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Dear Mr Nix



SSD7056 MOD 2 - BAY 11 ROOF - GABLE FRONT MODIFICATION TO CAMPBELL'S STORES 7-27 CIRCULAR QUAY WEST, THE ROCKS

Further to our conversation with regard to the alteration to the gable front of the Bay 11 roof, we provide details of the proposal where the existing gable louvre/panel is to be replaced with a new metal louvre.

The initial comments raised concerned the necessity of the gable louvre replacement, the louvre colour, and subsequently, the size of the proposed louvre in terms of width.

The response to the comments are:

- On advice from the mechanical engineer (Northrop), the proposed louvre is required to be of a minimum area size to provide sufficient cross ventilation in addition to that provided through the roof for the mechanical equipment.
- The colour of the proposed louvre is to be amended to that of AS2700 colour 'Driftwood' (X34), which is a lighter colour to that of the bargeboard. This colour has been selected from the Campbells Stores palette of colours, and is used for the timber window frames and sills, and timber cladding.
- With reference to the attached drawing, there are two options for the width of the louvre:
 - Option 1: A louvre to the full width of the gable front
 - Option 2: A louvre with a minimum 'free air' size, resulting in a panel to each side.

In consideration of the above two options for louvre width, we comment in heritage terms:

- As the proposed louvre is a necessary new element within a heritage facade, it should be visually recessive and not draw the eye towards it. This can be achieved by the use of a minimum of materials and least differentiation, so as to not provide a distraction that draws attention to the observer.

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In this regard, Option 1 provides a more uniform, simpler appearance than Option 2, which has a visually 'jarring' effect on the gable, by its division into three elements and two different material finishes, as well as different textures. The full width shape of Option 1 also relates more comfortably with the overall shape of the Bay 11 roof as a whole.

We conclude that the choice of the colour of 'Driftwood' is suitable in the context of the selected colour palette of the Campbells Stores, and we recommend the Option 1, full width louvre is more visually acceptable in heritage, as well as design terms. We commend this proposal for approval by the consent authority.

If you have any further queries please contact the undersigned.

Yours faithfully
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Garry McDonald', written in a cursive style.

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