

14th November 2018

To Who It May Concern,

I write in objection of the current plans for the Pemulwuy Project Development in Redfern. As a member of the Sydney Aboriginal community with strong ties to Redfern I am seriously concerned about the lack of consultation, commitment and accountability towards the rehousing of Aboriginal residents from 'The Block', and allowances for affordable housing in this new proposal.

There is no commitment to affordable housing and no articulation of commitment to Aboriginal tenants in the redevelopment, in an area that not only is tradition Gadigal country, but deeply significant to the Aboriginal political struggle for rights and recognition. How can the community be so left out of the discussions and planning of such a significant cultural site? Current Aboriginal organisations involved in this development are not acting with its own community's best interests at heart. If they were, there would be a guarantee and agreement on affordable housing and Indigenous tenant places within the development.

The approval of this project will see a continual dissolving of an Indigenous presence in Redfern, in a place that is significant not only to its local Aboriginal community but all Indigenous communities throughout Australia. I urge you to reconsider the approval for this project until the voices and concerns of Aboriginal tenants can be heard and allayed.

Yours,

