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Independent Planning Commission

**Harbourside Shopping Centre Redevelopment**

I am single mum with two small children who use the Cockle Bay area for its amenities. The children love the open areas and the facilities. I read in the paper about the redevelopment of the Harbourside shopping centre and particularly the provision of a 1,500 sqm park on two levels This appears to be the only community amenity to be provided for such a massive development. A single mum cannot keep oversight of her children if one chooses to go up onto the top tier and the other want to stay on the lower tier. Further the lower area will basically be a walk through link for all the people walking from Pyrmont to the Darling Harbour. Children cannot run around in such an environment.

My children tell me a park is somewhere they can run around, kick a ball and play games. Maybe the planners should have asked them when they were doing their assessment.

I trust when you do your assessment you consider a users perspective, particularly those of children. A park needs to be one level and not be around high traffic of people.

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