Metro Parramatta Over station development

SUBMISSION

While supporting this project

I am making the following comments on Significant Designed features that lowers its public value:

<u>This document largely covers Item 4. Poor treatment of Heritage item - The row of 3</u> Heritage Shops -

I703 Shops Local 41-59 George Street Two storey sandstone shopfronts; an early commercial/residential building and is possibly the oldest commercial building in Parramatta and Sydney.

This is from the EIS Document.

The Shops are sited right next to the ONLY Entrance to the basement of Towers A& B. And it's a 6 Metre gap between this Building and the adjoining building site. It will be a truck entry as well as cars.

The site of the Entry /Exist really DEVALUES this Significant Historical building.

So, that the building cannot be walked around and its treatment next to the main entrance *makes it like being next to a Loading Dock*. Totally devaluing location for this access

The heritage documentations don't revel this clearly. Only reveals that its 6 metres. And that access to the building basement is in those 6 metres!

That is NARROW and even with bollards the projected two-way traffic that this shared passage will have makes it tight and Building damage is highly likely.

So, this proposed access point is Poor and really acts to SIGNIFICANTLY Impacts on the Heritage values and endangers them , . Given the Documentation reveals that This is not the Correct treatment for Significant Heritage pieces. The heritage document, there the statutory requirements to no way injury or devalue by any means this Key piece of Australian Heritage.

So, the proponent is aware of this is a significant issue. the Need for a Heritage conservation Plan is stated, however that is not supplied in the EIS documentation, reinforces It is a shonky way of developing the sites, At the expense of Public, social and Heritage values of Parramatta.

<u>CALLING for a better location</u> for the access off George Street for Tower A & B, without endangering or devaluing these significant Heritage shops.

This could be done by substituting one of the shop front developments in Tower A further East on George Street.

This is a way of ensuring that this heritage piece is safely accessible and its LOCATION, which is part of its heritage value is part of its value. is highlighted. so the 6 metre lane way will be pedestrian not vehicle accessible.

Highlighting this Jewel of a building.

Building process.

The building Groundwork and its basement and the building process needs to be sensitive so, as to not damage the structure by deep pilling / cut-off wall contruction.

The construction traffic parking proposed in George Street in front of these 3 shops, needs to move elsewhere. so that vibration is minimized. given the shop overhangs the footpath.

A poor site selection by the Traffic study SIGNIFICANT FAIL.