

To:

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Planning Officer

Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure

To the Department of Planning Assessment Team,

I am writing to express my support for the proposed redevelopment of the site located at 142–160 Oxford Street in Paddington.

In my view, the project represents an appropriate and well-considered redevelopment of a site that is currently occupied by buildings of limited architectural merit. Replacing these structures with a carefully designed residential building will improve the appearance and quality of the streetscape along this section of Oxford Street.

The design approach appears respectful of the surrounding heritage context. Incorporating sandstone cladding and architectural detailing that references the character of Paddington demonstrates a thoughtful response to the local environment.

Another strong aspect of the proposal is its contribution to housing supply. Sydney continues to experience a shortage of housing, particularly in well-connected inner-city locations. Providing additional apartments close to transport, retail centres, schools and community services is a sensible and sustainable planning outcome.

The affordable housing component is particularly commendable. Enabling lower and moderate income earners to access modern, well-designed housing in a central location will help maintain the social diversity that makes neighbourhoods such as Paddington vibrant and inclusive.

For these reasons, I strongly support the proposal.

Regards,

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