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Submission: SSD 10376 Sydney Metro Pitt Street (South) Over Station Development – Stage 2 and SSD 8876 MOD 2

This submission should be taken as an objection to both SSD-10376 and the modification SSD-8876 MOD 2.

We cannot let this development proceed in its current form and must do better for our great city.

Why are we proposing to add such a large high rise right next to a residential block?

My elderly parents live in Princeton and are upset at how close and overdeveloped the overstation will be.

They were both originally excited at the prospect of living near the station because it opens up so many travel possibilities right on their doorstep. They were looking forward to taking their young grandchildren to new and exciting suburbs for daytrips.

They did not however realise that Sydney Metro would take liberties and exploit every square metre of air space and fill every square inch with a bulky, large skyscraper as an excuse for an overstation.

Likewise, my elderly parents also like to take their young grandchildren to Hyde Park so they can stretch their legs and run around after day-care and get exercise themselves. It saddens me to think that not only will the development be restricting sunlight for them in their own home (and the homes of 48 other families in this tower) but also restricting sunlight in Hyde Park. I dread to think of the mental health effects this will have on so many families.

How can the applicant be allowed to sacrifice the amenity, visual appearance, sunlight and privacy of hard working CBD residents in order to try and maximise revenue?

How can Sydney Metro be allowed to build so close to our building and directly overlook into bedroom and living room windows of the apartments on the northern end of Princeton? The addition of privacy louvres to their bedrooms does not extend to living areas.

We must protect as much of our sunlight and privacy as possible.

Sydney Metro must be made to comply with 2F and 3B of the Apartment Design Guidelines before this development is application is approved.

The modification application to further erode into our amenity, views, solar access and privacy must also be rejected. This represents additional non-compliance with planning requirements. Useless architectural embellishments that further the development's likeness to a dated jail cell should be removed or proposed within the concept envelope.

There is too much over development already in this area with the Greenlands development and the Castle Residences development. There are too many ultra high towers in this part of Sydney cbd and this is not acceptable.

I do not want to live in a high rise slum area that looks like a concrete jungle. That is one of the reasons so many people choose to leave China and Hong Kong for a better quality of life. Skyscraper cities like the kind you see in Asia should not happen in beautiful Sydney.

I would also like to point out the difficulties we have experienced lodging our submissions, including planning portal website crashes, failure to send out verification emails to register accounts essential for lodgement, contact form failures and errors in submission closing dates (making it appear we had more time to lodge submissions). The entire process seems to have been designed to prevent the public having their say. For the elderly members wishing to lodge objections I assume most could not get past the first hurdle of registering an account due to technical failures. If the process was more accessible, similar to the process at stage 1 of the DA, I assume you would receive many more objections.

Stop this gross over development now.