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Dear Ms MacDonald

Development Application SSD 12_5374 Barangaroo Central Waterfront promenade and interim Public Domain works

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above State significant Development Application SSD 12_5374.

At the Council meeting held on 11th December 2012 Council considered a report on the matter (Refer to attached report). The Council through Resolution C613/12 endorsed the report to form the basis for Council's submission to the Department as follows:

A. That Council resolve to:

1. note the development application to allow for the construction of the Barangaroo Central Waterfront Promenade and interim public domain
2. make a submission to the Department of Planning and Infrastructure and request that any approval for the construction and operation of the Barangaroo Central Waterfront promenade and interim public domain include the following:
 - a. noise and air quality monitoring systems are to be located at sensitive receptor locations including Balmain East to ensure the accurate measurement of cumulative noise and air quality impacts arising from development works and operations of major public and special events at Barangaroo Central
 - b. where exceedence to approved noise or air quality criteria are identified that appropriate measures are implemented immediately to ensure compliance with Project Approval conditions
 - c. that Noise and Air Quality Management Plans are to be effectively implemented to minimise negative impacts on resident amenity and the natural environment

- B. That Council writes to the Department of Planning requesting that residents of the Balmain Peninsula be notified if that has not already occurred (Refer to attached Letter).
- C. That the submission be circulated to Councillors and signed off by the Mayor and the General Manager.

Recommended Conditions of Consent

A review of the noise predictions indicates the proposed six large events with amplification including (*Concerts with music and crowds of up to 15,000 persons) will exceed intrusive noise goals.

If the Development Application is to be approved it is recommended that the Operational Noise Management Plan should be applied at these events as follows:

- Amplified sound associated with large events should only be permitted in the day and evening periods. Outside those times, the PA system should only be used as a last resort for announcements related to emergencies or crowd control.
- All sound systems should include a limiter/compressor so music can be locked below a desired threshold noise level if required.
- Sound level meters should be set up at each sound desk to monitor levels and ensure that they do not depart from the appropriate levels recommended for compliance at sensitive receivers.
- When notified of an acceptable level by the acoustic supervisor, the production manager shall ensure that the correspondent noise level measured by the desk sound level meter is clearly advertised at the sound desk.
- Production managers and sound engineers (day events, night rehearsals) as well as site managers (night time installation and decommissioning works) should be briefed on the importance of reducing noise levels as requested by the acoustic consultant. The event organisers are responsible for briefing the managers prior to the event. Briefing should include awareness of noise issues, clear outline of responsibilities, acoustic consultant contact information, procedures to implement in order to quickly reduce noise levels, and procedures to implement in order to maintain appropriate noise levels.
- The event organisers are responsible for ensuring that the various production managers have rehearsed the process of quickly reducing noise levels.
- Teams should be used to assist people in arriving to/leaving sites quietly.
- Speaker towers should be located and oriented according towards the audience to minimise sound spill to the surround environment.
- Event organisers should brief managers to make them fully aware that installation and decommissioning should not become routine at night. It should be undertaken during the day where ever possible to avoid unnecessary noise disturbance at night. Such works should only take place at night as a last resort.
- If installation and decommissioning works need to be carried out at night then:

- o Mechanical plant and vehicles should only be operating when needed.
 - o Mechanical plant should be placed as far as possible and possibly shielded from the closest receiver.
 - o Noisier works should be carried out as early as possible in the night in order to reduce noise impact.
 - o Management measures shall be implemented in order to ensure that the noisy works do not occur simultaneously.
- Community consultation prior to events
- A complaints handling system
- Requirements for record keeping, and
- Requirements for review of the Operational Noise Management Plan.

Conclusion

It is considered essential that an Operational Noise Management Plan is required to address the potential noise impacts that may result from the limited number of major events proposed. An accredited noise consultant should be engaged to undertake compliance monitoring and reporting.

It is not anticipated the development and ongoing operation of the Waterfront Promenade and interim domain works will result in any unacceptable air quality, odour or health impacts.

Should you wish to further discuss this submission please contact David Wilson, Manager Environment and Urban Planning on 9367 9232 or email davidw@lmc.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Wilson', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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