



Planning NSW
Department of Planning, Industry and Environment

Draft Pyrmont Peninsula Place Strategy

Our review of the draft *Strategy* found much to be well-intentioned, with the use of phrases that provide grounds for optimism about the outcomes of many proposed actions and approaches. We note with pleasure the action proposed for the Sydney Harbour Foreshore link at Blackwattle Bay and Darling Island.

It is regrettable, however, that the draft does not seem to propose an over-arching objective for the Harbour foreshores along the lines set out in *Sydney Regional Environmental Plan (Sydney Harbour Catchment) 2005*, (SREP), and in particular those set out in *Clause 2: Aims*: which states, among other matters,

(1)(a)..... to ensure that the catchment, foreshores, waterways and islands of Sydney Harbour are recognised, protected, enhanced and maintained

(i) as an outstanding natural asset, and

(ii) as a public asset of national and heritage significance...

Assessment of actions proposed and developments generally might very usefully be undertaken using that statement as a major criterion. We would hope to see such an analysis in the final *Strategy* documentation.

We are sceptical about the compatibility of some of the residential (and other) development indicated in the draft for lands near the shore with those sentiments, although we recognise that not all of the sites are formally embraced by the terms of the SREP. Nevertheless, we consider that the national significance of the Harbour is such that each and every opportunity should be taken to recognise, protect, enhance and maintain its environs as a public asset. That concept does not sit well with privatisation of the foreshores for commercial (or other) developments un-connected with the maritime location.

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