

7 August 2017

Attention: Director - Social & Other Infrastructure Assessments
Department of Planning & Environment
320 Pitt Street
Sydney NSW 2000

Dear Director

Re: Inner Sydney High School SSD 7610

We welcome the redevelopment of the Cleveland Street High School site as a new inner city high school. We object, however, to the height of the proposed new building, because it exceeds by far the Sydney City Council's height limits for buildings in that locality.

We note that there is also a new building being developed directly across the road at 246-250A Cleveland Street, on the corner of Chalmers Street, which is 5-6 storeys high and complies with the council's height limits. The new inner city high school proposal is for a building more than twice that height at 13 storeys. It will be completely out of character with surrounding buildings.

In our view the proposal is also out of character with the adjoining open space of Prince Alfred park which is an oasis for local residents who live in a densely populated area. The proposed height of the new building will encroach on the amenity and enjoyment provided by the park to local residents.

From the wide variety of current projects which are State Significant Developments, including SSD 7610, it appears that anyone who wants to develop a project which does not comply with a council's local area planning requirements can simply ask the NSW government or the planning department to label it an SSD. This makes a mockery of local government planning powers and takes little or no account of the views of local residents.

We ask that you reconsider and reduce the height of the proposed redevelopment.

Yours sincerely



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