



28 September 2018

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Department of Planning and Environment
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Dear Ms Sargeant,

I refer to the submission of SSD8663 for the Sydney Opera House (SOH) Building Renewal Program, specifically upgrades to the Concert Hall and a new Creative Learning Centre. As Chair of the Conservation Council, I am writing to confirm support for the designs of these projects.

For background, the objective of the Conservation Council is to provide advice to the Sydney Opera House (SOH) Trust on conservation and heritage matters. The advice provided by the Conservation Council is guided by a number of relevant conservation and heritage principles, including those contained in the:

- SOH Conservation Management Plan Fourth Edition (CMP4);
- Utzon Design Principles; and
- Statements of Significance in State, National and World Heritage listings.

The Conservation Council, working in conjunction with the SOH Eminent Architects Panel (EAP), has been involved in guiding the Renewal program since 2015 (please refer to the appendix for a list of Conservation Council meetings relating to Renewal). This has included review of numerous design options and details, including those in the subject approvals.

The Conservation Council supports the package of works associated with the Concert Hall and Creative Learning Centre. It has reviewed these designs as they have evolved from concept to detailed design over the past two years, provided advice at regular intervals and supports the detailed design and specified finishes. The Conservation Council has also attended viewings of the testing of acoustic prototypes in the Concert Hall.

Finally, the Conservation Council, together with the EAP, will continue to be involved in the review of the project as it is delivered.

Please let me know if you have any questions, or would like any further information.

Yours faithfully

Phillip Wolanski AM
Chair, Conservation Council

Appendix:

Attachment 1 - Schedule of Conservation Council Meetings related to Renewal

**Schedule of Conservation Council meetings relating to Renewal**

Acronyms: Conservation Council (CC); Eminent Architects Panel (EAP);
Creative Learning Centre (CLC); Under the Steps (UTS); and Concert Hall (CH).

Date	Committee	Project milestone
26 November 2015	CC	Formal meeting – general Renewal update
4 February 2016	EAP CC	Renewal out of session – CLC & UTS – 100% concept design/CH update
18 March 2016	CC	Informal meeting – general Renewal update
22 June 2016	EAP CC	Renewal out of session – CLC, UTS & CH 100% schematic design
1 July 2016	EAP CC	Renewal out of session – EAP/CC feedback on 100% schematic design
3 August 2016	CC	Formal meeting – general Renewal update and CH schematic designs presentation
3 August 2016	CC	Formal meeting with EAP – SOH response to EAP/CC feedback on 100% schematic design
19 September 2016	CC	Formal meeting – general Renewal update
10 November 2016	CC	Formal meeting – general Renewal update – inspection of CH reflectors
30 November 2016	EAP CC	Renewal out of session – CH – 50% design development
7 February 2017	EAP CC	Renewal out of session – CH – 100% design development
13 March 2017	CC	Formal meeting – general Renewal update
10 April 2017	EAP CC	Renewal out of session – CLC – 50% detailed design / CH – View box front prototypes
21 April 2017	CC	Formal meeting – general Renewal update
3 May 2017	EAP CC	Renewal out of session – CH – viewing of acoustic prototypes in situ
24 May 2017	EAP CC	Renewal out of session – CLC – 100% detailed design / UTS – 50% detailed design / CH – prototypes review
13 July 2017	CC	Formal meeting – general Renewal update
23 August 2017	EAP CC	Renewal out of session – UTS – seating design, paving / CH – VE options; viewing of acoustic reflector prototypes
18 September 2017	CC	Formal meeting – general Renewal update
9 October 2017	EAP CC	Renewal out of session – UTS – seating design and signage / CH – viewing of acoustic prototypes in situ
2 November 2017	CC	Formal meeting – general Renewal update
7 November 2017	EAP CC	Renewal out of session – UTS – seating design
5 December 2017	EAP CC	Renewal out of session – UTS – seating design
31 January 2018	EAP CC	Renewal out of session – CH – 100% tender documentation
26 March 2018	EAP CC	Formal meeting – update on the status of the CH DA
24 July 2018	EAP CC	Formal meeting – CH design updates