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TENANTS  
BERKELEY APTS.  
25 MARKET ST  
SYDNEY 2000

DEAR SIR,

24th OCTOBER 2012

RE FOUR POINTS DEVELOPMENT

AS TENANTS OF THE BERKELEY APTS. WE HAVE BEEN BOMBARDED BY PETITIONS, ACTION GROUP ETC. AND EVEN ASKED FOR \$200 TO PAY FOR A TOWN PLANNER TO STOP THE ABOVE DEVELOPMENT (TO WHICH WE HAVE NO INTEREST IN OR OBJECTION TO WHATSOEVER), TO THE POINT WHERE WE ARE STOPPED AT THE FRONT DESK ASKED TO SIGN A COPY OF THE ENCLOSED PETITION THERE AND THEN.

WE FELT PRESSURED BY THE BUILDING MANAGER AS WE ENTERED THE BUILDING AND THEREFORE SIGNED, AS WE DID NOT WANT A BAD REFERENCE WHEN WE LEFT OR BE REJECTED IF WE WANTED TO RENEW OUR LEASE.

IT IS ALL ABOUT THE LOSS OF VIEW TO ONLY ONE UNIT PER FLOOR ON THE ONE CORNER OF KENT ST AND MARKET ST, THE UNITS THAT END IN THE NUMBER ONE, 101, 201, 301, 401, ALL THE WAY UP TO 1601 AND ALL MAINLY OWNED BY MEMBERS ON THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND THE ONLY UNITS THAT FACE DARLING HARBOUR DIRECTLY. THE REMAINING UNITS FACE MARKET ST AND MAY LOSE A VERY SMALL PART OF THE VIEW AND WE ONLY SEE IT BY GOING OUT ON OUR BALCONY AND WILL NOT BE AFFECTED AND THE TENANTS WILL ALL HAVE PROBABLY ALL MOVED OUT BY THE TIME THE PROJECT EVEN BEGINS.

THE REST OF THE OBJECTIONS ARE RIDICULOUS AND LAUGHABLE. THE RISK TO OUR HEALTH, TRAFFIC CONGESTION, NOISE, POLLUTION, LOSS OF SUNLIGHT WILL ALL HAVE AN AFFECT ON OUR HEALTH?!!!

ALL THE CITIES IN THE WORLD HAVE THESE THINGS TO DEAL WITH.

THEY CHOSE TO BUY IN THE CENTRE OF THE CBD AND NOW WANT TO CONTROL WHO ELSE CAN LIVE HERE BECAUSE "ITS NOT FAIR AND THEY WILL BE 'STEALING' OUR VIEW" AND WANT COMPENSATION.

WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE SIGNED THIS LETTER BUT DUE TO THE AGGRESSIVE NATURE OF THE ACTION GROUP IT WOULD MAKE US FEEL INSECURE OF REDEVELOPMENT TO OUR TENANCY.

Attention: Director, Metropolitan and Regional Projects South  
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Department of Planning & Infrastructure  
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Applicant: M&L Development Co Pty Ltd  
Name of Proposal: Four Points by Sheraton Hotel Expansion incl. commercial office space  
Application number: 4972-2011

Subject of Submission: **Objection**

I object to this project because:

- ☐ I will lose winter sun hence my heating bill will increase.
  - ☐ The developer has failed to consult with me/(us) as stipulated in the Director General's Requirements.
  - ☐ The EIS has failed to describe the consultation process.
  - ☐ I will lose my view, my amenity and the 'boxed in' feeling and loss of sun will impact on my health.
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- ☐ There will be a loss of greenery and the tower will totally dominate the heritage listed Corn Exchange.
  - ☐ It's not fair – the hotel will charge guests a room rental for the view but will not compensate me for 'stealing' it.
  - ☐ The proposed tower is too high and too close to the foreshore and in any event, should be stepped away from the water.
  - ☐ There will be greater traffic congestion which will restrict my ability to enter and exit The Berkeley car park.
  - ☐ There will be greater traffic noise and pollution which will impact on my health.

- I **have / have not** made reportable political donations (including donations of \$1000 or more) in the previous two (2) years
- I request that my name be withheld **\*YES / NO**

Signature

Date

First Name Last Name

Address

Residents and Owners  
The Berkeley  
25 Market Street  
Sydney NSW 2000

8th October 2012

### **Protect your Lifestyle**

There are many reasons for living in the heart of the city of Sydney - location, proximity to Darling Harbour and iconic views from our apartments being only a few,

However, your present lifestyle is being threatened by the proposed construction of a 25 storey hotel tower, behind the Corn exchange. Whether you are an owner or occupant of The Berkeley, everyone is affected:-

- the majority of units will lose some view to Darling Harbour
- most units will lose some winter sun, which will increase power costs for heating & artificial lighting
- there will be a net loss of greenery
- proposed 24/7 pile driving & night work between 21:30 and 5:00 will cause sleep disruption and it will continue on week ends
- street closures during construction will aggravate traffic congestion
- as will the fact that the tower will have no car parking of its own
- And the **dust...**!

We can not stop the development, but we can hope to modify the construction and we need everyone's support.

1. **Attend the next meeting in the Manager's office off the foyer at 25 Market Street, on Tuesday 9th October at 6.30pm.** Come hear the latest news from the Town Planners Willana Associates and other building representatives
2. Agree to sign and lodge an objection letter to be sent to the NSW Department of Planning & Infrastructure, before 26th October, 2012, less than 3 weeks away.  
**Assistance is available.**
3. Contact Alan Antoska on [aaantoska@yahoo.com](mailto:aaantoska@yahoo.com) to share your thoughts and be informed of what is happening.

This campaign is being organized by concerned owners, not the Executive Committee.

If we do nothing, this proposed development will go ahead as is, but collectively we can hope to modify the impact on our lifestyle. We are not alone in our fight as other nearby buildings are also protesting.

Owners' Action Committee