

Victoria & Tony Downing,
5/8 Hickson Road,
The Rocks NSW 2000

RE: Remediation, Renewal and Adaptive Re-Use of Campbell's Stores, The Rocks, SSD7056

I strongly object to the four-storey building included as part of the Campbell's Stores Development Application. It is good to see some plans for the Store's renewal but NOT if the cost is the long-term loss of the heritage setting for this important heritage-listed building. The grounds for my objection are:

- * Campbell's Stores should be visible from all four sides and not partly obscured. This is
- * unique opportunity to achieve this.

- * Having a building or any other structure between Campbell's Stores and the Park Hyatt
- * Hotel is entirely inappropriate. It is publicly-owned land and should only be used for landscaping
- * and foreshore access.

- * The design of the proposed building undermines and devalues The Rocks' heritage character
- * The proposed building interrupts the historic streetscape along this section of Hickson Road
- * and the Harbour foreshore.

- * The proposed building contravenes the 2014 Campbell's Stores Conservation Management
- * Plan which the Heritage Council endorsed (esp.7.5.5). The plan clearly outlines the area that
- * needs to be retained around Campbell's Stores. This includes the area now proposed for this
- * completely unsympathetic glass building. Approving it would destroy Campbell's Stores historic
- * setting.

- * The Conservation Management Plan states that the one-storey structure that exists on this land
- * now should be removed (see 7.6.1). This was intended to free up the land NOT to create space
- * for a building four times as high.

- * A building like this is contrary to everything that people value about the 1960s and 1970s c
- * campaign to save The Rocks.

- * We need to correct and address the problems created by past poor decision-making in
- * The Rocks, NOT compound them.

We have not made any reportable political donations ever.

Yours Sincerely,

Victoria and Anthony Downing

