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Dear Sir/Madam

RE: SSD 16_7684 – Cockle Bay Wharf

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this proposal.

The Sydney Business Chamber is a division of the NSW Business Chamber and represents Sydney's leading corporations, advocating for Sydney to be a competitive and sustainable global city. The Chamber strives to identify, develop and promote the major issues that contribute to economic activity and growth in Australia's only global city, Sydney.

The Chamber supports the concept proposal for the redevelopment of Cockle Bay Wharf. With current ongoing developments at Darling Harbour and Barangaroo the opportunity to revitalise the entire area, as put forward in the concept proposal is both timely and appropriate.

The existing restaurant complex at Cockle Bay is dated, hard to navigate and out-of-keeping with the surrounding developments, notably ICC Sydney and the Ribbon Project. The concept to refresh this complex will contribute to a reinvigorated retail and entertainment environment in the Cockle Bay/Darling Harbour precinct.

While the proposed commercial tower presents a much larger building envelope than currently within Cockle Bay, it will complement the towers at Barangaroo and is consistent in terms of scale with recent developments on the harbour edge.

The inclusion of one hectare of public open space, including much needed green space, will provide benefits to both visitors as well as workers in the adjoining office towers. With the Cockle bay area a key destination for tourists to Sydney, the concept proposal presents a significant opportunity to improve wayfinding at the street level throughout the area.

The concept proposal will also increase the connectivity of the Darling Harbour Precinct. The proposal includes plans to build over the Western Distributor which will create a space that better links Cockle Bay/Darling Harbour to the CBD via Market Street.

In addition, with the proposal estimated to generate 500 jobs in construction and over 10,000 jobs across the retail, hospitality and commercial sectors once completed the Chamber believes this new development will be a key economic driver for the precinct.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the concept proposal for the Cockle Bay Wharf Redevelopment. If you have any questions in relation to this submission, please contact Ms Larissa Cassidy, Policy Advisor, Infrastructure, on 9458 7359 or via larissa.cassidy@nswbc.com.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Luke Aitken".

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