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Re: **Remediation, Renewal and Adaptive Re-Use of Campbell's Stores, The Rocks. SSD 7056**

I **strongly object** to the plans for the four-storey building as part of the Campbell's Stores Development Application being build.

I have lived all my life in the Netherlands and have been traveling overseas a bit more over the last years. My daughter is married to an Australian who lived in Sydney for many years and who's parents still live in the beautiful Rocks. I travelled to Sydney a few times and especially love the historical part of Sydney, the Rocks.

I strongly object to the plans for the four-story building as part of the Campbell's Stores Development Application being build because in my opinion it would take away a lot of the historical beauty of the the Rocks.

It would be very pityful if the four-storey building would be build as it does not match with the other buildings in the Rocks. It will also transform the Rocks from a peaceful, quiet area to a noisy, super busy area. I already find the main streets of Sydney too busy, I can't imagine this also happening to the beautiful Rocks.

The four-storey building would be taking up land that now is used to flow of traffic to and from events in the harbour. What would happen during events like New Year's Eve and the light show Vivid? It could get overcrowded and disasters could happen. And what if a terrorist attack would occur?

Other grounds for my objection are:

- 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 Rd 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 70s campaign to save The Rocks.

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

So for the above reasons I strongly advise against the four-storey building you are planning to build.

I declare that I have not made any reportable political donation in the last two years.

Kind Regards,

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