

**The Millers Point Dawes Point,  
The Rocks and Walsh Bay Resident  
Action Group (RAG)**



**Submission  
On  
Walsh Bay Arts Precinct**

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A submission by the Millers Point Resident Action Group (RAG) in relation to Application numbers SSD 16\_7689 and SSD 16\_7561 being the Walsh Bay Arts Precinct proposal by Infrastructure NSW and the refurbishment proposal by the Sydney Theatre Company of their facilities at Wharf 4/5 at Walsh Bay

Overall RAG is in support of both proposals however we have a number of concerns that we feel should be addressed as part of any approval that may be given by the Department of Planning. These concerns are listed below:

- Firstly, we are concerned that if the two projects are not undertaken together the residents will potentially be exposed to three years of continuous construction traffic and noise, which would be completely unacceptable. Both projects should be built together and finished in ideally under 18 months.
- We are very concerned about how the traffic will be managed in the precinct both during the construction and following completion. During events, steps must be in place to minimise the impacts of large numbers of people, noise and increased traffic on the residents and recommend that there be a limit of no more than 5000 people in the precinct at any one time. The 10,000 people proposed for events in the Stage 1 approval seems completely unreasonable. Currently, it is a difficult area to live in and many attendees visiting Walsh Bay events at the current venues already park in the Millers and Dawes Point area - up behind Hickson Road - and take parking spaces from residents in the area. It needs to be borne in mind that many houses are currently vacant as they are being sold by the government and renovated by purchasers. In the near future, these houses will become occupied again and it is not reasonable that both the incoming residents and the current ones should compete aggressively with visitors to the area for the limited parking available. Infrastructure NSW should as part of an integrated traffic plan, request the City of Sydney to ensure that car parking in the evenings in Millers and Dawes Points from 6.00 pm each evening be limited to either resident-only or allow non-resident parking for a maximum of one hour
- Additional public transport by way of buses especially, needs to be introduced to the area in the period from the completion of the proposed WBAP works in 2019 and the likely opening date of the Barangaroo Central Metro Station in 2025. Note that the continued use of Hickson Road adjacent to the WBAP as a waiting spot for buses, must also cease as it causes considerable annoyance from noise and smells to surrounding residents. Your traffic management plan should address this item.
- Residents are also concerned about the accumulated impact of current and upcoming construction works associated with vast government and private projects being undertaken within the area. In particular the remaining residential towers at Barangaroo, the Packer casino tower and Barangaroo Central, combined with the works proposed by the Walsh Bay development applications have the potential to make life for our residents very unpleasant unless there is strong and detailed coordination of the various projects and an open and transparent processes of communication established with the affected residents.
- We are also very concerned about the advice received from the Barangaroo Development Authority regarding the 'digging up' of Hickson Road due to the serious contamination in the street. How will the works covered by the WBAP development applications be impacted by not having full access to that street? Under no circumstances will the residents accept the possibility of opening up Pottinger Street for any period of time whatsoever.
- Finally we are concerned at the operation proposed in the event space at the end of Pier 1/2. Noise and vast numbers leaving this facility late at night as happens at such

venues as that at Doltone House in Pyrmont will be disruptive for the residents and we seek assurances over how such disruption can be prevented and a maximum number of attendees be established.

- There needs to be overall hours of operation “caps” to ensure that residents are not disrupted by late night noise, including “bump outs” for events.
- Please continue to engage with RAG as those project moves through the approval process and to construction.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'J. H. Williams', is positioned above a faint, light-colored rectangular stamp.

Chair

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