

28 February 2012

Ms Pilar Aberasturi
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Dear Pilar,

Proposed Modification to Approved Major Project No. 09_0051 – Centre for Obesity, Diabetes & Cardiovascular Disease

I refer to your recent email that contained the City of Sydney's comments on the proposed amended design of the Section 75W Application. These comments are primarily based on the architectural appearance of the north-western façade.

In response, Brookfield Multiplex and its design team provide the following response from FJMT:

To acknowledge the presence of St John's College and reflect the ground plane as it falls to the east, the sandstone façade of the North-West corner of the building is elevated to relate more closely to the adjacent College. The "proportions, the delineation and balance of horizontal and vertical divisions, and the solid to void relationship" is, overall, consistent with the previous elevation and we would contend that the amended scheme retains strength and originality whilst reducing the apparent length and height of the building through further articulation of the North-West corner. The reduction in the parapet height and setback of the plant enclosure results also relates better to the College. We do not believe that the previous elevation successfully "reduced the apparent bulk" given the sheer length of the building which is one reason the design modification was made. The combination of materials, modulation, detailing and the depth of the reveals all combine to result in a bold, contemporary façade that respects the specific context in the campus and beyond.

Stephen Davies, Director of Heritage, Urbis also provided this supplemental response:

The 75W application provides a revised design to the proposed CODCD. The proposed revised design will also be sympathetic to St John's College in that the location remains the same and the materials remain consistent with the previously submitted Section 75W design. It is considered that the variation in design is sympathetic as it is modulated between the two building elements, maintains the vertical, more solid to void, elevation and responds successfully to the revised internal layout. The two designs provide a well-mannered response to the site and both are proposed to provide a sympathetic alignment and set back from the College.

We hope this letter adequately responds to Council's comments and we kindly request that they be considered by the DoPI in the final assessment process, enabling an expedient approval.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please contact either myself or Audrey Chee on (02) 8233-9900, or alternatively Alan Crowe at Brookfield Multiplex on 0428 168 960.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. Strudwick".

Peter Strudwick
Director