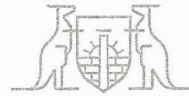


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Dear Sir / Madam

MP09_0200 VEHICLE AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY PROJECT, SYDNEY OPERA HOUSE

The institute welcomes the opportunity to congratulate the proponent and consultants on an elegant and practical solution to the problems of pedestrian safety and vehicle access to the city's World Heritage site.

Alan Croker notes that these issues were identified in the 2003 Sydney Opera House Conservation Management Plan. The present proposal not only addresses them in a simple and well-conceived manner; it also deals with the intrusive effect of the present guardhouse by reducing it in size and re-locating it near the new entry.

The proposal will also further reduce visual clutter on the forecourt, enabling visitors to appreciate the long distance view of the building as they approach it.

We support this application and the benefits it will provide, both for the efficient working of this major performing arts centre and its improvements for pedestrian safety and amenity.

Yours sincerely

Brian Zulaikha
NSW President

