Development Submission – Objection

Attention: Postal Address: Director, Industry, Social Projects and Key Sites Development Assessment Systems & Approvals Department of Planning & Infrastructure

GPO Box 39, Sydney NSW 2001

ATT:

Mark Brown

Applicant: Name of Proposal: Application number: Grocon Darling Harbour Ltd The Ribbon Sydney, 31 Wheat Rd. SSD- 5397



Objection on behalf of the Owner's Corporation of Millennium Towers 158 Day Street Sydney.

We are writing to you with regard to the proposed redevelopment of the IMAX site at Darling Harbour as our owners have expressed serious concerns regarding this development. Our owners/tenants have completed more than 215 objection forms. 180 people have also signed a petition.

Many of our owners are concerned about the proposed size and height of the new IMAX development and the fact that it protrudes much further east than the current building footprint on the site. Many of our 330 units currently have panoramic water views of Darling Harbour/Cockle Bay and iconic views of Pyrmont Footbridge.

We note that the DGR's under the Environmental Impact Statement do not take into account 'a view analysis from surrounding residential buildings (which include Millennium towers)'. The Environmental Impact Statement goes on to say that "there will be changes to and impact on some views from some nearby residential apartments'. We believe this is an understatement given that approximately 200 of our 330 apartments currently have specific, open, static and significant views through to full panoramic vistas of the water in Cockle Bay and iconic views of Pyrmont Foot Bridge. In the Visual Impact Assessment it states that 'no views generated a rating of devastating'. Whilst the Assessment did not take into account residential buildings as stated above, the owners of Millennium Towers believe that their view loss would rate as devastating as many of our apartments will lose most if not all of their current view of this precinct. This result is not only devastating but will detrimentally impact both financially on the value of our property and on the lifestyle of owners in Millennium Towers.

We are also concerned by the proposed height of the new structure with regards to loss of sunshine particularly in winter. Owners have expressed concerns at loss of sunlight and the extra heating costs this will incur on them in colder weather, particularly as most of those with views also enjoy uninterrupted sunshine throughout most of the day. We have grave concerns that the height and size of the development, particularly with its eastern bulk will greatly affect our outlook, sunshine, and of course the detrimental effect on the overall value of our property (many have paid extra for unit value based on view).

The Developers will stand to benefit considerably from this project, while people like ourselves, who have invested their life savings in many cases, will lose much. This is hardly fair. We don't object to the site being redeveloped by any means. It is just that the proposed development as it stands now will have a very devastating and detrimental effect on our building, and others like us.

As such we would like to work with the developers, SHFA and NSW Planning and Infrastructure in finding a resolution to this situation that will benefit all parties.

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Many of our owners have suggested that simply moving the proposed building westward, keeping the new structures eastern end closer in line with the current Imax buildings position, would alleviate much of our concerns. This would again open up the view corridor which we currently enjoy from Millennium Towers (and other buildings nearby).

Perhaps consideration could also be given to slightly lowering the overall height removing just the top two floors we believe would make a significant difference to the path of winter sunlight that would be achieved. This would alleviate many of the concerns of our owners. Lessening the issues with loss of view, allowing us to keep our levels of sunlight to as many units as possible and would go some way to protecting our investments.

We understand from the Development Application and discussions with Grocon, that the bulk of the building has been moved eastward to allow the playground and green spaces at Darling Quarter to be bathed in sunshine all day. The response to the DGR's states that 'The building does not cast any additional shadowing of green space at 1pm on any day'. Should this not be a concern regarding protecting children from the dangers of too much sun and the long term consequences of skin cancer? Are we not supposed to protect our children and ourselves from direct sunshine at 1pm? We do not see the sense in positioning a building so that it blocks views and sunlight to local residential developments (in which owners have invested heavily) yet allows full sunshine on a children's playground at 1pm increasing their risk of skin cancer. Again, adjusting the proposed development by lowering in height and positioning it further to the west would alleviate many of these concerns.

We hope that common sense would prevail in this situation and that serious consideration would be given to our suggestions, to;

a) move the proposed building westward keeping the new structures eastern end closer in line with the current Imax buildings position thus opening up the view corridor to residential buildings in the city's southwestern precinct.

b) lowering the height of the proposed new structure by approximately two floors to allow for sunshine during the winter months to nearby residential buildings.

We are more than happy to discuss these suggestions and assist in finding a way forward that is agreeable to all parties.

Yours sincerely

Bronwyn Gault Chair of the Millennium Towers Owners Corporation 158 Day Street Sydney.

25th October 2013

- We have not made reportable political donations (including donations of \$1000 or more) in the previous two years
- I request that my name be withheld NO

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