

## Brian Kirk

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To Whom It May Concern,

Attachment is the feedback on the proposed changes to the Pemulwuy Project.

Best Regards,

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APPLICATION BY ABORIGINAL HOUSING COMPANY MP 06\_0101 MOD 2 - SSD 8135 PEMULWUY  
PROJECT REDFERN – CONCEPT PLAN MODIFICATION & NEW STUDENT ACCOMMODATION  
BUILDING

## OBJECTION

### Introduction

1. My name is Djamileh Vambaksh.
2. I am a member of the Redfern Aboriginal Tent embassy.
3. I wish to submit my **objection** to the above proposals for the following reasons:

### LACK OF COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

- There has been no community consultation for the proposed development or change of planning.
- In March 2017 I attended the public meeting conducted by the Public Relations company for the Aboriginal Housing Company.
- Every Aboriginal person who opposed the development was stopped from speaking.
- Two people who opposed the development were assaulted by associates of the Aboriginal Housing Company.
- The meeting was shut down.
- There have been no community consultations since.

### NOT IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST

- The land known as the Block was the first buy-back of urban Aboriginal land in the Australia.
- The land is therefore historically and culturally sacred.
- The land was acquired for the sole purpose of housing Aboriginal people.
- The Aboriginal Housing Company was originally established to fulfil that purpose.
- Now that purpose has been superseded by the Aboriginal Housing Company's desire to become a developer, not a not-for-profit provider of affordable houses for Aboriginal people.
- Since its acquisition, the Block has been known as a meeting hub, a centre for culture, learning, community and civil rights.
- It was unique in this respect.
- This development will totally destroy that aspect of Aboriginal urban life and will displace and disconnect the Aboriginal population even further.
- The provision of 62 affordable Aboriginal homes is not enough. It was never enough.
- When seen in light of the proposal to build 24 storeys of student accommodation, the Aboriginal housing component has not been increased at all. It is now dramatically inadequate.
- The influx of overseas students occupying 26 storeys of apartments will greatly outnumber those few existing Aboriginal tenants.

- In order to fund the 24 storey development, the AHC is proposing to lease the development for 99 years, with the rental paid up front. This takes Aboriginal land out of the control and right to occupy from Aboriginal people for almost a century. This was not what the AHC was originally set up to do. They are not a development company, they are a charity with its object being the provision of Aboriginal housing.

#### **THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT IS INCOMPATIBLE WITH THE EXISTING STREETScape & AREA**

- At 24 storeys, the proposed height is several times larger than anything in the local area. Even the TNT buildings a significant distance away, are only 12 storeys.
- It is 300% larger than the original plans.
- The immediate surrounding buildings are only 2 storeys. They are historical terrace houses, completely different in style and character to the proposed development. These homes will be overshadowed, their privacy invaded as the development will look directly into their windows.
- On the eastern side of the development, the property will directly overshadow the rail line.
- A quick drive around the Block and surrounds (Vine, Louis, Caroline, Eveleigh and Lawson Streets) on any weekday will show you that traffic and parking is at breaking point. The influx of more cars, more bicycles and more people will be devastating to an area already under pressure.

#### **LACK OF ARCHITECTURE/DESIGN EXCELLENCE**

- The Design Excellence Process is a requirement of the DoP in response to concerns raised by the City of Sydney Council as the proposed modifications to the Approved Concept Plan was outside of the planning code.
- This has clearly not been done.

Yours faithfully

**DJAMILEH VAMBAKSH**