

Public Domain Works Darling Harbour Submission

Major concerns related to the new proposals for Tumbalong Park

Senseless Destruction

- The extremely popular Urban Stream which is integral to the public space has been removed. The lake at Darling Harbour has already been removed the sense of water on the southern side of the expressway will be greatly diminished.

Poor Address Points

- The 3m level change from the overhead bridge at the Liverpool St Entry has not been addressed in the proposal which indicates Tumbalong Park to be a flat plane.
- The back of house for the performance area is relocated in the proposed scheme with an exposed back of house. Currently the back of house for the performance space is not exposed but utilises the level change of the ground plane from Liverpool Street to conceal the back of house functions.

Irrationally Removed Landscape

- The mature spotted gum (*eucalyptus maculata*) trees flanking the Urban Stream adjacent to the circular Tumbalong Park have been removed in the proposal and not replaced by any landscape at all except grass. The existing grassed area is raised to reduce wear.
- The phoenix canary palms under the expressway and towards Cockle Bay have been removed and replaced with trees that appear to be tap root varieties which will not grow over sea water.

Compromised “Disabled Access”

- The proposal indicates an enormous 9.5 metre change of level between the proposed boulevard and the exhibition terrace within a compressed horizontal distance resulting in a very long narrow ramp for disabled access. The existing ramps are broad and short to facilitate generous disabled access around the park and terraces.
- The existing public space was conceived to provide “disabled access” as the primary means of pedestrian circulation between level changes.

Poor Amenity

- The proposed Tumbalong Place between the proposed theatre and the event deck will be overshadowed and flanked by unactivated spaces comprising of carpark and escape doors.
- The public space to the east of the proposed Theatre and adjacent to the Chinese Gardens has been significantly reduced.