CITY OF SYDNEY DESIGN ADVISORY PANEL

Project	1 Alfred Street, Sydney
Review Date	16 February 2017
Panel Present	Ken Maher (Chair)
	Kerry Claire
	Peter Poulet
	James Weirwick
	Peter Mould
	Richard Johnson
	Elizabeth-Ann MacGregor
	Che Wall
	Rachel Neeson
COI Declaration	James Weirwick and Peter Mould - Design Excellence Competition Jury
	Panel members
	Elizabeth-Ann MacGregor - Wanda may be a potential sponsor of the
	MCA
	Ken Maher – Stage 1 DA by Hassell/ however was not involved.
Designer	Kengo Kuma and Crone
Proponent	Wanda One Sydney Pty Ltd
Council Officer	Christopher Ashworth/ Christopher Corradi
Advice	The Panel was presented with a stage 2 development application for a
	25 storey mixed use hotel building. The Panel noted and
	recommended the following:
	Additional technical information regarding façade material
	selection is required for proper assessment. Glass reflectivity was
	questioned and the glass colour is not supported; a clearer or grey
	glass is more appropriate rather than the proposed blue.
	Considering the buildings prestigious location, cladding for the
	entire building should be sandstone and not glass fibre reinforced
	concrete sheeting as specified. At a minimum the podium levels,
	up to where the green walls end should be Sydney sandstone and
	not the Piles Creek Sandstone.
	New developments in the City such as Crown Casino are achieving
	6 star green star ratings. The proposed 5 star rating should be
	viewed with caution.
	• The panel questioned the efficiency of the extent of proposed
	openable windows for natural ventilation. The current proposal
	does not maximise the natural ventilation potential of the site;
	utilising north easterly winds and limiting user choice. Increased
	openable windows will animate the façade and create interest.
	This could be achieved with louvres or operable high-light
	windows. Function spaces should also incorporate openable
	windows
	The Grand Ballroom does not appear to provide adequate fire
	egress provisions. Egress requirements need to be investigated.

- The layout of the Grand Ballroom pre-function spaces do not work.
- The panel supports the City's suggestion to limit and minimise signage to the etched stone logo and smaller option to the top of the tower.
- The panel agrees that the proposal and its through site link is vastly improved. However the current water feature does not work. The panel prefers the previous competition iteration of the inside/ outside water feature.
- The panel prefers the glazed lobby with a lower and finer light weight canopy. Grounding of the tower could potentially be achieved by introducing sandstone walls internally in the lobby so that the foyer, while secure, appears to be integrated with the public domain. The panel prefer Kengo Kuma design the lobby.
- The panel has requested the City provide a public domain interface/ integration study for the entire APDG site.

