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ATTENTION: DIRECTOR – KEY SITES ASSESSMENTS

Planning and Assessment

Department of Planning, Industry and Environment

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Sydney NSW 2001

Dear Director,

OBJECTION

State Significant Development Application No: SSD-10300

Coffs Harbour Cultural and Civic Space

I object to the Development Application and request that a Public Hearing be held.

The reasons for my objection are as follows:

1. The original public proposal included Performing Arts space and did not include Council offices.
2. There has been no meaningful community engagement for the inclusion of Council Chambers.
3. Council has restricted its invited consultation to special interest groups.
4. 14,768 residents have signed a community petition calling the project to be suspended, which has been ignored by Council.
5. The proposed building is out of context in the street with no regard to scale, existing street setbacks, design and general form of adjoining buildings.
6. The proposal does not meet "safer by design" principles and guidelines, as the arcade to Riding Lane confuses boundaries and provides "hides" for criminal activity, vagrancy and prevents good surveillance.
7. As a public building it fails to provide sufficient climate protection for pedestrians during storms and summer sun.
8. The building exceeds the height restriction of 28m set down in Council's own planning controls. Council's argument for variation is not satisfactorily justified and is not consistent with the objectives of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, which requires the "the orderly and economic use and development of land". Council should not receive preferential treatment.

Other issues:

It duplicates existing Council office space for Council and falls short of the objective of the B3 Commercial core zone to "encourage employment opportunities in accessible locations"

Signature

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