

9 November 2019

Planning and Assessment
Department of Planning, Industry and Environment
GPO Box 39,
SYDNEY NSW 2001
Attention: Director – Key Sites Assessments

RE SSD – 8924 – The new Sydney Fish Market Concept and Stage 1
SSD – 8925 – The new Sydney Fish Market Stage 2



LETTER OF OBJECTION

Dear Sir/Madam

This letter of objection to both DAs is made on the following grounds:

ENVIRONMENTAL - Building on the proposed location will mean disturbing existing toxic sediments, including Arsenic, Mercury, Lead, Copper, Cadmium, Nickel and Zinc which are all present in high levels; as well as petroleum hydrocarbons, organophosphate pesticides, herbicides and asbestos.

Any contamination will risk the 26 fish species and over 50 species of molluscs, starfish, sponges, oysters and macroalgae that have been identified in Blackwattle Bay, and will incur further significant costs to remediate it.

TRAFFIC CONGESTION – The traffic modeling is purely a projection and does NOT take into consideration the additional traffic generated by any highrise residential development on the current and other sites in the precinct. None the less, the Government's own modelling confirms there will be at least 400 additional vehicles utilising Bridge Road to enter the car park during the week day peak period of 5pm to 7pm (not to mention the additional taxis/Ubers delivering diners to the new venue). That is a 100% increase on current levels.

PARKING IN GLEBE'S RESIDENTIAL STREETS – The proposal asserts that any overflow of demand on the car park, particularly during lunchtime periods, will be nullified by management plans. Those plans cannot be guaranteed, and neither can the projection of driving behaviours. There will be a very strong motivation for drivers to park in Glebe's residential streets – with free parking in many streets in the evenings and weekends.

DISCRIMINATION AGAINST PEOPLE WITH MOBILITY IMPAIRMENT – The DA papers acknowledge that the Glebe Foreshore walk is amongst the best in the world. The proposed extension of the walk at the Fish Markets forces walkers to climb stairs, and those in wheelchairs to find a lift inside the building – a contravention of the Disability Discrimination Act 1992's requirement that people with disabilities have 'equitable', 'independent', and 'dignified' access "on the same terms" as people without disability. This is shameful discrimination by the State Government and its agencies.

LOSS OF AMENITY – We finally have the opportunity to deliver a unique natural amenity where Wentworth Park meets The Bay. Many global cities would envy our natural harbour and the lifestyle it offers many local generations to come. The Government leaves no legacy to those generations if its short term motivation is speculative land development coupled with building over water – all because it lacks the expertise to plan responsibly.

Yours faithfully,

SIGNATURE

PRINT NAME

November 7, 2019

Attention Director – Key Sites Assessments.

In addition to the accompanying letter of objection:

A declaration that I have never made any political donations.

My strong concern of increased traffic on Bridge Road.

Discrimination against people with disability as outlined in attached Letter of Objection.

Habitat and contamination of Blackwattle Bay.

Taking away our natural foreshore is a paramount objection I have; build our Fish Market on its existing site.

My whole life has been based in Sydney, I am an Australian, I am almost 70 years old, also having lived in London and New York. I passionately believe and understand that our citizens deserve to have their objections heard by our elected representatives.

Not like so many large Sydney developments of recent years, which have had strong citizen objection and to have been ignored.

Sincerely

I would like my personal information deleted before publication

Thank you