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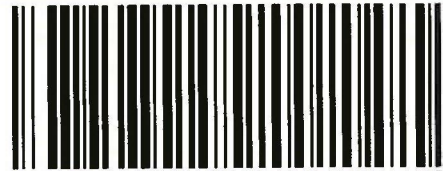
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IM17/2398

## A. MINISTER'S OFFICE

STAFF MEMBER:



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## B. AGENCY FOR ACTION

☒ Department of Planning and Environment(DP&E)☐ UrbanGrowth (UGNSW)☐ Central Coast Regional Development Corporation (CCRDC)☐ Hunter Development Corporation (HDC)☐ Greater Sydney Commission (GSC)☐ Office of Environment & Heritage (OEH)☐ REFER TO OTHER MINISTER:

## C. ACTION REQUIRED

☐ Minister to Reply☐ Briefing Note☐ COS to Reply☒ For Information Only☐ Assistant Minister to reply☐ Other Agency to Respond☐ Agency response☐ SEC☐ Deputy Secretary☐ ED

## D. DEADLINE

☐ Immediate (Priority – ASAP)☐ Urgent (7 calendar days)☐ Routine (14 calendar days)

DUE DATE:

AUTHORISED BY:

NOTES:

## DP&amp;E use only

☒ Division☐ CCU☐ GD&P☐ Gen Csel☐ Richard Hammond☐ Pol & Strat☐ C&SE☐ Vincent Blake☒ Plan Serv☐ Martin Walsh☐ Fin & Ops☐ Faun Harbord

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Key Sites Assessments

## Rose Wakefield

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**From:** Steve Hogan <Steve.Hogan@minister.nsw.gov.au>  
**Sent:** Monday, 6 February 2017 3:10 PM  
**To:** DPE CSE MCUDOP Mailbox  
**Subject:** IM17/2398 FOR INFO ONLY: Mardi and Peter Barnes - 02/02/2017 - The Mirvac Redevelopment of Harbourside Shopping Centre including a 35 Storey Tower  
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Title : Mardi and Peter Barnes - 02/02/2017 - The Mirvac Redevelopment of Harbourside Shopping Centre including a 35 Storey Tower  
Notes : DLO advises for info only.  
To Department.  
"Monday, 6 February 2017 at 3:09:37 PM (GMT-11:00) Hogan, Steve (Mr):"

## Rose Wakefield

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**From:** ElectorateOffice LaneCove <ElectorateOffice.LaneCove@parliament.nsw.gov.au>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 2 February 2017 1:17 PM  
**To:** Public Roberts' Office Email  
**Subject:** FW: The Mirvac Redevelopment of Harbourside Shopping Centre including a 35 Storey Tower

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**From:** Mardi Barnes [mailto:mardilbarnes@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 31 January 2017 1:26 PM  
**To:** ElectorateOffice LaneCove  
**Subject:** RE: The Mirvac Redevelopment of Harbourside Shopping Centre including a 35 Storey Tower

Planning Minister is the Hon Anthony Roberts MP

I am not a resident of the Darling Harbour precinct. I am a local visitor.

Most people including myself, either alone or with family visit Darling Harbour to admire the city and water views, to take pleasure in the variety of dining available, to enjoy the visual experience of watching the ferries, sailing and cruising boats, to explore the cultural experiences and the many activities and entertainment available.

More importantly, we come to Darling Harbour to walk the "boardwalk" including Pyrmont Bridge, which gives access to all the above. On the internet, "TripAdvisor" gives Darling Harbour's "boardwalk" a 5-star rating and calls it "Awesome". Overall Darling Harbour ranks Number 11 out of 445 things to do in Sydney (6,497 reviews).

It has come to my attention that there is a proposed redevelopment of the Harbourside Shopping Centre by Mirvac Group which incorporates a 35 storey residential building rising above the "boardwalk". A tower of this size is not appropriate for this site. It not only will overshadow existing buildings, but will be an eyesore to ALL visitors because of its height and proximity to the water. It will sit out of place in respect to all other buildings in this area and goes against the current form of development of "stepping back" from the edge of the harbour.

People walking north along the west bank of Darling Harbour will see an imposing tower in front of them. This tower will block out the current views which contribute so much to the unique mood, character and atmosphere of this side of the "boardwalk". This is unacceptable.

Darling Harbour should be a precinct for the people of Sydney and the distinctiveness of the area should always be considered ahead of developments that distract or do worse. This tower will not "transform" Darling Harbour for the better. Mirvac's video illustrates what a monstrosity in height this development will become for the area.

The Sofitel Hotel at 35 storeys is acceptable because it stands back from the "boardwalk" and does not overshadow residential buildings as Mirvac Group's tower will do. It also does not "impose" itself on the people but resides at a respectful distance.

It is vital that this tower does not receive approval to be built at 35 storeys. I suggest a much less imposing building of say 3 storeys running along and above the major redevelopment of the Harbourside Shopping Centre instead of a tower.

Yours sincerely,  
Mardi and Peter Barnes  
30 York Terrace  
Bilgola Plateau

Contact: Trevor and Lesley Dean who live in the building you are about to block.