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NSW Department of Planning & Environment  
23-22 Bridge St  
Sydney 2000

Dear Sir / Madam

**RE: SSD 16\_7874 redevelopment of Harbourside Shopping Centre**

I am writing in relation to the EIS Exhibition for redevelopment of Harbourside Shopping Centre.

Whereas the Australian National Maritime Museum (ANMM) welcomes Mirvac's investment in the precinct, the proposal requires detailed consideration within a broader urban design masterplan for Darling Harbour.

The scale of the proposed tower, and the one at Cockle Bay that is proposed to bookend Pyrmont Bridge, seems inconsistent with the dominant built form in the Ultimo / Pyrmont Peninsula. We also question the suitability of permanent residential use in a precinct that is regularly activated at night, including major events (such as Vivid and Australia Day) and are concerned about possible night-time restrictions on museum operations.

At ground level, the design at the development's southern end does not seek to improve the existing constriction in the foreshore promenade, and hence does not improve connectivity beneath the bridge into the northern end of Darling Harbour. Seating and artwork beneath the bridge appear nominal.

On the other hand, efforts to improve way-finding and pedestrian flow at bridge level are welcomed but suggest a broader analysis of the bridge connection is required, including connectivity to the museum when considering a spur bridge into Harbourside. Advice is requested on developer contributions and investment in the precinct.

Yours faithfully



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