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Significant Development Modification: Fort Street Public School
Application No. SSD-10340-Mod-1

Re: My proposal for amendment to the plans for the redevelopment of Fort Street Public School

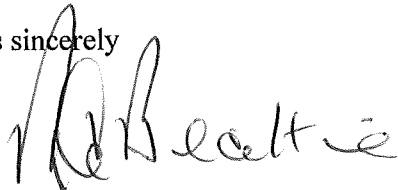
Dear Director

I am a long-time resident of Highgate, 127-153 Kent Street Millers Point and a frequent user of the idyllic Sydney location that is Observatory Hill. With ancestors (convict) who arrived on the First Fleet and the Second Fleet, I have a particular interest walking in the area knowing my forebears William Roberts, arrived on the *Scarborough*, and Kezia Brown, arrived on the *Neptune* once walked where I walk.

I was pleased my proposal for Kent Street north not to be made one way for the school redevelopment period but the alternative suggested in the attached has been essentially accepted for implementation.

With this letter and **considering the visual amenity and maintenance of the current profile of the school I request there be no increase in the height of the school** as currently proposed in the modification request of April 29, 2021

Yours sincerely

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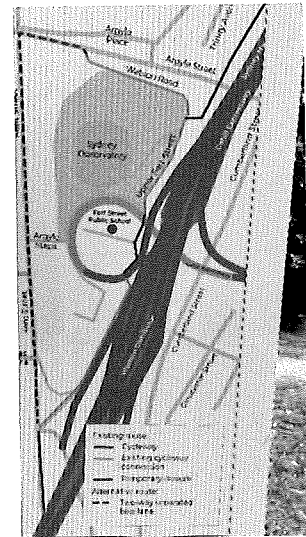
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A MUCH BETTER, CHEAPER ROUTE FOR THE TEMPORARY OBSERVATORY HILL CYCLEWAY

Dear Minister

The proposal to exacerbate safety hazards for pedestrians and vehicles in Kent Street, Millers Point planned to start soon is unacceptable to residents of the area. We recently received brochures about the proposal obviously long after it had become a fait accompli. So much for community engagement!



The dotted red line represents a distance of about 100 m from the yellow Bridge access gate (below) to the power pole (above). This is the only narrow area of access needing widening for continuous safe cycle and construction vehicle access. See also the purple line on the map right.



As you can see from the map and photographs, a much better, cheaper route for the temporary Observatory Hill cycleway will achieve the necessary short diversion of the cycleway. A temporary cycleway structure could easily be built over the area with emergency vehicles. There is ample room for these to the north of this area.

In considering this proposal it would be good if the following were taken into account:

- The average number of cyclists using the Harbour Bridge cycle route is small and essentially occurring only during morning and evening peaks. I see this regularly observing the Clarence Street/Kent Street off ramp traffic light junction and the cyclists passing under the Bridge on ramp from Kent Street.
- Accurate cycle counter data should be available to confirm this observation.
- An urgent and comprehensive cost-benefit analysis properly considering the costs of the adverse Kent Street safety and trafficability disruptions would overwhelming show the considerable benefit of this alternative.
- The current proposal would clog Kent Street with traffic and take away essential loading zone and parking spaces.
- With the Government's proposed work to start in the New Year, it would be most appreciated if this suggestion for the benefit of local residents, businesses and the cash-short Government could be considered immediately.

The benefit might save the project not only by preventing avoidable accidents over two years but also a very considerable sum of money otherwise unnecessary spent by road users, residents, pedestrians and businesses including the pandemic-affected Langham Hotel.

Yours sincerely

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