

24th September 2015

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Dear Stephanie,

RE: NORTH WEST PLOT DARLING SQUARE – ACCESS STATEMENT FOR S96 for SSDA4

This letter has been prepared by Morris Goding Accessibility Consulting (MGAC) for Lend Lease Haymarket Pty Ltd to support the S96 application for the North West Plot, Darling

Introduction

This report supports an application made under section 96 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (EP&A Act) to modify Development Consent, SSD-6013 relating to the development of the North West Plot of Darling Square which is part of the Sydney International Convention, Exhibition and Entertainment Precinct (SICEEP).

Development Consent SSD-6013 was granted on 7 May 2014 by the delegate of the Minister for Planning for the following components of development:

- site preparation works including demolition of existing structures, tree removal, minor excavation, and site remediation as required;
- staged construction of a 12 storey building to be used for commercial premises, and above ground car parking;
- various public domain improvements including provision (part) new east-west pedestrian laneway (known as Dickson's Lane) linking Darling Drive to the Boulevard, upgrading of existing footpaths, provision of street trees, and provision of bicycle parking facilities;
- building identification signage and wall advertising sign.

This section 96 application (the Modification Application) constitutes the second modification to the consent. This Modification Application follows the approval and current assessment of a number of SSDAs within the SICEEP site, including:

- SSDA1 which secured approval for the core convention, exhibition and entertainment facilities of the SICEEP Project;
- SSDA2, a staged application that established a Concept Proposal for a new mixed use neighbourhood at Darling Harbour known as Darling Square;

- SSDA3, SSDA4, and SSDA5 which related to three detailed proposals for use of the development plots within Darling Square;
- SSDA 6 which secured approval for the construction of the ICC Hotel; and
- SSDA7 which secured approval for the construction and use of a mixed use development on the North-East Plot of Darling Square.

Overview of Proposed Modifications

This Modification Application seeks approval for the following amendments:

- rationalisation of plant requirements resulting in a consequential increase in Gross Floor Area; and
- minor external amendments to the building design including the addition of solar panels on the roof and changes to the façade and signage zones.

A range of other minor amendments resulting from design development (including in response to feedback from a range of potential tenants and commercial property agents) are illustrated on the amended Architectural Drawings. These changes are to be expected in any project, especially given the nature and scale of the approved North West Plot development.

Site Description

The SICEEP Site is located within Darling Harbour. Darling Harbour is a 60 hectare waterfront precinct on the south-western edge of the Sydney Central Business District that provides a mix of functions including recreational, tourist, entertainment and business.

With an area of approximately 20 hectares, the SICEEP Site is generally bound by the Light Rail Line to the west, Harbourside shopping centre and Cockle Bay to the north, Darling Quarter, the Chinese Garden and Harbour Street to the east, and Hay Street to the south (refer to **Figure 1**).

The Darling Square Site is:

- located in the south of the SICEEP Site, within the northern portion of the suburb of Haymarket;
- bounded by the Powerhouse Museum to the west, the Pier Street overpass and Little Pier Street to the north, Harbour Street to the east, and Hay Street to the south; and
- irregular in shape and occupies an area of approximately 37,700m².

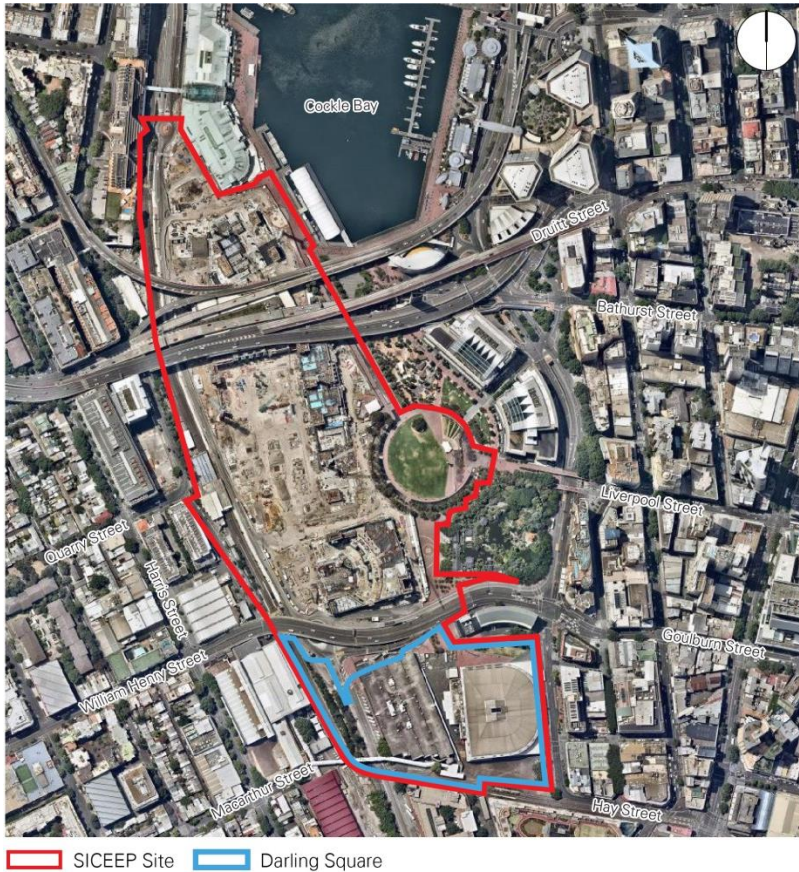


Figure 1 – Aerial Photograph of the SICEEP Site

The Modification Application Site relates to the North West Plot and surrounds as detailed within the drawings submitted in support of Modification Application. **Figure 2** illustrates the North West Plot in the approved Concept Proposal.

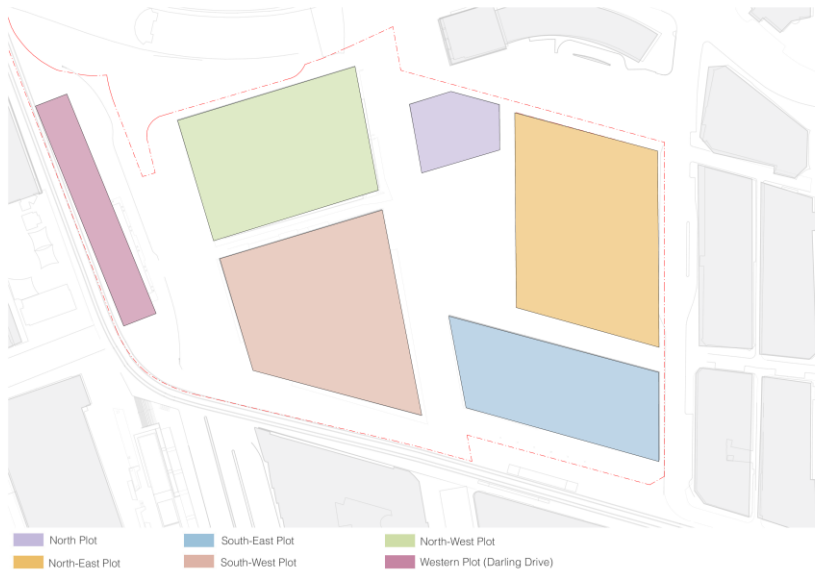


Figure 2 – Concept Proposal Development Plots

Conclusion

This letter has been prepared by Morris Goding Accessibility Consulting (MGAC) for Lend Lease Haymarket Pty Ltd to support the S96 application for the North West Plot, Darling Square. MGAC has reviewed and assessed the drawings and relevant documentation prepared in respect of the S96 application submission.

The MGAC Report (v6) dated 30 May 2013 that supported the original Project Application concluded that the accessibility of the NW Plot will be able to achieve the accessibility design requirements based on legislative requirements including but not limited to the DDA Access to Premises Standards 2010. On this basis, MGAC is of the opinion that the proposed S96 drawings do not require any additional supporting information, analysis or commentary at this stage of the design and compliance with DDA Premises Standards and Australian Standards can be achieved.

Yours Sincerely



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