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Dear Mark,

# SYDNEY INTERNAL CONVENTION, EXHIBITION AND ENTERTAINMENT PRECINCT STATE SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION SSDA1 - PPP COMPONENT

We refer to our original report entitled 'Access Report for SSDA1' prepared in support of the State Significant Development Application (SSD 12\_5752) for the Public Private Partnership (PPP) component of the Sydney international convention, exhibition and entertainment precinct SICEEP Project at Darling Harbour submitted in March 2013.

The report prepared in support of the PPP application concluded:

- In line with the report's recommendations, the proposed development has demonstrated an appropriate degree of access for people with disabilities;
- The Development Application drawings indicate that compliance with statutory requirements and common area access facilities can be readily achieved; and
- The recommendations in the report are associated with detail design and are achievable, which should be addressed prior to construction certificate.

It is noted that in response to submissions made by government agencies and the public and as a result of further design development, Darling Harbour Live has revised some elements of the design. These changes, which are consistent with the essential elements of the exhibited project, aim to deliver an improved overall project for future users and visitors as well as an improved design outcome. The key changes include:

### The Theatre

- Reconfiguration to the envelope and façade design of The Theatre
- Internal planning changes in response to revised Theatre design
- Adjustment to plant and services screening
- Re-allocation of parking spaces from the Exhibition Centre to The Theatre (no change to overall PPP component numbers)
- Amendment to the vehicle access arrangements for The Theatre
- Repositioning of the loading dock



• Repositioning of car parking from ground level to above loading dock

## **Exhibition Centre**

- Re-allocation of parking spaces from the Exhibition Centre to The Theatre (no change to overall PPP component numbers)
- Minor amendments to the roof profile and treatment of the Exhibition Centre
- Minor adjustment of east elevation projecting boxes
- Revision to design of north-east entry
- Revised landscape levels and design to Tumbalong Place
- Widened Quarry Street Bridge and relocation of western staircase
- Adjustment to event deck design
- Minor internal planning and layout changes
- Western loading dock ramp adjustments to form and position

### **Convention Centre**

- Adjustment to façade geometry, including provision of new glazed upper level balcony to eastern elevation
- Minor internal planning and layout changes

Having reviewed the proposed extent of changes and associated amended documentation and compared it with the relevant PPP (SSDA1) documentation we advise that the conclusions reached within our original report remain generally unaltered. The following additional mitigation measures have been identified over and above those outlined within our original report.

### **Convention Centre**

- The relocation of the Mixing FOH, AV Control and Production Room to level 3 of the Darling Harbour Theatre requires review, to ensure equitable access to these rooms is provided, in accordance with BCA and DDA Premises Standards 2010, which is achievable.
- Review is required, to ensure an accessible unisex toilet facility are provided at the banks of toilets reserved for particular users (i.e. staff, VIP, public) or associated to particular areas (i.e. VIP Ballroom, Star Dressing Area and Darling Harbour), to comply with the BCA and DDA Premises Standards 2010, which is achievable.

### Public Realm

• There is existing pedestrian ramp and stair that provide a pedestrian linkage between Harris Street public footpath and the Boulevard near Pier Street. As part of the Public Realm of the SICEEP - PPP component, the existing pedestrian ramp is proposed to be improved, to ensure the ramp has suitable gradients for people with disabilities, in accordance with AS1428.1-2009.

As a result, the Public Realm of the SICEEP - PPP component provides equitable accessible linkages between the Boulevard and Pyrmont, which is in line with the requirements of the BCA and DDA Premises Standards.

As part of the SICEEP development applications SSDA2 (The Haymarket component) and SSDA5 (SW Plot component), the proposed pedestrian linkage between SICEEP SW Plot, The Goods Line and the



Powerhouse Museum should be reviewed, to ensure the public realm of the entire SICEEP project (PPP and The Haymarket) provide suitable accessible pedestrian linkages between Pyrmont, Darling Harbour/Haymarket and the City, in line with the requirements of the BCA and DDA Premises Standards.

Should you have any queries about this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me on 02 9692 9322 or david@mgac.com.au.

Yours faithfully,

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