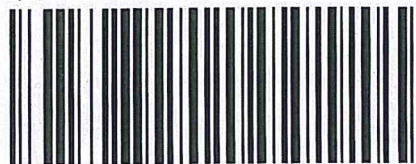


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To whom it may concern

Glebe Island Expo

Pyrmont Action Inc wishes to make the following comments on the proposed interim Glebe Island Expo Facility, noting our dissatisfaction that what is on exhibition is a concept only, and not the final development. We are advised that we will have no opportunity to comment on the more detailed proposal of the successful tenderer and ask that those who are directly affected, ie residents of White Bay, Rozelle, Balmain and Pyrmont be given the opportunity to scrutinize the final project details before they are approved:

1.0 Visual Amenity

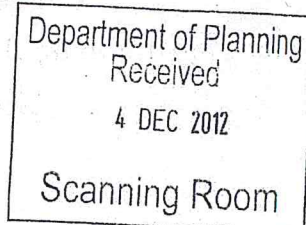
We note that the "frontages" of the temporary structures face north across White Bay. The perspective shows this elevation softened by planting. Pyrmont residents will look out on the back of the facility, which will house services, including toilet blocks and delivery bay/s. The back of the site will be fenced off. We ask that trees or shrubs be placed along the fence, preferably on the southern (Ports) side of the fence to provide a visual shield of what will undoubtedly be unattractive amenities.

2.0 Lighting

We are concerned about the impact of excessive lighting levels which may render almost daylight conditions on residents living along the Pyrmont waterfront. We recognize that some security lighting will be required within the Expo compound, but ask that the lights elsewhere on Glebe Island when not required for Port activity, be switched off and that every effort be made to reduce the ambient lighting at night.

3.0 Noise

We are pleased that the facility will not be used for noisy functions when not required for exhibitions and ask that a prohibition on amplified music be a condition of consent, given the less than ideal acoustic properties of



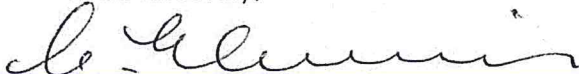
the structures. A further concern to residents is the potential for unacceptable noise from backing vehicles. We ask that the traffic management plan ensure that delivery trucks do not have to reverse into the delivery bay/s, but are required to drive in only one direction on the site.

4.0 Traffic

We note that provision will be made for tickets to major trade shows to include the cost of ferry access to the site and that visitors will park at the White Bay Cruise Passenger Terminal and be bussed to and from Glebe Island. Whilst the peak traffic times for each facility differ, there remains the potential for cumulative traffic impacts on locals at Balmain/White Bay, and on the intersection of James Craig Road and the Western Distributor. We recommend that the government require the operator of the Glebe Island Ferry service to integrate this service with a service to the CPT and, possibly with a pick up/drop off point at Pyrmont Point. This would alleviate the need for CPT passengers to bring cars to the White Bay terminal, reduce overall traffic in the area, and provide much-needed additional public transport for Pyrmont and White Bay/Glebe Island.

Generally, we are not opposed to this development provided it is interim for a period of three years, and does not set a precedent for future development for Glebe Island. As a group whose members were heavily engaged in the Bays Precinct Community Reference Group and subsequent community consultation for the Bays Precinct Task Force, we strongly advocate integrated strategic planning for the Bays and reject the hitherto piecemeal approach taken by the previous government. We urge the assessors to incorporate integrated public transport in this current proposal to serve not only the Expo, but the CPT and local communities of White Bay/Balmain and Pyrmont.

Yours sincerely,



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