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Subject: OBJECTION: hotel and residential tower for Star Casino

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To the NSW Independent Planning Commission.

Forwarded as suggested by Mr Glasgow in his reply:

Subject: hotel and residential tower for Star Casino, Pyrmont, Sydney

To Mr David Glasgow,

From Beverley F. Atkinson B. Arch Hons 1976 UNSW

I agree with Yvonne and Peter of course; and would add, more frankly, that the thing is an embarrassment to any serious Australian, and a wildly funny joke to any malevolent non-australian.

The reasons are so painfully obvious to a three year old person, that it is really a problem to find the right words.

It is not just too high, appallingly ugly and an insult to what landscape, cityscape and heritage we have left near the CBD.

It is unnecessary.

It is a waste of space, time, resources and talents, of materials and skills, and of opportunity to do something good.

It contributes nothing to the survival, let alone progress, of our endangered community. It spoils the Pyrmont peninsula.

Compared to the (popularly hated even still) Blues Point tower, it is revoltingly, egregiously, more extreme.

The original brief could reflect only blind, aggressive greed and ignorance on the part of the proponents.

That it can get so far, reflects more worryingly the readiness of authorities to abandon any pretence of ethics, integrity or standards. After the destruction of good for bad in other major projects in Sydney, this should be refused immediately.

Against all the design principles I learned at UNSW under top academics, it also abandons the sensible people of this nation.. who have nothing to do with the hotel etc, will never want to use it themselves, and would be forever forced to look at it.

It is not worth any 'profit' (to whom?), or any 'contribution to the economy' which it might attempt or claim.

Concerningly, it does remind one of September 2001.

It is certainly a hazard of many kinds, not least to our mental health.

I can only admire the restraint of language used by von Hartel. One could write an essay on

proportion and scale.

If this is the 'best' of three proposals, Heaven help Australia. It should have been scotched by authorities, pre-brief.

Planning Department is where we seek plans for healthy, happy survival of the population, not the opposite.

I ask the Department's complete and final refusal of this appalling attack on Sydney.

Sincerely,

Bev Atkinson



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