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To,
The Director,
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To The Attention of Michelle Nettleford.
Ref: Redevelopment of the Harbourside Shopping Centre Reference (application no. SSD 16_7874)

Also To The Attention of Pilar Aberasturi.
Ref: Cockle Bay Wharf Demolition and Construction of New Building (application no. SSD 16_7684)

Dear Sir/Madam

I refer to the above named development proposals, which have been resubmitted. Though some alterations have been made to the original plans the underlying issue still exists.

That these developments are still quite significant and are sure to have a negative impact upon the entire Darling Harbour Foreshore. I as well as many others strongly oppose these developments for the below listed reasons;

Firstly, these poorly designed buildings will block the sunlight across the entire Darling Harbour precinct including the park where many families take their children to play and cultural events are regularly held in front of the stage.

Secondly as you are aware traffic congestion in and around the harbour precinct is already a significant problem. The issue has only grown with the introduction of the new Entertainment, Exhibition and Internal Centres. There has already been a number of submissions to various agencies about the problems with traffic and transport to Darling Harbour. The listed proposals will only see this problem grow in severity.

Thirdly, you know there are many other large proposals in the Darling Harbour Foreshore such as the new IMAX development, including ones yet to be lodged such as the Star City Casino proposal. All of these are exceedingly large high-rise/compounds which will significantly alter the entire visual landscape of the Darling Harbour area. Your department must examine the impact of all of these for the precinct as a whole rather than gauging them individually.

Fourth, Darling Harbour is a major Sydney landmark, well known and visited by many Australians and International visitors alike, especially during public events such as Australia Day and New Year's Eve. Don't destroy this public space by circling the foreshore with so many tall high-rises, making the harbour appear like nothing more than a garden pond surrounded by concrete towers. You must consider the impact on the visual landscape of the area. Furthermore if you approve these a new precedent will be set, likely leading to more developments in the future. It is very important to understand that Darling Harbour was not created for this purpose. It was created for the public to enjoy. These towers should be in other streets away from the waterfront.

Fifth, these two corporate towers will be located near the historic heritage bridge which has played a very important part in the history of New South Wales. It will become an "eyesore" and diminish the presence of the old bridge which is a vital attraction of Darling Harbour.

Once and for all these developments are still in the wrong location. You must consider why Darling Harbour was created; the purpose of this area was for recreation, an open space waterfront area for every citizen to enjoy. It is a place people come to go for walks, enjoy dinner or take in the sights. Given so many new "tower style buildings" being constructed around Sydney, this is one of the only locations where people are not closed in by concrete towers. Do not spoil this precious Sydney landmark and social avenue where we can still see a bit of waterfront.

Please consider all of the above carefully.

Thank you,

Regards,
Marielle Bernie