

SSD 7684 – Concept proposal for the redevelopment of Cockle Bay wharf

We do not think the tower element of the proposal is an appropriate response to the locality.

We appreciate its commercial attraction, but we dissent strongly from its placement on the foreshore, having regard to its lack of maritime purpose. Harbour foreshore land is limited in availability, and ought properly to be utilised only for public purposes that clearly relate to the Harbour. The proposal does not envisage such a pattern of use. Its public space provision is minor in comparison with the space allocated for private purposes.

In concept and in context, the tower does not advance the stated policy of the NSW Government to the effect that the foreshore should be *recognised, protected and enhanced* as a *public asset*. Instead, the tower will have a deleterious effect on the whole of the Darling Harbour visual and recreational environment, and a similarly adverse impact on the Pyrmont Bridge, while making no positive contribution to maritime activity on and around the Harbour at all.

The other details of the proposal seem relatively innocuous by comparison with the tower.

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(1)(a)..... to ensure that the catchment, foreshores, waterways and islands of Sydney Harbour are recognised, protected, enhanced and maintained

(i) as an outstanding natural asset, and

(ii) as a public asset of national and heritage significance,

for existing and future generations.