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**CONCEPT PROPOSAL FOR THE REDEVELOPMENT OF HARBOURSIDE SHOPPING CENTRE**  
**APPLICATION NO: SSD 7874**

Our objections to the Tower :--

We are located on the 15<sup>th</sup> floor of "One Darling Harbour" and retired here last year to enjoy the breathtaking views of Cockle Bay, Pyrmont Bridge and overall city skyline. We wake up daily to the glistening sunlight of Cockle Bay, beauty of several boats on the water and colourful flags flapping in the wind both on foreshore and Pyrmont Bridge, a sight expansive in our apartment, morning and afternoon in summer or winter. At night, we see the lights of tall commercial buildings (Westfield, CBA, PWC and many more) set far back from the water and overall Darling Harbour area. A very pretty sight which will be totally obliterated by Mirvac's tall tower!!

Just ONE stroke of approval from the NSW Dept of Planning & Environment to Mirvac's proposal for a tall, hideously overbearing residential tower will destroy not only our views but more importantly, utterly block off our sunlight and breeze presently felt on our balcony and interior of our apartment!! Also, we will lose our privacy, suffer noise impact and see nothing but an ugly tower right in front of us, with air conditioning units on every balcony of Mirvac's apartments.

The tower is too, too close to the water and terribly imposing, higher than ICC!! Years and years of diligent, meticulous planning to create an openness to maximise sun and light to every area in Darling Harbour foreshore will be bulldozed and gone! The Harbour and Pyrmont Bridge were meant to dominate and define this area, definitely not meant for Mirvac's tower which is proposed ruthlessly and selfishly, emphasizing their monetary greed to collect strata fees. Mirvac has no consideration whatsoever of preserving the present values! Now, there is a beautiful, tranquil setting with an ambience rarely found!!!! Why would the Dept of Planning & Environment destroy this iconic setting, should approval be given?

No tall and imposing building, residential or commercial, should ever be considered in close proximity to the water, right in front. It should be set way far back from the water! A landscaper designer will reinforce this very common belief – one do not see tall plants planted in front of a garden, always placed back with low-lying and groundcover plants in front of them!

Pyrmont Bridge is heritage-listed, likewise Cockle Bay ought to be! Tourists and visitors – local and interstate- frequent Darling Harbour foreshore because of these key features. So, there should be a wholehearted commitment to demand preservation of these values. We urge the Department to appreciate and understand our concern, and not have Mirvac undermine these values and destroy iconic views for the sole benefit of a selfish Mirvac handful! It was meant for public enjoyment, tourists and visitors. We all take pride in the present Darling Harbour foreshore and Pyrmont Bridge setting, many thanks to previous years of ultra-careful, painstaking and conscientious planning. Please do not destroy - instead we urge the Dept to preserve and safeguard - the current setting created along with its important values. Please do not grant this approval to Mirvac, to no one's benefit but their very own! A very selfish concept motivated by utter greed!!

Currently, traffic is horrendous in Darling Harbour precinct. With a residential tower constructed, one can imagine the added chaotic traffic on Darling Drive, Murray Street, Pyrmont Road and all

other adjoining roads, with additional residents, more vehicles causing dreadful congestion and greater noise pollution. It will be everyone's nightmare, for sure!

We reiterate our objections to this tower as it will unquestionably and surely dominate Darling Harbour and significantly change the whole outlook of our foreshore besides, MORE IMPORTANTLY, diminish the heritage values of Pyrmont Bridge! How very monstrously ugly our Darling Harbour Foreshore and Pyrmont Bridge will become if the Department grants this approval, sadly for all Australians who will REFRAIN from boasting the present values and iconic views, especially to any tourist!

We have not made any political donations or gifts in the previous two years, none whatsoever.

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DAMIAN YC YONG

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NELLIE SL YONG