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To whom it may concern,

I am writing in support of the current proposals to develop this precinct. Saying this, having reviewed the proposals I would encourage Lend Lease to reconsider the design and programming of the expansive roof areas that this new development shall generate to include far more accessible and green roof areas.

Apart from improving the environmental performance of the buildings [and the city as a whole!], by capturing, filtering and storing rainwater for re-use in and around the development, helping mediate the ever increasing 'heat island effect', and providing a 'green' outlook for surrounding developments, the extensive network of roof spaces could also provide opportunities for more outdoor public open space areas as well as allow for the introduction of far more biodiversity and ecology to the development.

As a member of the Sydney City Farm community group, Landscape Architect, and citizen driven by the potential of expanding Sydney's green roof network and urban food production, I also advocate that this site could be a key in the network of City Farm initiatives envisioned for Sydney. Indeed these roof areas could provide a significant opportunity to address issues of urban food production on a significant scale.

In closing, I would like to acknowledge the recent improvements Lend Lease has contributed to the Darling Harbour area, with the development of the Darling Quarter Precinct. This project has set a precedent for future mixed use developments both locally, nationally and globally with its generous provision public open space, public art contributions and well as first-class architectural design. Your attention to detail in the delivery of this high quality project has done wonders for the activation of this formerly underutilized, yet valuable pocket of Sydney's CBD.

I look forward to being party to the ongoing conversations about this development of this site.

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