

STAR CASINO REDEVELOPMENT MP08-0098 (MOD13)

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Dear members of the IPC,

Thanks for allowing me to make this verbal presentation

Introduction

The peninsular Pymont site needs another 5 star hotel built on the premise of bringing money loaded gamblers to leave their wealth here as I need a hole in my head.

And today's meeting and its conclusions are the last hurdle the Star Entertainment group needs to scale before they can implement what I am objecting to: Expand this gambling enterprise among a growing peaceful residential peninsula that is already over-loaded with motorised traffic problems. Just walk along the length of Harris St. And In all their submissions, architectural models by Star Entertainment they mention the word Casino in very subdued tones. Yet 90% of the 2018 FY revenue was derived from "Gaming". The elephant in the room is deliberately invisible.

Who am I?

I am professional automation engineer who has contributed in the last 25 years to the wealth of several countries such as Malaysia and Vietnam through the design and operation of Oil and Gas platforms that are standing in the South China Sea and elsewhere producing the black gold people associate with this stuff, and yes in Australia. Therefore I believe I am qualified to contribute to the town planning efforts in Pymont

My major points

"Pymont is open for business" as Gladis Berejiklian pronounced recently but not this type of business ready for more gambling . Nor do I approve of changing planning guidelines just because they don't fit in with my plans. Change the goal posts.

Politicians must reject outright as the IPC says the entire project including the 237 m hotel tower for at least 3 imperatives that are not met:

1. Minimise the amount of gambling as a dignity destroying activity in Pymont , Sydney and NSW,
2. Maximise the benefits to the Common Good, all the people of NSW, we need more skilled jobs and skills training not unskilled construction jobs and casino workers

3. Bring a sense of history into Pymont and the Darling Harbour district by providing facilities with integrity and not providing vicarious entertainment as a theme park.

How can I motivate, convince the responsible politicians to honour these rejection reasons?

Facts on any of these subjects however convincing they sound will not motivate people

So I appeal to the emotions, feelings of our responsible politicians:

--Future generations will curse actions that are based on purely short term profit ideas, such as the dollar signs of a \$500 Million cheque mesmerising politicians today,

--The gambling lobby is already over-powering many political decisions,

NSW is well known for its first rank among the entire world as a gambling state with the most number of poker machines installed in licensed clubs by the hundreds, as an example. These gambling monsters are designed to make players addictive , and addiction that is incurable worse than alcohol addiction.

-- My Conclusion

Future generations will curse today's decision makers unless they have respect for history, act for the common good, and have a genuine sense of protecting vulnerable people in our community from harm. None of these noble impulses apply to this proposed building application.

Today I hold past generations responsible for many demolitions and other acts of urban vandalism and historic neglect in the name of progress (look at Bridge St. , Macquarie Square today)