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The Hon. Pru Goward MP
Minister for Planning
GPO Box 5341
Sydney NSW 2001

Re: 60-78 Regent Street, Redfern mixed use student housing (SSD 14_6724)

Dear Minister,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide the following submission regarding the 60-78 Regent Street, Redfern mixed use student housing Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

I write as a Councillor on the City of Sydney Council to make the following comments on the EIS for the 60-78 Regent Street, Redfern development application.

Whilst I support the notion of student-appropriate housing in close proximity to centres for education, public transport, and other services, residents in the Redfern community have approached me with their concerns about the planned development at 60-78 Regent Street, Redfern.

Appropriateness of the planned development

Residents are concerned that this development application is not appropriate in its current form. Points of concern include:

- Problems with the separations between existing buildings and the planned development at 60-78 Regent Street, Redfern;
- Privacy concerns of neighbouring residents; and
- The impact of overshadowing of neighbouring buildings.

Before any determination is made regarding the proposed development, these concerns should be duly considered and ameliorated.

Lack of community engagement and consultation

Residents have also passed on their concerns regarding community consultation, noting that there was only one community consultation event held to discuss the proposed development with nearby residents. The proposed development stands to

impact upon the amenity of many neighbouring residents who feel they have not been sufficiently consulted as part of the exhibition process.

Further, I note the current government has previously committed to handing local planning powers back to the community. As such, the development application should be determined by the City of Sydney Council in-line with community expectations. This would allow for the development to be considered along planning principles consistent with the surrounding area, and better allow for community consultation, design excellence, and contributions to benefit local infrastructure needs.

Yours Sincerely,



Councillor Linda Scott
Labor Councillor, City of Sydney Council