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Dear Ms Leeson, Mr O'Connor and Mr Pilton,

I'm writing in relation to the Star Casino redevelopment MP 08_0098 (MOD 13). The following is my submission in place of the public meeting, which I will be unable to attend.

As both a student (currently undertaking a Bachelor of Laws LLB / Communications (Social and Political Sciences) and an employee (within a legal technology start up at) within the Pyrmont and greater Pyrmont-Ultimo precinct, I am unequivocally in support of the development.

The Pyrmont precinct has seen revolutionary changes throughout Sydney's unique history. From an industrious hub, to ruins, to an extraordinary tourism landmark it is today - Pyrmont has certainly experienced significant growth.

It is imperative to note that cities are not static, stuck within a relic of their own time. As society progresses, cultures change and attitudes evolve; the environment in which we are in, must change with it. We must constantly change in response to growth in accommodating the lifestyles of our society and greater international communities.

The Star is undoubtedly Sydney's premier destination pioneering their vision for Australia's leading integrated resort company. Upon the opening of then Sydney Skyline Casino in the 1990's, the Pyrmont precinct experienced significant decline in population, infrastructure and left with the ruins of departed industries. Pyrmont today is Australia's most densely populated suburb. It is home to one of New South Wales's most vibrant residential, business and tourism hubs from day to night. It is through developments such as that of the Star in their establishment to modifications in 2009-2012, to the present; that provides both domestic and international tourism benefits for this strong economy.

I pose the question to the IPCN Panel, why stop there? Cities evolve and adapt to new investment and growth. The Star's submission of the Ritz Carlton tower backed by joint venture partners Chow Tai Fook and Far East, provide a plethora of advantages.

As a student and employee working on Harris Street in the WeWork building, this development would provide substantial benefit for businesses nearby, as well as those who reside and study within the precinct. I do not contend, per many within the media and general public erroneously suggest, that it perpetuates gaming. As stated in the applicant's submission, no further gaming areas are to be part of this development, rather a vision of world-class entertainment including accommodation, signature dining and theatre.

Therefore, I completely support the development of The Star Ritz-Carlton tower application to strengthen, develop and grow the Pyrmont precinct revolutionising the city of tomorrow that is Sydney.

Please accept this as my submission for the public meeting held regarding the Star Casino redevelopment MP 08_0098 (MOD 13). I thank the Commission and Panel for their time.

Regards,

Kurt Cheng



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