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EIS Exhibition - Bays 1-5 Locomotive Workshop  
SSD 17 8517  
Public Submission

I would like to make the following submission regarding SSD 17 8517

The Blacksmithing Workshop at Eveleigh is of very high cultural heritage significance at State level and recognised internationally as one of the best intact worldwide industrial blacksmith shops.

The State significance is partly formed by the maintaining the industrial systems used within the blacksmith shop. These systems were historically throughout the entire workshop but were only preserved in Bays 1 & 2. Any disruption of the industrial systems within these bays is detrimental to the intactness displayed within the Blacksmith Shop.

While the preservation of the Eveleigh Rail Workshops has had a very fraught past it is expected that the few remaining intact spaces be preserved in the highest order. While better interpretation does and will improve the site, interpretation should not be in lieu of degrading the historic intactness.

In all the approval should not proceed because of the following issues are unresolved in the application.

- Fails to meet the guidelines set out by the NSW Government Architect 'Better Placed' for Government Departments and State Significant Developments in information, options or clear outcomes
- Fails to meet the previous conditions set out in any former approvals (backlog works)
- Fails to protect the significance of Bays 1 & 2. For items of State level significance by physically and visually separating systems of machinery.
- Does not convey the real impact of proposed changes to Bays 1,2,3 & 4a and makes assumptions that it has no heritage impacts where there clearly is a physical, historical and visual change proposed.
- Has not included or considered the comments made by the community at the public consultations.
- Inclusion of new structures within Bays 1 & 2 for new and unrelated purposes (garbage & deliveries) lowers the significance and the study has not investigated alternatives to transept these important bays that demonstrate the Davy Press system that forms the main feature in Bay 1 North but the same issues are relevant to the buildings Annex areas.
- Does not include impacts of garbage or delivery trucks using the public space in Innovation Plaza.

- The new structures divide the historical functionality of the Davy Press and its furnace, which lowers the significance of each item within Bays 1 North as well as the place as a whole.
- Does not indicate the impact of blacksmithing functionality when penetrations are made through the acoustic wall separating bays 1 & 2 from Bay 3.
- No new alterations should be allowed that further diminish the future use of currently operating machines, other machines or operational restoration of other machines within Bays 1 & 2. This should be included with the assessment of uses of Bays 3 & 4a as well as Annexes.
- An Archaeological Study should be carried out prior to any works particularly in Bay 3 region as no previous study has been carried out for any potential underground structures.

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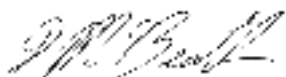
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The submission State Significant Development Application SSD 17 8517

Environmental Impact Statement or Approvals to alter Bays -5 should not be approved until all the matters above are resolved.

Regards



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