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**Re: Significant Development: Fort Street Public School
Application No SSD-10340 – Mod 1**

Submission from John McInerney AM LFPIA and Caroline Pidcock LFRAIA
127 Kent Street, Millers Point NSW 2000
(We are not developers nor political contributors)

Our apartment in Highgate, 127 Kent Street, Millers Point, overlooks Observatory Hill and parts of the school. We object to the proposed Modification 1 on the following grounds:

- This is a further overdevelopment of the site, in particular Building J, which decreases the “openness” of the school
- The visual impact on the National Trust buildings to the south are significant and unnecessary.
- The new design shows a large four storey fire escape stair dominating the northern prospect from the National Trust building
- No sightline analysis relating to surrounding residential towers has been made
- The principles of the L+E Court in Tenacity P/L v Warringah Council (2004) have been ignored, particularly in relation to the Opera House and the Harbour Bridge
- The proposal has not been assessed in accordance with the existing conservation management plan (Curio Projects, March 2020). The CMP stated that the Bureau of Meteorology should remain the dominant building on the site.
- The addition of an extra floor above the height plan of the Meteorology Building contravenes all previous heritage recommendations, including the CMP

In conclusion, we object strongly to this modification and ask that if be refused and that the original approval for the school, to which we did not object, stand.

Yours sincerely

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