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Attention: Kate MacDonald

Dear Ms MacDonald

RE: FOUR POINTS BY SHERATON HOTEL SSD-4972 – SECTION 96 MODIFICATION 2 EXPANSION, 161 SUSSEX STREET, SYDNEY

The Heritage Division of the Office of Environment and Heritage is replying to your request for comments on the proposed modifications to the above application.

It is understood that the proposed modifications are as follows:

- Changes to structural columns, trusses and footings beneath the tower and convention/function area;
- Removal of trees between new structure and Corn Exchange building;
- Deletion of the pre-function area at the northern end of the building; and
- Changes to the commercial lobby and lift core within the tower.

The following comments are provided:

Changes to structural columns, trusses and footings beneath the tower and convention/function area

The modification to the configuration of the structural columns and increase in number of structural columns from 3 to 8 is likely to have acceptable heritage impacts. Any additional excavations must be undertaken in accordance with previously approved archaeological conditions.

Removal of trees between new structure and Corn Exchange building

The trees that are currently located between the proposed new building and Corn Exchange are likely to provide a degree of screening of the new building from the State Heritage Registered Corn Exchange building. No assessment of the heritage significance of these trees has been undertaken and therefore it is impossible for any meaningful comments on potential heritage impacts to be provided. Generally, the aim should be to retain these trees to assist in screening the existing building from the proposed.

Deletion of the pre-function area at the northern end of the building

The change in this part of the proposal is unlikely to have any impacts on heritage significance; no objections are raised.



Changes to the commercial lobby and lift core within the tower

These changes are entirely internal and are unlikely to have any impacts on heritage significance; no objections are raised.

If you have any further enquiries regarding this matter, please contact Gary Estcourt at the Heritage Division on (02) 9873 8562.

Yours sincerely

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As Delegate of the Heritage Council of NSW