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**Subject:** Re: Speakers Schedule for Pemulwuy Concept Approval (MP 06\_0101 MOD2), State Significant Development (SSD) application 8135, Pemulwuy Project Approval (MP11\_0089 MOD1)  
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Hi,

It looks like today is the "last chance" possibility to make a comment on the supposed "assessment" by IPC to falsely give the disastrous "Pemulwuy" AHC project the phoney State Significance *green light* to destroy forever the modern historic significance with gross overdevelopment - including an obscene 24 + storey high-rise for mostly foreign Sydney Uni students from wealthy families. Meanwhile, just about 60 flats are "promised" to be built for overcrowding once again of Aboriginal identifying (or related) locals to try and live in - contrasting with the luxurious foreign student rentals. With lots of transient residents and lots of money - will the drug scourge return around Eveleigh St again, so close to dysfunction Redfern St (with its lack of life access).

Our proposal, of course, is to preserve the more recent cultural landscape direction - with our proposal for NONE of the building proposed for "state significance" by the greedy unAustralian AHC proposal. This comprises keeping the current grassed area of the decades long AHC housing demolition as a PUBLIC park (Pemulwuy Park ?) to be managed a democratically elected Aboriginal based non-profit NGO (such as an Aboriginal Land Council) with a modern Aboriginal Politics Museum (Charlie Perkins Museum ?) at least initially located in the recently vacated old (Mundine) Museum - located at the north end of the Block.

The Park would be unlike a standard SCC public Park - with no childrens' playground (as the SCC Redfern Community Centre (RCC) already has that outside it - and NO electric BBQ's there either (or any fixed sporting facilities etc). The new Mundine Gym should be NOT constructed in the Block area - but somewhere that has no such facility, such as in the redeveloped Waterloo public estate area. The Park area of course needs new trees planted and appropriate garden areas - but it has long been used for Family and Community days, previously on a Saturday (and drug/alcohol banned). We have a number of videos made of these and other open air events - including free performances of various famous Aboriginal musicians (eg Jimmy Little).

The area is regarded as a "meeting place" - so reconstruction of housing should not take place there in the Block. The Aboriginal Museum should be a place for multimedia exhibitions and forums - where people can come in an experience the factors involved in the modern resurgence of Aboriginal presence in Redfern and surrounding areas. Such Museums need to be located in the relevant areas - such is the Sydney Museum over the 1788 Govt House foundations. Likewise the Block area is the authentic area for a public Corrobboree area run an accreditable Aboriginal based organisation. It would be disastrous to destroy the present Block park with dense lowrise and an obscene 24 + storey luxury highrise for temporary foreign students.

There is already too much junk high-rise on the other side of Redfern St - still with no footbridge over busy Gibbins St, from Redfern St end to a Southern Concourse with lifts on all stations and connection to the growing "Technology Park". The lack of proper citizen based town planning in this critical area around Redfern St - is a longterm disgrace, and this secretive and hurried supposed "state significance" process farce through the IPC, is just the tip of the corrupt iceberg of rich Developer drive rule of our supposedly democratic political parties. Obviously we were allowed no real time to look at, let alone

comment in any proper researched way - on the supposed IPC "assessment" of this disgusting greedy AHC proposal - that defames the name of noble Aboriginal warrior Pemulwuy. Unlike the present NSW Govt - he will be remembered forever -though he had no chance of winning for his people.

Read more on Greed and Grievance on this hobble AHC proposal in the attached statement. Hope these comments can be included in this supposed consultation. I've just managed to recover from your surprise almost secret Forum last week to get these Statements done. Its a pity the NSW Govt only PRETENDS to consult with the community and actively excludes and abuses advocacy human rights organisations like our from involvement - let alone acknowledgement. No wonder the present NSW Govt is producing such REALLY BAD "infrastructure" projects - like the AHC Block one. We need open space around Redfern Station - not more rich highrise (with many empty flats).

regards

Richard

PS I might get to correct typos here later

On Wed, Nov 14, 2018 at 10:12 PM Richard Coady

<[REDACTED]> wrote:

Hi,

Here is the corrected and modified Speech version that I'll bring some copies of tomorrow. I've just seen in small print in the Schedule document that this Meeting is supposed to be about the "assessment" report and recommended conditions - but it's too late for me to try and find on the website now. The newspaper ad about this Meeting had even smaller print that was pretty unreadable, so any such info was not found there.

Jenny Munro commented in the SMH today that she hadn't heard about the Meeting - and we only knew by email on Monday that we had a speaker on tomorrow. The "assessment" is sure to be difficult to comment on in such a short speaking time anyway - with almost no chance to get a Powerpoint presentation together. The SMH report today suggests chaos in the IPC approval process anyway - with higher building limits and no social housing.

Maybe a written submission is possible before the deadline next week. Clearly any "approval" must be at least delayed - as the so-called AHC "Pemulwuy" project is now obviously just about profitable high rise commercial accommodation and nothing to do with the historic Block precinct. Therefore our submissions are relevant in asking the NSW Govt to rethink the whole Project - where ANY new accommodation in the Block area should NOT be a priority.

It can move Indigenous and foreign student rental housing projects to another local accommodation area. The Waterloo redevelopment springs to mind - where the commercial student housing could realistically help subsidise the disadvantaged social housing - rather than just supplant it. The Mundine Gym should also go to such an area - like Waterloo, where no such facilities exist. It will no longer be relevant in the Block - no matter which Plan gets up there.

We do apologise for not being able to get to your "assessment" yet - but then no input

was ever sought from our well known organisation (where our street posters on Save Our Sydney issues like this - have been appearing for many years). Also, we only saw your tiny print "last chance" public meeting news-paper ad very recently. It's a pity that the current NSW Govt has been so dismissive of community consultation on many difficult urban environment issues.

regards

Richard (Pres)

On Tue, Nov 13, 2018 at 11:29 PM Richard Coady

[REDACTED] wrote:

Hi,

Here is my latest statement (UPE) which is not corrected yet - but may be a more viable basis for my Speech, so I will probably hand it out on the day. I hope I'm getting closer to what the topic is really about (like a Uni assignment drafts). I hope you don't mind me quoting my BA qual. - just fun to do it really.

I'm not quite sure you sent me the right Guide for the meeting - but I'll have another look at the IPC-PublicMeeting document you sent. I'll have a look at the address of where I have to get to by 10am Thursday. I wonder if there will be many people listening? Maybe there will even be questions !)

regards

Richard (Pres)

On Tue, Nov 13, 2018 at 4:55 PM IPCN Enquiries Mailbox <[ipcn@ipcn.nsw.gov.au](mailto:ipcn@ipcn.nsw.gov.au)>

wrote:

Hi Richard

As per phone call please see attached guidelines

Thanks Philippa

**From:** Richard Coady [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Tuesday, 13 November 2018 4:35 PM

**To:** IPCN Enquiries Mailbox <[ipcn@ipcn.nsw.gov.au](mailto:ipcn@ipcn.nsw.gov.au)>

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Hi,

Here are corrected versions of the DN pamphlet type one page statement and the FORUM two page submission based one.

I hope to produce a more easily presented paper which may develop the issues of how to treat sites with historic connections - where some personal sensitivities are involved. In particular, if some contentious site has been someone's home - it can take some difficult reflection to eventually honour the future possibilities of that area. The Block area has become more famous now as a gathering area and site for artistic expression and historical connections - than its original housing purpose. This conversion of purpose has also occurred with Bennelong Point (Sydney Opera House) and the 1788 Govt House site (Sydney Museum and its adjoining historic rows of terraces).

Not sure this what you're looking for in presentations - but I'll try and find the speakers Guidelines somewhere on your website. Maybe you can just send them to us. I should try and call your Secretariat soon - but I didn't get much sleep last night, so that may come tomorrow. I take it that Speakers are called in order of the numbered Schedule. I'll have to try and work out how to photocopy at least the paper I'm speaking from on Thursday morning. How may copies ?

regards

Richard

(Pres).

On Mon, Nov 12, 2018 at 11:25 PM Richard Coady

 wrote:

Hi,

Here is a two page pretty unedited or corrected two page Objection to the proposed State Significance application for the Pemelwuy Project. I hope to try and reduce it to more of a Presentation version - but its a written submission all the same, which gives some context to our views.

Can we assume that the other speakers also oppose the State Significance proposal in some ways ?

regards

Richard

(Pres)

On Mon, Nov 12, 2018 at 5:10 PM Richard Coady  
[REDACTED] wrote:

Hi,

We have already produced a page about our objections to the proposed State Significance allowance proposal - which is attached. This was mostly produced before today - when we first got your email allowing me to speak on behalf of our Save Our Sydney campaign on this topic. Obviously we will be trying to produce at least another page to present - though this Thursday at 10am is very short notice. Whether we can manage to put any sort of Powerpoint presentation by then is hard to say.. A large Whiteboard on which to do a quick drawing of the parts of our suggestions in the Block area could be handy.

The attached page is intended as the back part of our paper version of Dole News - which is the long time (Human Rights Commission awarded) publication of the Unemployed Peoples Embassy. It should also be on the blog Dole News version soon as well. Hopefully this will be the first Forum where our ideas to respect the Block site are not shouted down and myself abused. I hope our criticisms of the AHC are taken in good spirit - given that they were not really set up to reflect the general views of Aboriginal people (eg their tenants were not necessarily allowed any voice in their policies).

I hope to have typed up and made some copies of a more speech-type paper in the next couple of days - for the Forum. Our organisation does appreciate the chance to speak - since we know a lot of people agree with ideas we are proposing. Its a pity, though, that politicians have long failed to look beyond the Block as being just a "private" redevelopment issue. The days of Govts having the vision to allow the Sydney Opera House to develop seem long gone - but we hope that the Keating promoted spirit of reconciliation with Aboriginal people can return to Redfern, where he famously spoke about it in Redfern Park.

regards

Richard

(Pres)

On Mon, Nov 12, 2018 at 2:29 PM IPCN Enquiries Mailbox  
<[ipcn@ipcn.nsw.gov.au](mailto:ipcn@ipcn.nsw.gov.au)> wrote:

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for registering to speak at the Commission Meeting on Thursday, 15 November 2018 at 10am.

The schedule for the meeting is now publicly available on the Commission's website. A copy of the schedule is also attached for your information.

***Your nominated speaking time, in this instance, has been allocated.***

To assist the Commission, please provide a copy of your speech notes to our planning officer on the day.

For anyone using a power point presentation, please ensure you arrive beforehand or during a break to upload your documents.

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Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions on (02) 9383 2100.

Kind Regards

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## GREED & GREIVANCE

A type of Forum was held by the NSW Govt “Independent Planning Commission” (IPC) on Wednesday 15 November 2018 to give the Community a *last chance* to comment on an Assessment to approve a redevelopment of the Block area in Redfern – under State Significance legislation. This meant that the developer was applying to the NSW Govt to override local Planning controls to allow gross overdevelopment of the culturally sensitive site. The only notice of this meeting was in the SMH in small type - giving very short notice.

The developer, ironically enough – is the supposed Aboriginal Housing Company (AHC), while the chief beneficiary is the University of Sydney (UniS). The AHC has been trying to rebuild just over 60 accommodation units in the Block area – bounded by Eveleigh, Caroline /Lawson, Hugo and Vine St in Redfern, across from Redfern Station. With no capital funding for the project available from Govt or apparently by Bank loans, the AHC has kept trying to add on commercial features to the project.

First there was proposal to put in a commercial multilevel carpark on what became the Pemulwuy Park strip of land between the railway line wall and Eveleigh St – but this was strongly opposed by Sydney City Council. Then any prospect for any real open space within the project was lost with the idea of incorporating commercial shops and rebuilding the Mundine Gym - near the Lawson St/ Redfern Station end of the Project. This was despite the fact that hardly any shops still operate along Lawson St anymore.

The old Gym at the bottom (north) end of the Block area is now finally closed – in a sign that the last symbol of the ghetto mentality in the AHC Block area is up for demolition. The AHC bought houses in the Block which were finally all demolished and in recent years replaced by grassed, park like area. Finally a wire fence was put around that open area - after a protest camp was set up on that land, presenting itself as a Black “embassy” - aiming to stop the proposed construction of the new commercial shops at the vacant top half of the Block.

Their stated goal was to have the new 60 plus “low-rise” apartments, (for the supposed original Block residents families, since displaced) – to be built at the same time as the new supposedly fundraising commercial shops. Problem is that the new shops could only hope to partially subsidise less the than commercial rents in the new Block housing – even if people used them. The returning/new residents are expected to be largely on Centrelink income - given they originally gained tenancies on the basis of an “Aboriginality Test” run by AHC.

So, despite planning “approvals” and political backing by local MPs and the SCC Mayor – there was actually no capital funding to build the now grandly named “Pemulwuy Project”, except for one thing. Sydney Uni students were involved in designing the Project, under late architect Col James (?) – so a six storey row of student accommodation flats was snuck in to replace the politically incorrect multilevel carpark idea. This would also be packed into the skinny ex-Pemulwuy Park and ex- special school area – wiping out the last part of old Block.

However, that afterthought of adding about an equal number of mostly foreign students, to original Block tenants - suddenly grew to a 24 storey hi-rise with 600 “students” and rising. This would make the Block shops mainly Asian but with no extra parking is provided.

