

Application Number SSD 16_7874

Redevelopment of Harbourside Shopping Centre

I wish to oppose the proposal on the following grounds:-

- The high-rise tower :-
 - Is too tall for the surrounding area
 - is too closed to Pyrmont Bridge and would interfere with the appreciation of its historical significance.
 - Visually it will make the Pyrmont side of Darling Harbour look unbalanced – at the very least if there is to be such a tower it should be at the southern end of the site providing some visual symmetry with the high-rise hotel currently under construction.
 - Is too tall and too close to the foreshore
 - Will overshadow and detract from the harbour waterside amenity
- The Pyrmont area and particularly Darling Drive cannot sustain a large increase in population using the roads and transport infrastructure.
 - A large residential development accessed from Darling Drive will introduce further traffic movements which the roads cannot accommodate.
 - The Pyrmont road system is currently overburdened during peak hour. A journey to access Anzac Bridge or the north/east bound distributor which normally takes 5 minutes can take over 30 minutes in peak hour now. Additional traffic generated by the hotel and the ICC entertainment facility will already compound this problem.
 - Light rail and busses are currently working at capacity (on packed roads) in and out of Pyrmont-Ultimo during peak hour. A high-rise residential or office tower will further frustrate all transport systems.