



11 September 2018

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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 Eminent Architects Panel (EAP), I am writing to confirm support for the designs of these projects.

For background, the objective of the EAP is to provide advice to the Sydney Opera House (SOH) Trust on matters of architecture or design and in relation to the management and conservation of the building as it evolves. The advice provided by the EAP is guided by a number of relevant conservation and heritage principles, including those contained in the:

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

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

The EAP 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 EAP has also attended several viewings of the testing of acoustic prototypes in the Concert Hall.

Finally, the EAP will continue to be involved in the approval of key samples, prototypes, finishes and design refinements during delivery of the project.

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

Yours faithfully,

Peter Poulet
NSW Government Architect
Chair, Eminent Architects Panel

Appendix:
Attachment 1 - Schedule of EAP Meetings related to Renewal

Schedule of EAP meetings relating to Renewal

Date	Committee	Project Milestone
7 September 2015	EAP	Formal Meeting - General Renewal Update
20 November 2015	EAP	Renewal Out of Session - CLC & UTS - 50% Concept Design / CH Update
26 November 2015	EAP	Formal Meeting - General Renewal Update
14 December 2015	EAP	Renewal Out of Session - CLC & UTS - 90% Concept Design / CH Update
4 February 2016	EAP CC	Renewal Out of Session - CLC & UTS - 100% Concept Design / CH Update
16 March 2016	EAP	Formal Meeting - General Renewal Update
9 May 2016	EAP	Renewal Out of Session - CLC, UTS & CH 50% Schematic Design
22 June 2016	EAP	Formal 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	EAP CC	Renewal Out of Session - SOH response to EAP/CC feedback on 100% Schematic Design
10 August 2016	EAP	Formal Meeting - General Renewal Update
22 August 2016	EAP	Design Consistency Workshop - bronze, lifts, tunnels
19 September 2016	EAP	Formal Meeting - General Renewal Update
28 September 2016	EAP	Design Consistency Workshop - bronze
12 October 2016	EAP	Design Consistency Workshop - bronze
7 November 2016	EAP	Design Consistency Workshop - lifts and bronze
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	EAP	Formal Meeting - General Renewal Update
10 April 2017	EAP	Formal Meeting - General Renewal Update
10 April 2017	EAP CC	Renewal Out of Session - CLC - 50% Detailed Design / CH - View box front prototypes
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
23 August 2017	EAP CC	Renewal Out of Session - UTS - seating design, paving / CH - VE options; viewing of acoustic reflector prototypes
9 October 2017	EAP CC	Renewal Out of Session - UTS - seating design and signage / CH - viewing of acoustic prototypes in situ
2 November 2017	EAP	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
16 May 2018	EAP	Out of Session - Function Centre site inspection (other items in meeting did not relate to Renewal)
14 June 2018	EAP	Out of Session - Concert Hall design updates and Front of House scope update
18 July 2018	EAP	Out of Session - Concert Hall design updates
24 July 2018	EAP CC	Formal Meeting - Concert Hall design updates
9 August 2018	EAP	Out of Session - Concert Hall design updates
11 September 2018	EAP	Out of Session - Concert Hall discussion regarding DA