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**RE: SSD-7874. OBJECTION. Harbourside Shopping Centre Redevelopment.**



Dear Sir/ Madam,

Darling Harbour is a place for everyone to share as was proposed in 1988 as a tourist destination. This proposal will fundamentally change the appearance of Darling Harbour as low buildings should be built when so close to the water's edge.

There will be too much overshadowing especially during winter time with this tall construction.

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Sunlight is extremely important in a tourist area.

This is for a reason -

it creates a sense of openness and maximises light into all the public areas around Darling Harbour and allows the Harbour and the State Heritage Pyrmont Bridge to dominate and define the area.

Any developments must preserve and enhance the heritage values of the bridge.

We feel that the current proposed redevelopments in the Harbourside Shopping centre are grossly overwhelming with the height of this proposed tower being 153.75 RL.

Also it will be so close to the water's edge it should be built much lower as is the Sofitel 132metres high and it is built much further back from the foreshores.

The podium is enormous and sprawling over a very wide area which is extremely ugly. The original plans were for the podium to be three levels and not so sprawling over a much larger area.

Also not being given a chance to view any models of the proposal which is totally ridiculous with the current Pandemic we think it appears the podium will be seven levels and grossly enormous and very bulky! The huge podium close to the Pyrmont Bridge seems to be tilting forwards towards the water and tilting towards the Pyrmont Bridge and seems to encroach far too close to the Historic Pyrmont Bridge with too much hangover .

Being so enormous it will block many areas of views of the Harbour and shadowing.

Pyrmont Bridge and Darling Harbour needs to be the highlight not the size of this monstrous proposal!

Please consider these comments when the Department of Planning is reviewing the proposal for everyone sake, not just the developers!

We declare no political donations made in the previous two years!

Kind regards  
Guy and Josie