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Dear Ms Dickson

Notice of Exhibition of application for 2-60 Cumberland Street, The Rocks – Sirius Site (SSD 10384)

Thank you for your referral dated 9 November 2020 inviting comments from the Heritage Council of NSW on the above State Significant Development proposal.

The subject site is not an individually listed item of environmental heritage under the NSW State Heritage Register (SHR), but it is located within The Rocks Conservation Area on the Place Management NSW Section 170 Heritage and Conservation Register. The site is also located in the vicinity of several other SHR Items including the Mercantile Hotel (SHR No: 01560); Terraces - 29-31 George Street The Rock (SHR No: 016080); Avery Terrace (SHR No: 01529); Playfair's Terrace (SHR No: 01570); Playfair Street Terraces (SHR No: 01569); Metcalfe Bond Stores (SHR No: 01562); among several others.

The Sydney LEP 2012 does not apply to The Rocks area and the subject site is not identified as an item of environmental heritage under Schedule 5 of the SLEP2012.

On 29 September 2020, the applicant presented its proposal to the Heritage Council of NSW Approvals Committee. The Committee resolved to:

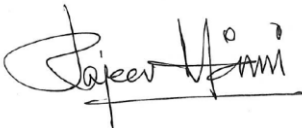
1. **Thank** the presenters for their presentation on 2-60 Cumberland Street, The Rocks.
2. **Note** and support the very high-quality nature of this proposal.
3. **Note:**
 - a. The clip-on additions proposed to the primary existing elevations of the Sirius Building across the cascading tower complex.
 - b. The additional commercial buildings proposed to Cumberland and Gloucester Walk frontage.
4. **Provide** the following comments to the applicant:
 - a. The Committee supports a development at the Sirius Building to ensure its long-term adaptive reuse.
 - b. It is noted that modular clip-on additions utilise a similar scale and proportion to the characteristic Brutalist narrative of the subject building.
 - c. Efforts should be made to preserve and interpret the existing character of the building within the common spaces, including the Phillip Room.

- d. *Support inclusion of interpretation in public areas to reflect the social housing history of the site.*
- e. *Consider how the new material relates to the old in terms of weathering and staining.*
- f. *The use of high-quality materials for the additions is supported.*

The EIS documentation confirms that the applicant is in agreement with the comments provided by the Heritage Council Approvals Committee and would endeavor to incorporate the recommendations at the detailed design development. Therefore, no further heritage comments are required at this time.

If you have any questions regarding the above advice, please contact Mariyam Nizam, Senior Heritage Assessment Officer at Heritage NSW, 8837 6375 or Mariyam.Nizam@environment.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rajeev Maini', with a horizontal line underneath.

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As Delegate of the Heritage Council of NSW
7 December 2020