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Sent: Wednesday, 19 May 2021 8:12 AM
To: IPCN Enquiries Mailbox
Subject: Object to Harbourside Redevelopment - ADDITIONAL Submissions Requested on NEW MIRVAC Response -

To the Office of the IPC NSW,

Firstly, I request that my name be redacted if this submission is published on the IPCN website.

In my previous submission, I advised that I am a person who is enabled by a wheelchair.

Secondly, I support the IPCN option that models the entire northern podium to the tower to be one level at an elevation of 11.8m. This makes the Northern Podium much more accessible for people like myself as I can traverse the entire Northern Podium without being required to look for ramps and elevators to get to different levels. I also believe the size of the area of having one flat tier will allow a lot more events to be held on top of the podium, including the performances that are currently held next to the current Ferris Wheel. The Northern Podium foreshore will retain a lot more amenity as the height at 11.8m no longer dominates the foreshore walk and the existing sun and sky views as you are walking along the foreshore are retained.

I believe the Southern podium should also be lowered to that height considering the Southern Podium is also right on the water and the return from building a 170m tower on public land right on the water. The 11.8m height also respects the heritage of the Pyrmont Bridge, and will allow the Bridge to remain a significant feature of Cockle Bay.

If the foreshore is going to remain narrowed to a walkway, then surely the Northern Podium must be one flat tier to let the public have alternative space to enjoy Darling Harbour's festivals and events that is friendly to wheelchair users. Mirvac's Event Steps look tiny and it appears that it is tacked on to the end of a public walkway that is channeling either people out of the building or people from Pyrmont to Darling Harbour. Either way, it is absolutely impossible and ridiculous to suggest that space could comfortably accommodate people gathering to watch musicians. Am I supposed to Park my wheelchair on some steps (impossible) to watch the musicians or am I expected to watch from the middle of the walkway which is the only part I would be able to access?

I also support setting back the tower from the water, frankly, I don't believe the tower belongs on the waterfront at all, and the smaller, lower and further back it possibly can be, the better. Any reduction to the tower will reduce shadowing and retaining every possible inch of the current sun and sky access from Darling Harbour must be a priority as Darling harbour is a public domain.

Therefore, I object to the Mirvac alternative that retains the three tier podium design on the Northern Podium. They have not shown any sensitivity or desire to alter their design to accommodate wheelchair enabled persons. Darling Harbour is a public space and the intention for the top of the Northern Podium is to be open to the public and I would feel discriminated against if the three tier design goes ahead as it is distinctly unfavourable to wheelchair access and I would be unable to equally enjoy what is supposed to be a public amenity.

Regards,

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