

## Brian Kirk

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**Subject:** SUBMISSION AGAINST THE PEMULWUY DEVELOPMENT OF THE BLOCK, REDFERN

I wish to record my vehement opposition to the proposed Pemulwuy development of The Block, Redfern.

My objections are similar to those of others opposed to this development. These objections include:

- Proposed buildings are grossly out of proportion to existing structures in this area
- Many aspects of the City of Sydney Development Control Plans (2012) are not being observed - solar access and privacy being just two vitally important aspects of lifestyle quality that will suffer major negative impacts.
- Inadequate provision of open-air access areas to support the vastly increased population resultant from the development.
- The provision of only 62 affordable homes for indigenous people in such a vast complex lends veracity to the argument that the Aboriginal Housing Company (AHC) is prioritising commercial aspects over the provision of affordable accommodation for Indigenous residents.
- The 62 homes proposed are the same number as were proposed initially when the development was to be six storeys rather than twenty four storeys. It is unconscionable that the addition of a further eighteen storeys adds NO further housing for Indigenous people.
- Contrary to the assertions of the AHC, there are many Aboriginal opponents to this proposal. Whilst ever there is a substantial and vocal proportion of the Indigenous community who vociferously oppose this plan, it cannot be said to carry the endorsement of the Aboriginal population.
- There would appear to be a far greater value placed on the commercial viability of the project than on the social justice issues of affordable housing for Indigenous people. This lends credence to the assertion that the Pemulwuy Development will further marginalise Aboriginal people.

In conclusion, it seems to me that Nathan Moran, Chief Executive of the Metropolitan Aboriginal Land Council, best summarised the development in his statement:

"On so many levels this project fails the community."

I request that my submission be given careful consideration before a final decision is reached.

Yours sincerely  
Anne Peters