totems are all compliant with current/recommended codes.
- Prominence of North Tower over directional signage – check that the balance is appropriate and does not impinge on legibility.
- The totem signage has a significant presence. Civic scale elements are a key part of reading the space as a civic space. High quality finishes are encouraged given the many artworks in the public room. Certain touch points such as furniture and some signage elements are opportunities to introduce greater detailing and craft.
- Materiality is critical, as is balancing visibility of signage with the spatial experience of the space and the artwork. Noted that granite or a similar material on the plinth could assist in providing a balance and in integrating elements with their setting given size.

50MP bridge links

Panel confirmed its support in principle of the design of the bridge links and of the introduction of three additional links, noting the proposed connections are

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logical and necessary. [REDACTED]

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