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SUBMISSION

Re: Harbourside Shopping Centre Redevelopment, SSD 7874 – Response to IPC

Thank you for the opportunity to provide genuine feedback to concerns of the IPCN in relation to this project.

Continuing our objection: -

As this redevelopment of the Harbourside Shopping Centre is the privatization of public assets – the Darling Harbour precinct. Which was in fact dedicated to the people of Sydney as a place to enjoy public spaces in a harbourside setting, providing recreational, cultural and retail experiences available to all who visited.

The ‘build it and they will come’ mentality is no longer forward thinking or environmentally adjusted to our time, and is an economic risk, when we work from home and office spaces are shrinking.

Should CBD and Harbourside office spaces be converted to residential, Mirvac & NSW Education will need to provide, early childhood, primary and high schools in the immediate area. As the NSW education facilities (private and public) are full currently.

Privatization of this redeveloped on a waterfront valuable site will destroy public space, access to city living green spaces, water spaces and experiences. It will not enhance culture or heritage. A 20m continuous pathway is a just that, a path or thoroughfare, and as such is not a useful open public space and is void of cultural meaning. This redevelopment undermines many of Pymont Peninsular Place Strategy’s 10 Directions.

We do support: -

The reduction in Tower Envelope, 1000sqm as recommended by the IPCN. So as Harbour water and remaining public waterfront will not be in shadow early every afternoon.

The proposed setback, lessening the impact on public space (land and water) as recommended by the IPCN. Again, so as Harbour water and remaining public waterfront will not be in shadow early every afternoon.

Retaining the existing open space in front of Harbourside.

We urge the IPCN to require Mirvac to incorporate its proposed changes in this building footprint and maintain public benefit and safety to the people of Sydney and NSW.

Additionally: -

We encourage the IPCN to hold Mirvac accountable for installing an extensive grid of external CCTV cameras (accessed by the City of Sydney Council & NSW Police) throughout public spaces all round this redevelopment, for community and visitor safety, future planning (data if need be).

Regards

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