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10 May 2021

Mr Jim Betts, Secretary of the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment

Re: Proposal SSDA 34196, Stage 1 Concept DA, 50-52 Phillip St Sydney

Dear Sir

Thank you for allowing us to comment on the above DA for 50-52 Phillip Street. My husband and I are active, long term residents/rate payers in this historic part of Sydney, first at The Astor 121 Macquarie Street Sydney and now at 61 Macquarie Street. We care deeply about preserving the precinct's history, environmental integrity and recreational and residential amenities.

We request that the Department refuse consent of the above application because its cantilevered 48 storey tower is a gross over-development. It is a flawed concept. The DA contravenes the recently proclaimed Governor's Domain and Civil Precinct and the proposed development is in a zone included on the National Heritage List because of its colonial and Victorian streetscape! The City of Sydney near Macquarie Street-Circular Quay needs to respect, preserve and love, not destroy, such precious historic sites, and obey legislation put into place for this purpose.

There are already many high rise buildings in the area which provide hotel and residential usage. Sensitive redevelopment of the building at 50-52 Phillip Street will undoubtedly happen, but please, reject this enormous, unnecessary dominating tower!

We look forward to hearing of your decision, and thank you for requesting public feedback on this important matter.

Yours sincerely

Dr Jan Roberts, historian and Ken Roberts AM