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TO: Department of Planning and Environment

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

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 Stores' 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 a 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 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 correct address the problems created by past poor decision-making in The Rocks, NOT compound them

I have made no **reportable** political donation in the last two years.

Yours sincerely
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