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Planning and Assessment

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Significant Development Modification: 1. Upper Fort Street Public School

Application No: SSD - 10340 -MOD - 1.

Submission from :

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GENERAL:

We are near neighbours of the Fort Street Public School and we look forward to the successful incorporation of the completed scheme into this historic precinct which includes The National Trust Heritage listed building, Glover Cottages, The Observatory, The relocated Richmond Villa and The S.H. Ervin Gallery.

We supported the original Development Application by letter on 28/04/2020. This D.A. included the vitally important design feature,

"No building will be higher than the existing Meteorological Building."

(In the supporting Document page 75.)

We were pleased that this most important feature concerning the public and neighbours was pinned down in a clear and open manner. We were covered here, we would not be subject to the machinations of development driven "big bad Developers", the future height is spelled out and nailed to the mast or so we were led to believe.

OBJECTION ONE:

We object to this modification wherein Building J. is increased to height in double the current approval. (at height of Met. Build.)

How can the previous design, satisfying the client's brief now needs to be much larger contradicting the original D.A.

The height of the school is the single most controversial design feature of all especially to neighbours and public.

The brutal impact that these higher buildings will have on adjacent heritage buildings listed above, is unfavourable and unacceptable.

OBJECTION TWO;

This proposal for increased height will cause interruption and loss of historic sight lines of the ICONIC Sydney Harbour, Sydney Harbour Bridge, The Opera House, Bradley's Head/South Head, and would be vandalism of our city's priceless heritage.

OBJECTION THREE:

Better design and further detailed effort should be employed to prevent additional height and bulk of building J. Excessive height on the most important site left on Sydney Harbour foreshore could be a sorry precedent.

OBJECTION FOUR:

We object to fewer trees being planted. To locate this potentially beautiful Educational Facility in one of Australia's premier Historic Parks should be a designer's life time opportunity to incorporate more not less of Australian Flora and amplification of existing Heritage types.

CONCLUDE:

We trust our points made above can change the course of the Modification.1. for the future benefit of Sydney's citizens

SUBMISSION from WARREN and SUSIE FIRKIN