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SSD 8665

Mr Cameron Sargent
Team Leader
Department of Planning and Environment
320 Pitt Street
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Attention: Ellen Mannix

Dear Mr Sargent

**Notice of Exhibition
Refurbishment of the Mercantile Hotel (SSD 8665)**

I refer to your letter received by the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) on 28 June 2018 requesting comments in relation to the notice of exhibition for the proposed upgrades to the Mercantile Hotel, located at 25 George Street, The Rocks. The proposed redevelopment is a State Significant Development under section 4.36 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.

EPA has previously provided advice in a letter dated 23 August 2017 (EPA reference DOC17/418375) which stated that the proposal does not constitute a Scheduled Activity under Schedule 1 of the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997* (POEO Act). The EPA does not consider that the proposal will require an Environment Protection Licence (EPL) under the POEO Act. The EPA understands that the proposal is not being undertaken by or on behalf of a public authority. The EPA maintains that it is not the appropriate regulatory authority for the proposal and has no further interest in this proposal.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Rajesh Mottey on (02) 9995 6563.
Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Erin Barker'.

ERIN BARKER
Unit Head Sydney Industry
Environment Protection Authority

23 July 2018