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To; **Dept. Planning, Industry and Environment**

Attention – Mr Karl Fetterplace

Re; Major Projects / DA  
**50 – 52 Phillip St Sydney**  
**SSD-10464**

Dear Mr Fetterplace,

I write to strongly object to proposals to develop yet another major tower over significant public heritage Sydney buildings.

The Chief Secretary's building is of extraordinary public significance and as such it should be preserved - in tact – and not over-shadowed and tarnished by further over development by yet another unrelated and insensitive monolith.

We have already seen similar heritage sandstone buildings ( e.g., Intercontinental Hotel ) get developed similarly with towers over and to what end ?? Some architectural marvel they certainly are not.

Nothing in this proposal would indicate so. Just another shiny and grab for space.

Witness also the highly insensitive addition by FJMT to the original John Andrews building on the corner of George and King Streets - no attempt whatsoever to integrate with the original architecture. – merely showing of in the imitation of the design language of another famous architect. Again here - zero attempt at some form of aesthetic integration with the heritage buildings - what a disgrace.

This “trend” of high rise towers bulging out over other lower important buildings is becoming ridiculous - destroying the built fabric with sheer ugliness and reducing the heritage building to some old token. This is appalling - can one possibly imagine what the city ends up looking like if this continues ?? - Our important heritage building will be like little toys jammed in under giant insensitive monoliths.

Can we PLEASE preserve and protect as least some of the major heritage sandstone buildings in Sydney for future generations without bastardising them. They are highly important and sensitive and should remain off-limits to greedy developers. Very few major world cities seem to be so careless with their important heritage buildings. Why are developers allowed to do this kind of thing ? As citizens of the city we can only rely on public bodies such as council and government to protect our vitally important public realm - PLEASE PROTECT OUR HERITAGE BUILDINGS !!!

In summary;

- Gross over-development
- Bulging over-shadowing of lower heritage buildings
- Destruction of the heritage fabric of the city
- Lack of respect for important heritage buildings
- Lack of aesthetic integration with lower heritage buildings
- Poor trend for Sydney's urban building development

STOP BASTARDISING OUR CITY !!!

Kind regards, -

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mark Marin', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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