

MILSON PRECINCT MEETING – MINUTES

On: THURSDAY, 7 JUNE, 2018 at 7.30pm

Kirribilli Neighbourhood Centre - 16 Fitzroy Street, Kirribilli

- **Victoria Cross Station (Sydney Metro) for Buildings above Station** - Environmental Impact Statement - feedback closes 22 June To view, visit <https://www.sydneymetro.info/integrated-station-development> or Info drop-in sessions @ Hutley Hall 4 & 6 June from 4-7pm, - NSC, 200 Miller Street-

CONCERNS & OBJECTIONS RAISED:

- Metro will be **open in 2024**.
- **SSD_8874** on majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au – ‘on exhibition’ links. SUBMISSIONS CLOSE this **FRIDAY 22 JUNE 2018** - Make sure to use the word ‘**OBJECTION**’
- http://www.majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au/index.pl?action=view_job&job_id=8874
- Question the Department & Minister, **how can a commercial building be treated as a State Significant development**, as this **DA is for a ‘Commercial and Retail Hub’** over the top of infrastructure. But **it is not the infrastructure!**
- **Set Back on Miller St.** – should be in **alignment with MLC building** (adjacent and on same block – vs. set back on same alignment as the higher northern portion of Miller St, Properties, over Berry St. & after the Rag & Famish Pub. THIS METRO site, doesn’t read with those buildings; but it does with MLC. Side Setback of 18m from MLC – Heritage Building ... Should be set back from Berry St. same as Beau Monde to give sunny open space.
- Height Currently **42 floors** – should not be more than **1 Dennison St.** – Shopping World old site.
- **Café at 105 Miller St.** Transport NSW should negotiate to **purchase** the site, vs. forced acquisition; make for a better building site and could lower the height to achieve same yield.
- Community had **a square of significant Open Space, with Tower Square**, open to **sunlight**, as the **floor space for the site was sold off** in the 1980’s (Ted Mack’s era) - So how can they **legally** now **build** into and over the top of this space, taking our sun.
- Is providing only **2 hours of sun** down Miller street, for the set back section from the road, for people to be able to use as sun space for lunch – only problem is that the set back **is not** envisioned or displayed on their story boards or graphics as a **passive recreational space**, but as a **thoroughfare for access to the station, with glass AWNINGS all the way**.
- The **setback from Miller St. will therefore NOT BE a green quiet & suitable space for lunchtime seating**.
- There will be an **additional 15,500 people during morning peak** using the station & the streets of NS CBD. (Nigel – NSC Sustainable Transport Officer); these pedestrians will be exiting the Metro station equally onto Dennison Street’s rear ‘lane’ access & onto Miller street.
- Need significant Open Space in an enclosed plaza type space for sun and sky, for workers to eat lunch in ... more like the Chatswood Concourse, with an Arts & Cultural Centre

- **NO underground link to other side of the Pacific Highway, nor UNDERGROUND AT Grade link to Greenwood Plaza** & the NS Railway station. Pedestrians will have to go up the 30m to the street, exit, walk along Miller St and then go down again to Greenwood Plaza at the Pacific Highway intersection – This impedes the frail, the infirm, older person, or younger families, anyone on wheels ... or those wishing to stay out of inclement weather in winter, or stay cool & in shade in summer
- **No access to the bus interchange** currently existing in Blue Street
- Overshadowing is increased on the Public open GREEN space called Miller St. Special Area – the passive green grassed area in front of MLC building, in winter! This should not be allowed!
- Their plan shows it is impeding the access to the back of MLC buildings loading bays and back of house services. How can one building impede another's vehicular access with their design? Not acceptable to MLC.
- Traffic will increase by 33 vehicles movements per hour in AM peak; while the new building is taller, has more commercial and retail space than what was there for the existing building, and proposes 47 fewer car parking spaces than what was there! Not taking into account that additional building volume, nor people wanting to access parking to travel into town, if they are infirm or disabled and live further away, than walking distance.
- Access via Denison St., currently part of one way laneway system – planning to be two way, till just past the station point; with no turning points available on the street, for cars to turn around to exit! The rest of Dennison St is proposed to be CLOSED to traffic - for pedestrianisation down to and including the middle section of Mount St.
- Spring St. will be one way going up from Walker St. and No vehicle access from Spring St. to Mount St. – all pedestrian;
- Mount Street, heading west, up from Walker St. will be two way traffic ONLY till Elizabeth Place driveways, - again, no parking and no turning point – nor any ability to park for Aldi shopping, is what is being planned by NSC to deal with the need for pedestrianisation as an outcome from Metro station, additional 60,000 Sq.m floor space, and proposed (Greater Sydney Commission) additional 20,000 workers in the CBD, let alone the additional residential buildings around the fringe of the CBD.
- Plan is for 60,000 sqm of commercial, office and retail space, equivalent to 4,200 additional jobs, in this Metro Over Station Building.
- The NS Community should get some benefit from this over development of the site, and the loss of the open sun and sky space for lunchtime use – so if these are not possible within this development, then we request that a Civic Theatrical space be designated, and given to NSC and the Community of NS, that could hold a 1500 seat theatre, - similar to Angel Place, that would enable concerts and events within the CBD, accessible via metro, for example the ACU campus is expanding with new high rise buildings purchased, that will take it to a 20,000 student campus, but with nowhere to hold graduations for their student cohort & families.

MOTION: Milson Precinct to make a submission along these lines and suggests other individuals to do the same by Friday 22 June, 2018, using the following link:

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Moved: JC Seconded: TB