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1 INTRODUCTION

On 7 May 2010 the Indigenous Land Corporation submitted an application to modify under section 75W of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (EP&A Act), major project approval 06_0267 (approved October 2007) which relates to the National Centre of Indigenous Excellence at 160-202 George Street, Redfern. The modification sought approval to amend the hours of operation of the Eora Sports, Arts and Recreation Centre (formerly known as Building F) from the approved closing time of 10pm to 12 midnight (with all persons to have exited the premises by 12.30am) for 16 Friday nights per annum to allow for the delivery of a youth basketball.

The modification application was placed on public exhibition from 2 June 2010 to 2 July 2010. A submission on the application was received from the Redfern-Waterloo Authority in support of the application. In addition six (6) submissions were received from members of the public raising various objections. Copies of all submissions are attached to this report at Appendix 1.

This report has been prepared in accordance with section 75H(6) of the EP&A Act which requires that the Proponent review any submissions and respond to the issues raised. This submissions report has been prepared by MG Planning Pty Ltd on behalf of the proponent, the Indigenous Land Corporation.

2 RESPONSE TO ISSUES RAISED IN SUBMISIONS

The issues raised in submissions can be summarised as follows:

- Parking and Traffic Management,
- Noise (primarily from patrons exiting the premise),
- Littering,
- Security / control of patron behaviour exiting the venue,
- Light spill, and
- Compliance with existing hours of operation.

These matters are considered in further detail below.

In addition, as noted above, the Redfern-Waterloo Authority made a submission in support of the application. The Authority's submission indicates that:

The Redfern–Waterloo Authority (RWA) supports the proposed modification of the consent to facilitate the operation of the midnight basketball program, which is understood to provide for the delivery of the Midnight Basketball program to the youth of the area, and combines competitive team sport with educational workshops teaching life skills.

Each tournament runs for approximately 8 weeks on Friday or Saturday evenings commencing at 7.30 and finishing by 12am. Approximately 50 – 70 participants attend on any evening and all participants are escorted home to their door by volunteer bus drivers. A maximum of 85 persons associated with the Midnight Basketball program will be on site at any time and all persons including organisers, participants and audience members will leave the premises by 12.30am.

The submission notes that if the application is approved by the Minister, it is recommended that the approval for modification include conditions which require that the Midnight Basketball program be operated in accordance with the:

1. *Plan of Management prepared by YMCA and submitted with the application;*
2. *The noise impact analysis prepared by Renzo Tonin and Associates, dated 9 March 2010 and submitted with the application; and*
3. *The Traffic Impact Assessment prepared by Transport and Traffic Planning Associates and submitted with the application*

In addition the submission recommends regular review of the Plan of Management to address any relevant issues raised during community consultation.

The Indigenous Land Corporation supports the inclusion of the recommended conditions of consent.

2.1 Parking and Traffic Management

Concerns have been raised in public submissions about parking, deliveries and traffic management in the streets surrounding the NCIE. Local residents have indicated that they find it difficult to find a car park in the area since the construction of the NCIE and have suggested that a resident parking scheme should be introduced. They also note that the commuter park in local streets for the day thus restricting parking for locals.

Concerns have also been raised that staff from the NCIE are taking up parking spaces on the street and not parking in the dedicated parking areas on site (26 spaces including 4 mini-bus spaces).

While the above concerns are noted, and the NCIE will do all within its power to address these matters, they are not relevant to the proposed basketball program. The modification application seeks only to extend the existing hours of operation of the Eora Sports, Arts and Recreation Centre from 10pm to 12midnight of 16 Friday nights throughout the year.

In the modification application it was noted that as part of the delivery of the proposed youth basketball program, 60-70% of the participants would arrive at the Centre by mini bus accessing the site on the Phillip Street frontage and parking within the car park. It was proposed that participants would then be escorted to the Eora Sports, Arts and Recreation Centre via existing pathways within the site. The reverse would occur upon cessation of the program with participants being escorted from the Centre within the site to the mini buses within the Philip Street car park and then return to relevant youth centres.

In response to community concerns regarding parking and traffic, it is now proposed that all participants would be bussed to and from the Centre and that no participants would access the site independently. All youth workers would also attend the venue with the participants by mini bus. Accordingly the proposed youth basketball program will not result in any additional vehicles attending the venue (other than the mini buses) and will not therefore result in any increase demand for parking in local streets. Accordingly, the Plan of Management has been amended to reflect this altered arrangement (refer Appendix 2).

2.2 Noise

Concerns have been raised that the proposed extension to the opening hours of the Eora Sports, Arts and Recreation Centre will result in additional noise impacts to local residents.

As noted in the application, to minimise potential noise impacts from the use of the Eora Sports, Arts and Recreation Centre on adjoining residents, the louvres on the eastern façade of the building will be closed at all times that the basketball program is in operation. In addition participants will be escorted to and from the Phillip Street car park within the site and will spend the duration of their visit to the Centre within the existing

buildings. Accordingly it is considered that no noise will result from the delivery of the program. The amendment of the proposed approach to ensure that all participants attend and depart the site via mini bus will ensure that no participants enter from, or exit on to the surrounding street network. This will avoid any potential for resulting noise impacts.

Having regard to the measures proposed to ensure mitigation of any potential noise impacts, it is considered that the proposal will not result in any adverse noise impacts on the surrounding neighbourhood.

2.3 Littering

A number of submissions raise concerns about littering in the general area of the NCIE. They suggest that this will be exacerbated by the proposal.

As noted above it is proposed that all participants in the youth basketball program would attend and depart the site via mini bus parked within the Phillip Street car park. Participant would be escorted by youth workers within the site to and from the venue within the site. This arrangement would similarly apply to youth workers assisting with the delivery of the program. Accordingly no parties involved with the delivery of the program would access the surrounding street system. No littering in surrounding streets could therefore occur as a result of the proposal.

Notwithstanding the above the NCIE currently, and will continue to, monitor the immediate area surrounding the site and remove any litter as necessary. This has been noted in the Plan of Management to address community concern.

2.4 Security / Control of Patron Behaviour

Concern has also been raised in submissions that patrons from the NCIE currently demonstrate antisocial behaviour in surrounding streets. While participants in the youth basketball program will not access surrounding streets, it is proposed that a security guard be engaged to patrol the venue and the surround area at all times when the youth basketball program is being delivered. This commitment has been included in the Plan of Management at Appendix 2. In addition it should be noted that at least 2 Youth Liaison Officers from the NSW Police will be involved in the delivery of the program and hence will provide as additional security presence on site.

2.5 Light Spill

Concern has been raised that the proposal will result in additional light spill to adjacent residences. The proposed program will extend the existing operations of the venue from 10pm to 12 midnight on 16 occasions only throughout the year. While this extension to the hours of operation may result in some minor additional lighting impacts, it is considered that given the community benefit of the proposal and the limited timeframe of any such additional impact, the proposal is reasonable. Notwithstanding all appropriate

measures will be taken to ensure that potential light spill is minimised. The Plan of management has been updated to reflect this commitment (refer Appendix 2).

2.6 Compliance with existing hours of operation

One submission indicates that the existing centre has not complied with its existing hours of operation and therefore no extension should be allowed. In this regard, the management of the NCIE has advised that it has complied with its approved hours of operation at all times during operation of the venue.

3 CONCLUSION

Submissions received as a result of the public exhibition of the application to modify the hours of operation for the project approval for the National Indigenous Centre for Excellence have been assessed in this report as required under Section 75W(6) of the EP&A Act.

In response to the submissions a number of additional management measures are proposed to be incorporated into the Plan of Management for the site to mitigate any potential adverse impacts that may result. The additional mitigation measures include:

- All participants and workers involved with the program are to access and exit the site via mini buses which will park within the Phillip Street carpark on site.
- Staff of the NCIE will monitor the area surrounding the site and remove litter as necessary;
- A security guard will be employed to patrol the site and its surrounds at all times that the youth basketball program is in operation; and
- NCIE will undertake all measures possible to minimise potential lightspill to adjacent residences as a result of the delivery of the youth basketball program.

Having regard to the above review of submissions and the additional proposed mitigation measures it is considered that:

- the proposed modification to the project approval will have minimal environmental impact;
- is consistent with planning controls applying to the site; and
- will not result in any adverse environmental impacts.

It is therefore recommended that the Minister for Planning or his delegate approve the proposed modification to project application MP05_0056 specifically by amending Condition G3 as requested.

Appendix 1

Submissions



Planning

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Our ref: MP 06_0267 MOD 6

Mr Ashley Martens
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Dear Mr Martens

Major Project Application Modification MP 06_0627 MOD 6
National Centre for Indigenous Excellence at 160-202 George Street, Redfern

I refer to the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the above application to modify a Project Application approval.

The Department publicly exhibited the EA for 30 days, from 2 June 2010 until 2 July 2010. Following exhibition, the Director General is required to provide copies of submissions received or a report of the issues raised in those submissions pursuant to section 75H(5) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (EP&A Act).

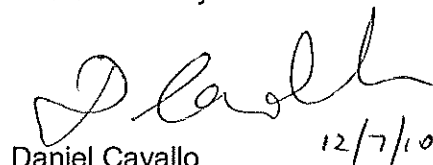
A submission has been received from Redfern-Waterloo Authority. Six (6) submissions were received from members of the public. Please visit the 'Major Project Register' at the Department of Planning's website at <http://majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au> to view copies of these submissions.

Section 75H(6) of the EP&A Act requires the Proponent to review these submissions and provide a response to the matters raised. This may include a preferred project report that outlines any proposed changes to the project and a revised Statement of Commitments.

Given the above, you are therefore requested to provide a written response to these submissions as soon as possible to enable the Department's assessment to be progressed.

For any enquiries please contact Megan Fu on the above contact details.

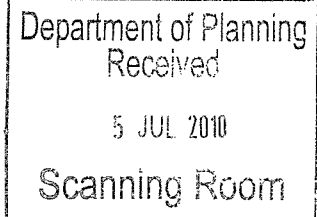
Yours sincerely



Daniel Cavallo
A/Director
Government Land and Social Projects



30 June 2010



Mr Daniel Keary
Director, Government Land and Social Projects
Department of Planning
GPO Box 39
SYDNEY NSW 2001

Dear Mr Keary

**MP 06_0267 MOD 6, National Centre of Indigenous Excellence, 160-202
George Street, Redfern (Former Redfern Public School)**

I refer to your request for comment on the modification application from the Indigenous Land Corporation (ILC) pursuant to section 75W of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, to amend the hours of operation of the Eora Sports, Arts and Recreation Centre (formerly known as Building F) from the closing time of 10pm to 12 midnight (with all persons to have exited the premise by 12.30am) for 16 Friday nights per annum

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Should the Minister exercise his discretion to approve the proposed modification of the existing consent in the manner described above it is recommended that the approval for modification include conditions which requires that the Midnight Basketball program be operated in accordance with the:

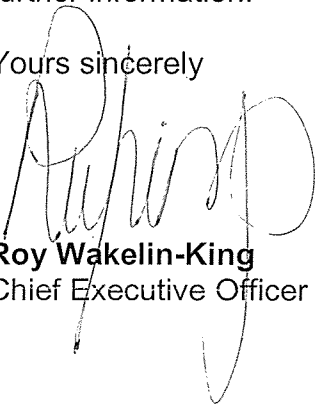
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A further condition of consent is recommended to require the regular review of the Plan of Management to address any relevant issues raised during community consultation.

Please contact Joanne McGuiness by phone on 9202 9100 should you require any further information.

Yours sincerely

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Roy Wakelin-King
Chief Executive Officer

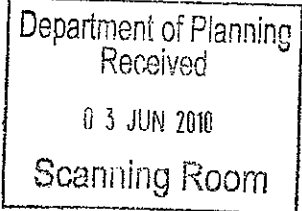


PCU006100

1 June, 2010

The Director, Government Land & Social Projects
NSW Department of Planning
GPO Box 39
Sydney NSW 2001

Re: Application MP 06_0267 MOD 6



Dear Sir /Madam,

I am writing to object to the amendment of the hours of operation for the National Centre for Indigenous Excellence. I do not wish for my name or address to be published.

This is a residential area and the proposed extension of hours is detrimental to the residents that live there. The operating hours for the centre are already impacting the lives of the residents and visitors etc due to the impact of parking and the noise levels from the people that are leaving the centre – tooting the car horns at all hours of the night, the gathering of people outside on the footpaths, the garbage being thrown on the streets.

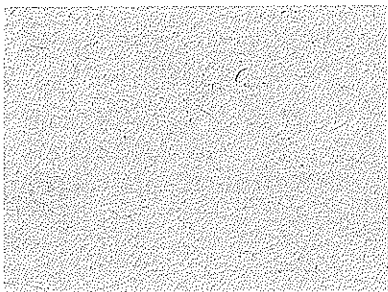
I know that there have been letters of complaint sent through in regards to the effects that the centre is having in regards to parking and noise levels (attachment A) the complaints are genuine and would only increase due to the proposal of the operating hours.

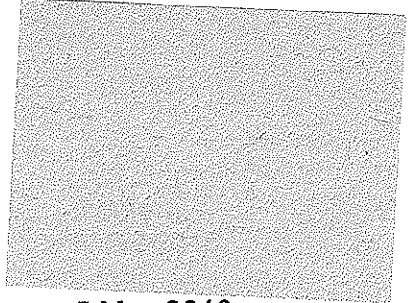
A major concern is that by extending the hours you will impact on noise levels for residents and the inability to find a parking spot when you have come home from work (this is already happening at present). The issues raised in the attachment would be the same concerns for this approval – as I wish to save myself retyping my objection - please note the attachment as part of this submission.

The amendments proposed contradicts the assurances that the neighbors/residents were given at the start of this project. The proposal will have a negative impact on the lives already affected by the centre and how it operates.

The proposed extension of the centres operating hours negatively impacts the lives of the local residents and is of no benefit to the residents. It therefore should not be approved

Yours faithfully,





5 May 2010

Ms Megan Fu
Senior Planner - Department of Planning
GPO Box 39
Sydney NSW 2001

Dear Ms Fu

NCIE, 160-202 George Street, Redfern

I am writing to express my frustration at the enormous adverse impact of the NCIE on parking in the area.

Current Status

Since the Centre opened, parking in the street has been very difficult, if not impossible with most of George Street full for much of the day 7 days a week, including evenings, and frequent double parking by cars as children / friends are dropped off and picked up from the Centre and deliveries are made.

It has been noted that the

- the two car parks on the NCIE site off Philip Street are normally only occupied by perhaps 2 cars in total.
- the NCIE car park built off the turning area in Renwick St is normally also only occupied by 1-2 cars
- deliveries to the site such as drinks, vending machine, etc all double park outside the main gate
- tradesmen working on the site regularly park all day in the street – rather than in the off-street car park
- there has been no increase in the usage of the public car park between Renwick St and Cope St
- staff at the Centre appear to park in the street I have been a victim of abuse when I have asked why they don't park in their carpark.
- there seems to be few very visits by council parking inspectors as I often see cars parked by Centre visitors/staff first thing in the morning (before the centre is open) and still in the same spot at night, with no parking tickets.
- Now that the signs restricting parking have not been replaced people come and park their cars all day to go to the city for work.

Environment Assessment 2007

The original submission in 2006/7 included:

1. (7.5.2) that traffic impact would be **MINIMAL** as the majority of people using the Centre live locally and would walk to the Centre or catch public transport. This claim / assumption has proven to be completely incorrect in light of the traffic situation since the Centre opened.
2. (4.11) there would be 26 on-site spaces for staff and visitors associated with activities on the site, with the forecasted traffic impact of 37 spaces (in 7.5.2) being sufficiently catered for by the on site parking. These are hardly ever used.
3. (7.5.3) the recommendation that there be a 20 metre long kerb on the George Street frontage to enable pick-up and set-down – this has not been done.

4. Section 8, Draft statement of Commitments, item AA advised that "subject to endorsement by the Sydney Traffic Committee, kerbside parking arrangements are to be reconfigured to provide for bus parking and deliveries to the site". Has this been considered by the Traffic Committee, and are they aware of the safety dangers of this not having been implemented?

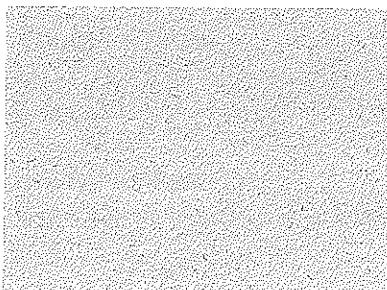
Action required by the council/ planning department and NCIE

As the planning document compared the Centre with other similar public facilities such as the Ian Thorpe Aquatic Centre and the Cook and Phillip Pool, I would suggest that local parking arrangements be introduced similar to those at those other facilities. I recommend strongly that the following be implemented:

1. that all current parking restrictions on George Street between Albert and Philip Streets immediately be changed to 1 hour parking 8am-10pm 7 days a week except for residents with Area 41 parking permits
2. the area on the western side of George Street directly outside the gates to the Centre be made a setting down area only, with no parking allowed at all.
3. the rest of the current parking area on the western side of George Street outside the Centre be changed to restricted or meter parking with a limit of 1 hour parking between 8am and 10pm 7 days a week
4. street parking on the eastern side of George Street between Albert Street and Philip Street be converted to restricted or meter parking with a limit of 30 minutes between 8am and 10pm 7 days a week, with an exception for residents with Area 41 parking permits
5. The centre use its carparking facilities to park the mini buses overnight not the streets.
6. the Centre be encouraged to have their staff park in the car parking on site at the Philip Street end of the complex
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8. The centre staff to request that their members ask that people picking them up not to sit in the cars honking their horns constantly at all hours of the day to collect people as there are residents that do shift work and we have sick people in the area that need to sleep it is not acceptable.
9. traffic wardens be encouraged to police the area much more regularly to discourage the current behaviour where many cars are street parked all day
10. any instances when a Council Ranger finds double parking should be fined immediately; the fire station is in the street and such parking causes not just inconvenience but also a public danger.

I have sent a copy of this letter to the City of Sydney Council and to Mr James Eldridge, the Centre Manager, together with a request for him to erect signage-requesting patrons to refrain from shouting tooting horns endlessly and making noise as they leave the Centre, recognising that this is a residential area.

I look forward to your reply and actions taken to rectify this problem for the residents of George Street Redfern.

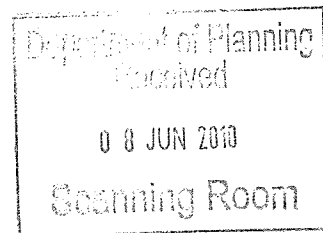


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179 George Street
Redfern
NSW 2016

2 June 2010

The Director, Government Land and Social Projects
Department of Planning
GPO Box 39
Sydney
NSW 2001



Dear Sir,

MP 06_0267 MOD 6

I am writing to express my objection to the proposed extension of the closing time for the Eora Sports Centre from 10pm to 12 midnight for 16 Friday nights per annum.

There has already been significant scope creep to this project and extension of opening hours.

- Prior to redevelopment we had a Primary School with operating hours of 9am to 4pm
- The initial development proposal significantly extended those hours to 7am to 10pm
- Before the centre even opened, a further extension was made to open 6am to 10pm
- Now there is a proposal to stay open even later.

This redevelopment is in the middle of a residential area. As residents, we were told that there would be little impact in converting the site from a Primary School to the NCIE; however there have been a number of adverse impacts already including:

- Inadequate and unsafe traffic management, particularly in the evenings
- Inadequate street and public parking arrangements given the incorrect assumptions made in the initial EA
- Regular noise annoyance as parents and friends double park outside the centre and sound their horns to attract friends and family
- Regular double parking by buses as they pick up and drop off from outside the main gate in George Street (where no "Bus Zone" area has been established) rather than using the proper bus parking area on Phillip Street.
- No obvious visible security outside the site, with people regularly congregating in the street and loud arguments/ fighting on an almost daily basis

Approval of this application would most likely result in further noise pollution, street brawls and more traffic noise. Given the centre currently "closes" at 10pm, there is considerable noise pollution created by people leaving/being picked up between 10pm and 11pm; so extending the operating hours to midnight would see this noise carry through to 1am. I see no reason why residents should be expected to accept even more inconvenience simply because the Department of Planning thinks that we have no rights. Compensation claim actions may be necessary if this continues.

I have also attached for your information a letter which I submitted on 3 May 2010 which provides more details on the street parking and traffic issues – I am unsure whether this has been received or not as I have not yet had even the courtesy of a reply acknowledging receipt.

Yours sincerely

David Smullen

179 George St
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3 May 2010

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I look forward to your reply.

Yours faithfully

Cc: City of Sydney, Parking Enforcement
Mr James Ellender, Facilities Manager, NCIE

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Cc: City of Sydney, Parking Enforcement
Mr James Ellender, Facilities Manager, NCIE

Dear Mr Keary

I object to the extension of closing time from 10pm to 12 midnight for 16 Friday nights per annum. The noise generated from the site is considerable and unreasonable at such a late hour. Loud megaphones, starting pistols, shouting and whistling disturb the peace and quiet enjoyment of my property particularly after 10pm at night. Noisy crowds departing the site are inflicted on local residents. I am a shift worker and sleep and rest are essential to maintaining good health. My family will suffer as a result of an extension to the noise pollution and bright lights that we are already exposed to. To miss out on rest and sleep for well over two weeks a year is grossly unreasonable.

Yours sincerely,
Scott Goddard

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Redfern NSW 2016

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21/06/2010

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The Director, Government Land
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RE: Objection to Application MP 06_0267 MOD 6

Dear Sir/Madam,

I write to you on behalf of my uncle Hanna Nasr, Land Title holder and resident of 181 George Street Redfern since the 1960's.

We the residents of 181 George Street have been supportive of the concept/proposal of the National Indigenous Centre for Excellence since construction and believed that the centre is of great benefit to the local and broader community. In fact I hold a membership card and I believe that the concept is ideal.

However, since construction began at the old Redfern Public School the level of commitment and respect shown by the Sydney City Council and the Centre towards the residents of George Street has left a lot to be desired.

Prior to the proposal for the centre being put forward the parking restrictions on the western side of George Street directly outside the School was restricted to 2 hour parking for non-residents without a permit from 8am -8pm. The parking restrictions were changed to 'construction zone' during the building phase and now the parking has reverted to non-restricted all-day parking.

Why didn't council prioritise parking availability for the residents of George Street?

Why didn't the centre include a car park for users given the extensive and vast area of land the site occupies?

Parking has become a shambles since construction and has become even worse since the opening. One neighbour was fined for double parking whilst unloading shopping bags from his vehicle. I'm not sure how this is fair on the residents, particularly having to pay a premium every year to have an Area 41 sticker.

We have two elderly residents in our household that cannot walk long distances yet find it a constant challenge walking to and from the car to the house. It has got to the point that whenever a trip is required by motor vehicle we are trying to consolidate our chores such as trips to doctors and shops into one trip. Is this a fair deal for the

residents? In fact I feel somewhat trapped in my home, because if I take my car anywhere between 7.30am – 9 pm I'm guaranteed to come back and find no where to park my car. The weekends have also become a major problem. This has caused people to squeeze in to tiny spots continually hitting the bumper of the cars in front and behind them, just for the sake of parking their vehicle. Last night I arrived home to see a car parked no more than 5cm from my car and the same distance from the car in front of it. This raises the continual question of how did they possible get in to that spot without hitting both cars.

The level of noise coming from the centre has become excessive and very annoying to the residents. Increased noise emanating from loud music, belches from members of the gym, people congregating on the footpath talking loudly, people bouncing basketballs on the street outside the centre, people honking motor vehicle horns to acknowledge people as they leave the centre.

The level of litter on the street has also increased substantially since the centre opened. The increased litter is directly attributable to people visiting the centre and dumping refreshment cans/bottles on the footpaths and other condiments purchased within the centre or pre purchased and bought to the centre.

For the reasons listed above, we the residents of 181 George Street Redfern strongly and collectively object to this proposal for extended hours of operation of the EORA Sports, Arts and Recreation Centre.

We feel that the lack of internal on-site customer parking was a major oversight in this otherwise amazing and much needed community centre.

As a suggestion, can the entrance be moved to the Renwick Street cul-de-sac laneway and that you include/incorporate parking on your property at the rear of the football oval?

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Rebecca Nasr', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Rebecca Nasr

The Director, Government Land and Social Project Assessments
Department of Planning
GPO BOX 39, Sydney NSW 2001

Dear Director,

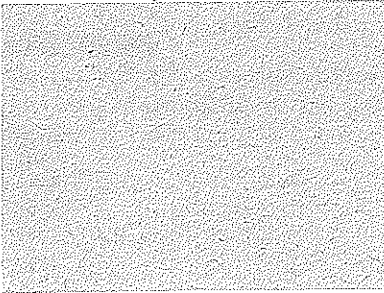
I am opposed to the proposed 12 midnight closing time on any night at the National Centre for Indigenous Excellence (NCIE) at 160 - 202 George Street, Redfern NSW 2016.

I am concerned that our block of apartments will become noisy once our direct next door neighbours (the NCIE) extend their opening hours, as noise from the southern direction (were the NCIE resides) reverberates and travels throughout our central atrium/courtyard to all the apartments in the complex. Also noise from traffic travelling to the NCIE late at night and early in the morning will affect all residents at 128 - 158 George Street, Redfern.

I am not opposed to the NCIE as I believe the centre is important to the community however I do not want our quality of life in our apartment complex to be compromised and the value of our properties to decrease as a result of noisy neighbours.

I do not want my contact details to be made available to the Proponent and public authorities.

Yours sincerely



Name:
Nicola Mansfield

Address:
44 Cope St, Redfern 2016

Application reference number:
MP 06_0267 MOD 6

Name and address of proposal:
National Centre for Indigenous Excellence
160-202 George St, Redfern 2016

Statement:
I object to the proposal

Reasons why:
I object because the increased noise and traffic in our quiet residential street will have a significant and negative impact on our lives and the health of our children.

We are already experiencing issues as a result of the increased noise on the oval. We have children sleeping in the front upstairs room of our terrace and they have been woken by late game noise. To further extend hours will further extend disruption to our family. The traffic, both pedestrian and vehicular, leaving the centre after 12 midnight will certainly impact.

Furthermore, the centre has in the past contravened their approved hours of operation. As such we do not feel extending hours of operation is in the interests of the local community. An outdoor football match started at 7am on Friday 25th June, although they do not have planning permission to do so until 9am. When we contacted NCIE, no action was taken for 30mins. As there is a stated precedent, as advised to NCIE, CoS rangers and Redfern Police, we do not have faith an extended opening time will be adhered to. Leading to further and more severe implications on our family.

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Appendix 2

Plan of Management

NATIONAL CENTRE OF INDIGENOUS EXCELLENCE
PLAN OF MANAGEMENT FOR BUILDING F FOR EXTENDED HOURS OF OPERATION

The YMCA of Sydney, in its management and operation of the National Centre of Indigenous Excellence aims to demonstrate how it will effectively manage the facility so there are no adverse impacts to surrounding residential environment.

Plan of Action:

Planning Conditions	Area of Impact	Plan of Action
Community Consultation	All indoor facilities on level 2 of Building F, NCIE.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Letters sent to immediate local residents to advise of plans to apply for extension of closing times and inviting residents to contact Facilities Manager for further information or to raise concerns. - Information Sessions to be held to brief residents and community members on the Midnight Basketball program and the potential benefits for the local community. - Schedule Quarterly Community Consultation with local residents and members to gauge impact of extended closing hours - June, Sept, Dec 2010 & Jan 2011.
A maximum noise level for music	All indoor facilities of the EORA SARC, NCIE.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Group Fitness Music played only in acoustically treated facilities only - Indoor Basketball Court, Gym and Fitness Studio will play low level background music only
Attendance at venue	Area surrounding the site	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All participants and youth workers involved in the Midnight Basketball Program will attend and depart the site via organized mini buses which will park in the existing car park off Phillip Street.
Minimise noise breakout from Midnight Basketball operations	EORA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - At all times during the operation of the Midnight Basketball program the louvres on the eastern facade of the building will remain closed

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Signage included to ensure that only the indoor facilities are utilised past gym closing times	Sports Field, Aquatic Area & Area G	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Building Management System will ensure that access is limited to indoor facilities only
Complaints Monitoring System	All indoor facilities of Building F, NCIE.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Customer Feedback will be received at Customer Service - Feedback forms readily available internally - External feedback will be received electronically from links on the NCIE website as well as via community consultation process - Prior to each community consultation, a local resident survey of 50 residents will be completed - Feedback will be monitored by Management and responded to within 48 hours and tracked every month - Feedback will be available to "Community Consultation Group" upon request
Ensure direct movement to entry and exits to avoid noise impacts	All indoor facilities of Building F, NCIE.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Other than emergency egress areas, all traffic will be directed to enter and exit via the Phillip Street Bus Car park entry. - Patrons will be supervised and guided by Midnight Basketball and NCIE Staff during entry and exit of the site to ensure a smooth transition to and from the EORA SARC to the Bus Car park and to avoid any potential noise impacts.
Record number of users who enter the facility after 9pm.	All indoor facilities of Building F, NCIE.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - General business operations of the EORA SARC (Gym, Pool, Training Field etc) will cease at the usual closing time of 9pm. - The Midnight Basketball Program commences at 7pm and participants will enter well before this time via the Phillip Street Bus Car Park. - Midnight Basketball Program Participants will be recorded using attendance/registration sheets provided by Midnight Basketball Australia for the program. - Only Midnight Basketball Program participants will be

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		utilising the indoor facilities of the EORA SARC after usual business hours from 9pm -12am. - Point of Sale Software will record every visit to the centre. - Reports can be provided upon request.
Security	Site and surrounds	- A security guard will be employed to patrol the site and surrounding area at all times that the Midnight Basketball program is in operation
Litter	Site and surrounds	- NCIE staff will monitor the site and its surrounds and remove litter as required
Lightspill	Adjacent Premises	- NCIE to undertake all measures possible to minimise potential lightspill to adjacent residences as a result of the delivery of the youth basketball program