

Sydney Opera House.

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Ms Carolyn McNally
Secretary
Department of Planning & Environment
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Dear Ms McNally,

Request for Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements for the Environmental Impact Statement to accompany a State Significant Development Application.

Sydney Opera House is more than an architectural monument, a world class performing arts centre and a State, National and World Heritage listed asset: it is also Sydney's foremost tourist attraction and meeting place, as well as an important driver of the State and national economies.

The Opera House has recently developed a new Enterprise Strategy to reinvigorate its purpose and ensure it retains its central position in Australia's cultural life and identity. A key strategic priority will be to offer a wide range of compelling reasons to come to the Opera House more often, to stay longer and to enjoy the site more. The ultimate goal is for it to be vibrant day and night, inside and outside, while effectively balancing the current and future performance, operational, heritage and conservation needs of the building and precinct.

The purpose of the State Significant Development Application being proposed is to permit some very minor works at the Lower Concourse level in association with the food and beverage premises here to improve the visitor amenity and pedestrian flow.

We look forward to receiving the Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements and working with the Department of Planning & Environment on this Development Application.

Yours sincerely,



Greg McTaggart
Director, Building

