

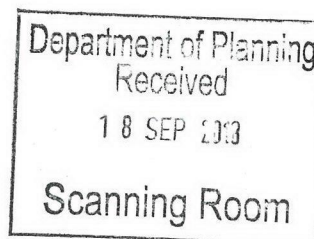


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SUBMISSION RE MODIFICATION REQUEST
THE STAR CITY CASINO

APPLICATION NO MP 08 0098 MOD 13



Attention;

Director-Key Sites Assessment
Planning Services
Dep't of Planning and Environment
Sydney

Dear Sir/Madam,

I have been a resident during the last 10 years in the apartment block "Gateway", which is a close neighbour of the Star City Casino. I belong to no political party and have made no political donations of any kind at any time.

I have closely followed the planning stages of the proposed Star redevelopment and have several comments about this latest amendment.

It will be an extraordinarily dominant feature of the Pyrmont area and will totally intrude on general sightlines of the city and harbour. I hope that, at the very least, the owners of the 30 apartments where private views will be blocked will be suitably reimbursed for loss of amenity.

I note that our area will now be subjected to moving projector lights, fixed on to the top of the Astral Hotel, and this will occur on at least 53 nights per year.

I have learnt that our top balcony and apartment will be in the mid winter shade path of this high tower.

I am concerned about the solar reflectivity and the very real possibility that glare and heat will be beamed on to our apartment block in the mornings and towards apartments to the west in the afternoons.

But, the biggest issue for me, and I think others in our building, relates to traffic issues in the streets surrounding this development, which are also the streets surrounding our homes. There will obviously be much more traffic with the expansion of the Star's facilities, and there will also be a lot of disruption during the period of the redevelopment.

I have read in detail about the proposed 2777 car parking spaces underneath the Star, the other 2892 off street spaces within walking distance and the 1200 street parking spaces that have been reported as being available to cope with the extra patronage the Star will receive as a result of this expansion.

This is one issue—but the actual volume of traffic cruising around, looking for parking spots and parking entrances, and exiting and entering the casino is quite another problem, and has not been addressed.

Even with the current level of casino users, the traffic around Murray St and Edward St can be chaotic even in the middle of the night.

Taxi queues line up along Murray St throughout the night.

In Edward St south, within about 50 metres, are entrances to the car parks for Gateway apartments, Coles Delivery trucks, Coles customers, The Star loading dock and Lyric theatre stage door, and the entry and exit drives for the casino. So there is a constant flow of traffic even without the frequently observed cars double parked, or illegally standing in the turning circle adjacent to the light rail line (while waiting for either a parking spot, or to pick up friends from the Casino or Coles). The street is often impassable. And to add to the chaos, customers leaving the Star frequently drive out at a dangerous speed.

SO—even though I am not happy about the aforementioned issues, the biggest problem for us that will result from the Star redevelopment is traffic management.

I have a suggestion which I ask you to strongly consider;

It would help the traffic issue in Edward St, (and Murray St too), if both streets were NO PARKING streets 24/7. With some minor kerb changes this would mean that a double lane of traffic could flow in and out of the casino all day and night. It would also mean that hopeful patrons would stop cruising the streets in the hope of finding a parking space. It might mean that residents of my building wouldn't have to queue in traffic to just get home.

It would also add to the safety of other users of Edward St if a speed bump was placed at the casino exit, to stop patrons speeding out.

As I understand that there will be renovation and development of two new food and beverage outlets in the Star on the corner of Union and Edward St, it will be important to ensure that the extra road disruption around this building site will be minimised.

I ask you to change Edward St (down from the corner of Union St) to a NO PARKING street as soon as possible.

Thank you

Yours in hope,
Raema Lancaster

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Raema Lancaster'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name 'Raema' being more prominent and the last name 'Lancaster' following in a similar style.