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**Re: SSD 8924 – The new Sydney Fish Market Concept and Stage 1**  
**SSD 8925 – The new Sydney Fish Market Concept and Stage 2**

Dear Madam/Sir,

I am writing to object to the two the development applications listed for the Sydney Fish Markets for the following reasons:

**Parking** The proposal acknowledges that during peak periods there will be insufficient parking on the site of new fish markets and it suggests that the surrounding residential streets can take part of the load. Residential parking in Glebe is already inadequate at peak times. The increased load coming from the new fish markets will only exacerbate this problem, so more parking needs to be available on site. As it is almost certain that the “old fish markets” will be at least partially developed into high rise residential apartments, which will further strain the local parking resources, it is imperative that fish markets are equipped with the full compliment of parking spaces that they will require.

**Pedestrian safety** In the proposal the only change for pedestrians crossing Bridge Road is an expanded crossing at the corner of Wattle Street and Bridge Road. This crossing will not be used by Glebe residents, or by people visiting the markets who park in Glebe, and it will not be used by those coming from the Blackwattle Bay walk who are travelling to Glebe or Wentworth Park. Pedestrian overpasses are needed to safely cater for the increased pedestrian traffic over Bridge road. One of the overpasses could cross Bridge road near the Blackwattle Bay walk and the second overpass could cross Bridge road closed to the “old fish markets”. Both overpasses are needed because most pedestrians will be too lazy to walk the extra distance. An alternative to using overpasses is to install two pedestrian crossings on Bridge road. Unfortunately, this is unlikely to be practical given the large volume of traffic on the road.

**Mobility** In the short time since it was opened the Blackwattle Bay walk has become one of the highlights of the area, being enjoyed by walkers, runners, cyclists and by many people with mobility impairments. The proposed extension of the walk into the fish market uses stairs to access the market. This poses an unnecessary burden on those with mobility impairments that could easily be removed by redesigning the entry points to the markets so that stairs are not used.

**Cycling** The cycle lane along Bridge Road is a nice addition to the area that will be beneficial to those commuting to work in the city. On weekends the bike lane is problematic because many of the pedestrians coming to the new fish market will cross Bridge Road to gain access to the markets. Collisions between pedestrians and cyclists are likely unless new pedestrian measures are introduced.

**Increased traffic** Bridge road is already a very busy thoroughfare and the new fish markets will bring still more traffic into the area. The proposal needs to include measures for mitigating the increased traffic.

**Environmental concerns** The new fish market will be situated on what is currently industrial site. Although I welcome the uplifting of the area it will be expensive and time consuming to properly decontaminate the site.

**Blackwattle Bay High** I think that the proposed development is far too close to Sydney Secondary College, Blackwattle Bay. The promotional video ludicrously shows a small fleet of sailing boats between the fish markets and the bay in front of the school. In reality, during the week, school children will continually be in close proximity to the fish markets, further highlighting the high risks for pedestrians since no pedestrian safety measures are planned near the Blackwattle Bay school.

Yours sincerely,



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