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Attention Mr Peter McManus

Re MP07\_0158  
University of Sydney Abercrombie Precinct Redevelopment

Dear Sir

Thank you for your assessment of the above proposal

I object to the proposed development for the following reasons

1. The size and scale of the proposed development is inappropriate for the locality.
2. The proposed development will detract from the social amenity and character of the local area.
3. The height of the main tower will be between 28m and 36m above the level of Abercrombie Street. Height restrictions in surrounding streets on the W and S boundaries vary between 9m and 12 m. This main tower with an E/W longitudinal axis will produce the Sydney University 'Berlin Wall' to the N of the properties in Abercrombie Street, Wilson Lane and Wilson Street.
4. The proponent has produced material demonstrating that the development will not be visible from the heritage area in Darlington Road because it falls below the ridge line of these heritage properties.  
Perhaps the aesthete who made this observation could apply similar consideration to the properties situated to the south of the proposed development.

5. The architectural design statement makes the following assertion  
*The building is responsive in scale and character according to where its site meets the edge.*

This is not so.

6. The architectural design statement says that the following are addressed.

*Local topography*

*Street scape*

*Scale*

These criteria might be addressed but they are not incorporated into the design in respect of the areas to the S and W of the proposal.

7. The proposed building is described as 3 levels at its eastern boundary on Abercrombie Street .

This is misleading. The height is approximately 14.5m above street level which is significantly taller than an average 3 level residential building.

I note that in the past the university appears to have been generally mindful of the need to retain their larger development well removed from their site boundaries which adjoin residential areas.

I am sure an alternative design could provide similar floorspace without the height of the current proposal.

Yours sincerely

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