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The Department of Planning & Environment

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Attention: Annie Leung

Dear Annie

SUBMISSION IN RESPONSE TO SSDAs 8517 & 8449

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. We are familiar with the site, and object to the proposed application. Our key concerns are outlined below.

Heritage Impact

- The intrusive penetrations and proposed use (including the introduction of a travelator and delivery/loading dock) to facilitate the introduction of a supermarket within the Locomotive Workshop diminishes the site's significance and irreparably erode the site's engineering, aesthetic and cultural significance.
- Further, the proposed destruction of the original scale and space of Bays 1 and 2 and Bays 10 – 13 (Exhibition Hall will see the only remaining vestiges of the original cavernous and exceptional workshop spaces thereby precluding any future understanding of the original aesthetic, architectural and engineering intent of the building or its former use to build and repair locomotives
- Likewise the reduction in spaces of original height, scale and proportion is unacceptable. In addition, the signage that is proposed to the exterior of the building is excessive and unnecessary and diminishes the character of this State significant site.
- Further, the proposed development necessitates the relocation, deaccessioning and storage of considerable parts of the Moveable Collection. These steps are irreversible. It will also irreversibly diminish the potential for research and interpretation of our shared cultural, social and working history.



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Moreover, many items are part of assemblages that need to remain intact. Much of the information on this Collection has been garnered to date through the generosity of former Workers and volunteers. Yet this not mentioned, nor how the intellectual property will be protected to ensure the interpretative outcomes are protected for future generations.

- In addition, the continued use of the blacksmithing machinery is essential in order to maintain the equipment and the place in general. While the proposed development purports to provide opportunities for this to occur, it actually endangers continued blacksmithing activities by co-locating these activities with retail and interpretative museum type uses.
- Moreover the proponent has not addressed how they will comply with the Public Heritage and Access Covenants that apply to the site. This includes:
 - The status of the Draft Management Plan for the Moveable Collection;
 - The update to the s170 register to demonstrate real impacts of the proposed development on the Collection;
 - The conduct of priority heritage works identified in the draft MCMP, including conservation of the Davy Press assemblage, conservation of the forges;
 - The preparation of an updated Heritage Asset Management Strategy.

Traffic Impact

- The traffic plans, in particular the assertion that vehicular traffic will be removed from Locomotive Street to result in a 'more pedestrianised' route is incorrect, as the comments fail to acknowledge that semi-trailers and other vehicles will continue to use Locomotive Street to access Channel 7, Global TV and RailCorp lands at the western end of the site.

Conclusion

The proposed development should not be approved until such time as the proponent and Consent Authority can address the following:

- Relocate the supermarket and associated loading bay and travelator to another part of the site subject to the relocation not having any unreasonable or adverse environmental and heritage impact
- Ensure the ongoing safe and convenient public access to the site and the moveable collection



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- Protect the existing movable heritage collection, without storage and deaccessioning except unless exceptional heritage outcomes can be demonstrated.
- Ensure the ongoing use of the blacksmithing equipment and workshop are safe guarded
- Ensure compliance with the Heritage and Public Access Covenant
- Addresses the previous conditions set out in any former approvals (backlog works)
- Meets the relevant guidelines set out in the government's 'Better Placed' design policy, specifically in terms of the information, options and outcomes that should be considered for state significant developments
- Agreement is reached in terms of an interpretation strategy and cultural heritage tourism business plan that is prepared in collaboration with the community and key stakeholders
- Ensures the protection of the significance of Bays 1 & 2
- Addresses the representations by local groups, ARAG and 'REDWatch'.

Yours sincerely

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for Chippendale Residents Interest Group

15 December, 2007

Note:

No reportable donation has been made, and we agree to the Department's Privacy Statement.