

1 February 2017

The Hon. Anthony Roberts MP
Minister for Planning
GPO Box 5341
Sydney NSW 2001

Dear Minister

RE. Redevelopment of Harbourside Shopping Centre

Sydney Harbour is unique in its ability to offer both residents and visitors an holistic experience of water views, eateries and working environs that are first class by world standards.

Alarminglly, the proposed redevelopment of Harbourside Shopping Centre in Darling Harbour will not only severely impact that standard, but will damage the heritage and architectural value of Pyrmont Bridge through its proximity and over shadowing effects.

The proposal includes a four-level podium for retail, food and beverage purposes topped with an 39 level residential tower abutting Pyrmont Bridge.

As such the proposal is contrary to longstanding planning principles that include requiring building heights to be limited near water to protect the public experience of the harbour.

I ask that you share my concern for the impact that this proposed development will have on picturesque Pyrmont Bridge and the thousands of pedestrians who cross that bridge to and fro each day. This number includes a significant number of the 33.4 million visitors to Sydney (Destination NSW report, Sept 2016) who collectively spent in excess of \$17.3 Billion! And according to Tourism Australia (cf ABC business reporter, Sue Lannin, 18 Jul 2016), Chinese visitors alone collectively shelled out a record \$8.9 billion over the past year.

I also ask that you share my concern for the impact that this proposed development will have on the many residents in those buildings that will be severely impacted by this development if it is to proceed. Of particular note is One Darling Harbour. This is a Residential Apartment building perched on the edge of picturesque Darling Harbour. The building enjoys breathtaking uninterrupted views stretching from Pyrmont Bridge to the city.

The proposal does not appear to offer Sydney nor NSW any public benefits that could substantiate such a development.

I therefore seek your engagement to reject the overdevelopment of Darling Harbour and specifically the rejection of the proposal for the Redevelopment of Harbourside Shopping Centre

Yours sincerely,



Ian Bulluss
Justice of the Peace # 123156