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Dear Sir/Madam

I greatly welcome the thought and structure that has been put into the draft Pyrmont Plan. It shows a great deal of foresight and commerciality and I am very supportive of the ideas.

Having lived in the area, on and off, for the past 15-20 years, I would like to share the following 5 key comments:

1) Direct transport links to the city and central station or town hall station need to be improved and the metro station is greatly welcomed. Due to the one way roads and indirect road network, a cab ride, bus ride or car ride is disproportionately long to get to the city. Foot traffic is more direct as you can cross the Pyrmont Bridge by foot, but travel by foot takes longer, is hard for the elderly, doesn't accommodate those with luggage or shopping and isn't easy during bad weather. Bottom line, there must be some direct transport from the CBD to Pyrmont (other than walking and cars) to make it accessible and attractive to CBD workers. Perhaps a dedicated hop on and hop off tram, electric scooters that can be dropped off, electric buggies etc.

2) If you insist on introducing more commercial office space and potentially high rise into Pyrmont, then I would encourage the rezoning of the areas adjoining the water (ie. Darling Island, Pyrmont Bay and Jones Bay Wharf) so that it is all mixed use residential and business. Residents would welcome the opportunity to live down by the water and commute into the centre of Pyrmont for entertainment or work. It would also make the maximum use of the foreshore and dovetail nicely with the foreshore walk extension. Jones Bay Wharf could be modelled on the wharf in Woolloomooloo. Introducing too much commercial/office space without more residential housing will rob Pyrmont of a community during weekends and it may become soulless. Local residents will look after the area and community, which will improve its attraction to workers and tourists.

3) Similarly a greater emphasis is required to increase foot traffic along Harris street between Union Street and Pyrmont Bridge Road. Perhaps consider extending the car-free, foot traffic mall from union street up onto that part of Harris Street. Arterial traffic on Harris Street can be re-routed onto Bank st or another parallel road. There are already traffic jams on Harris Street and it ruins the atmosphere of Pyrmont as it runs directly down the neighbourhood. This will help attract shoppers and diners to Harris St. It will give the area atmosphere and workers will be attracted to stay around in the area, rather than just exit and go home.

4) The foreshore around Blackwattle Bay and existing Fish Markets would also be an ideal area to accommodate residential housing or mixed commercial residential, or a sports stadium/entertainment venue to make use of the foreshore. A public venue or entertainment complex here would be ideal. Foot traffic from the CBD is funnelled onto Pyrmont Bridge and up Union Street to Harris Street. From the corner of Harris Street and Union Street, people on foot need to be given a reason to walk directly down Union Street to the water. Often this is ignored and a huge opportunity is missed, to introduce foot traffic to the water directly in line of sight from the Pyrmont Bridge and CBD. Whatever is to take the place of the existing Fish Markets will be key to making Pyrmont attractive.

5) I am very supportive of your efforts to keep the area green, carbon neutral and retain its history and recognise aboriginal heritage. I think its very important that as plans are formalised and building approvals are provided that an effort is made to maintain this emphasis. Friends and associates who live or work in the area already mention its somewhat "sanitised" feel and lack of atmosphere. Keeping it green, having accessible parklands, cafes and restaurants and the right residential neighbourhoods will help create atmosphere. This is important to make it a place that people will want to visit, work in or live in. A soulless, sanitised, "concrete jungle" would destroy Pyrmont, making it no longer attractive to media, creative and tech industries and young families.

Kind Regards

I agree to the above statement

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