

REDWatch AHC Exhibition Submission

Re: Pemulwuy Mixed Use Development Concept Plan MP06_0101 MOD 1
Re: Pemulwuy Project Approval Application No.11_0093

I write on behalf of REDWatch in support of the above mentioned proposals which have been on public exhibition.

REDWatch has actively supported the Aboriginal Housing Company in its struggle to deliver a viable affordable housing project on the Block. We welcome the current proposal for affordable housing for Aboriginal families on the Block and the associated developments detailed in the project.

REDWatch supports the proposed student housing. The site is in close proximity to educational institutions and there is a desperate need for suitable student accommodation in the area.

The student housing and the commercial space provide an income stream for the AHC which will offset some of the cost of providing affordable housing and hence ensure a viable long term project and is hence supported. REDWatch also supports the increased height on the student housing building along the railway line to ensure the AHC has sufficient income in the absence of the earlier suggestion for commercial car parking underneath the block as an income stream.

REDWatch supports the retention of the Gym and the use of the photo of the Aboriginal flag on the current Gym wall in the new development. We also support the elders centre being removed from the project given Wyanga provides services to elderly Aboriginal people nearby in Cope Street.

REDWatch supports the inclusion of the Child Care facility in the plans providing child care for those who live both in the project and in the surrounding areas.

REDWatch especially welcomes the opening up of the top of the Block at Lawson Street by a platform across to the railway bridge. This will create an open entrance and lines of sight into this precinct and contribute towards the public space proposed in the project.

We note that with the dedication of land from council and AHC's contribution of new public space on its land that there will remain a significant public domain.

We trust that this project will speedily assessed so that this long awaited project can be brought to fruition.

Yours Faithfully,
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