01 Urban design context Framing Cockle Bay and Darling Harbour

The Ribbon will have a significant frontage to the southern foreshore of Cockle Bay. This new building will create an important link between the city and the new development on the western edge of the Bay, together framing the southern end of Darling Harbour. The Ribbon will have a scale consistent with development on both sides of Cockle Bay, namely the Darling Park Towers to the east and the proposed SICEEP hotel tower to the west.

Cockle Bay is the site of many public gatherings and celebrations in Sydney. The water itself is often used as a performance zone with floating stages and water born art pieces. The Ribbon will provide a back drop to these events, establishing a harbour zone with more clarity and spatial intensity.

The Ribbon also downplays the dominant Western Distributor. With the addition of a prominent built form to the south, the highway is subdued and becomes part of the built language rather than an eyesore.







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