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Subject: Barangaroo Central Waterfront Promenade - Section 96

Hi Sara,

I write in relation to Barangaroo Delivery Authority's proposed Section 96 to the Barangaroo Central Waterfront Promenade Public Domain.

The City has reviewed the proposed changes. Three of the four changes are of no concern.

The City is aware that the changes being sought have already been constructed on site. As such, the Applicant is expected to defend the changes despite any feedback. The fact that works have been constructed before approval does not alter the City's assessment of the issues.

The City raises issue in relation to the reduction in the width of the foreshore timber boardwalk from 4m to 3m.

The modification suggests that the reduced width is required so that the Central Precinct is coordinated with the future Barangaroo South width. However, the documentation we hold shows an approved 4m wide boardwalk for Barangaroo South Stage 1A. We are not aware of the proposed width for Stage 1B at this point. Clarification is required regarding the justification for reducing the boardwalk. Pre-empting a future scenario created by the MOD 8 hotel and casino foreshore arrangements would be premature. Unless there is a genuine justification, the reduced width should not be supported. The reduced width may be problematic for the number of users along the waterfront. Although the boardwalk is billed as a secondary path subservient to the main walking and cycle path above it, the walkway is nevertheless going to be highly attractive. The reduced width also contributes to the walkway appearing out of scale with the sheer length of the waterfront.

The reduced 3m width does not reflect the true width available to users. The 3m is to be further reduced to approximately 2.4m once obstacles like the proposed hardwood blocks are included. In the event that 3m is supported by the Department, the true width available to users should be 3m for the volume of users expected.

Regards,

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