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Dear Tim,

Australian Museum – Alterations and Additions – SSD 9452 – Response to Submissions

Thank you for your correspondence dated 22 January 2019 which invites the City of Sydney (the City) to provide comment on the applicant's Response to Submissions (RTS) for the proposal.

The City is generally supportive of the museum expansion project and provides the following comments in respect of particular aspects of the proposal.

Contributions

The submitted 'QS Cost Report' does not distinguish the different cost components of the development that could be considered for exemptions under the Central Sydney Contributions Plan (Section 61 contributions). It lists the cost break down for each floor level of the development with contingencies and consultancy costs added. The cost break down should identify costings that are applicable to particular works that fall under a category of exemptions under the plan in order to be considered for an exemption. The proposal does not fit within the category of 'Not-for-profit development'. The proposal as a whole does not appear to fit within the category of 'development for the sole purpose of the adaptive reuse of an item of environmental heritage'. A blanket exemption to Section 61 contributions is objected to.

Should you wish to speak with a Council officer about the above, please contact Shannon Rickersey, Senior Planner, on 9265 9333 or at srickersey@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,



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