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File No: SSD 8663: SOH Concert Hall –Referral of further information
Our Ref: R/2017/16/B

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Dear Mr Fetterplace

Sydney Opera House Building Renewal – Concert Hall upgrade and new Creative Learning Centre (SSD 8663)

Thank you for your correspondence, dated 5 July 2019 which invites the City of Sydney (“the City”) to provide comments on State significant development application for the proposed Sydney Opera House building renewal and project comprising the concert hall upgrade and new creative learning centre. The referral comprises a response to submissions (RtS) to the Heritage Council NSW, and includes additional documentation and amended drawings (Attachments A-H). The City has reviewed the information submitted and does not object to the proposed modifications to the plans.

Section 61 Contributions – Attachment J

Attachment J of this package of documents (‘Development Contributions’ was submitted requesting that the development contributions under Section 61 of the Central Sydney Development Contributions Plan 2013 be waived for the proposed works (Attachment J).

Council’s CEO, Monica Barone, has reviewed the request.

The City of Sydney advises that the request for development contributions to be waived for the proposed works is **not supported**, in accordance with the *Administrative Guideline for Exemptions in the Central Sydney Development Contributions Plan 2019*.

The letter and Guideline are attached for your records.

I refer to Parts 5 of the Guideline, which states that an exemption:

- May only be granted for a type of not-for-profit organisation as defined below:
 - o Health services facility;
 - o Places of public worship;

- A school that is a Government School established under the Education Act 1990 by the Minister for Education;
- Community facilities;
- Emergency services facilities;
- Centre-based childcare facilities and school-based childcare.

The Sydney Opera House Trust is not a type of not-for-profit organisation listed within the Guideline. An exemption to the contribution in this instance is not consistent with the contributions policy and administrative guideline and is therefore not supported by staff.

Should you wish to speak with a Council officer about the above, please contact Amy-Grace Douglas, Specialist Planner, on 9265 9333 or at adouglas@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,



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