Chair

Independent Planning Commission

 Dear Chairperson.

**Harbourside Shopping Centre Redevelopment SSD-7874**

I am 85 years old and live in unit 1611 of One Darling Harbour.

I object to the project.

I do not like the massive podium at the northern end of the proposed development. I currently have water views of Cockle Bay and the development will reduce those views and land water interface views. These views will be replaced with a almost blank wall which I assume will hide the ‘back of house’ and service areas for the development. This will be the noisy part of this massive development and further reduce my amenity. Telling me that they have provided a channel for me to look up north at the water is unacceptable. I do not want to have to lean over the balcony to enjoy my water views. I want to sit in my living room like I do now and enjoy the views of Cockle Bay. Surely with such a massive development they can lower the podium a little so we can all share the water view of cockle bay.

The development will not deliver excellence in public space outcomes. The proposal now has tried to ‘green’ the project by claiming to provide a public park – ‘guardian Park’. In reality it is the roof top of the development and it is on two levels. The major function appears to be a walk through for people from Pyrmont and the light rail to access the shops/restaurants. Who would plan a park on two levels? At 85, I do not want to be going up and down stairs to enjoy a public amenity. If I take my grandchildren how do you expect me get them up and down with their prams or to keep an eye on them when they’re toddlers if the parks on all different levels? Make it one level and it should be at least 75m-100m – not 25m

I took an interest in the Cockle Bay development when it came up for comment. The Department then ensured that the height of the podium for the cockle Bay development close to the Bridge was only 12.00 m high and went for 65m away from the bridge along the water. How can they now justify height twice as high and much closer to the Bridge for the harbouside? Should there not be consistency in planning? It is all a part of the Cockle Bay basin and there should be balance around it particularly as it relates to our much treasured Pyrmont Bridge which is heritage listed as you well know.

This is not only where I live but it is my home. I am happy to share the many benefits from living in such a lovely part of Sydney but do not take them away to benefit someone else. I ask you to find a solution so that we can share the benefits.

Yours sincerely,

Enny Shaw