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Submission on Draft Pymont Peninsula Place Strategy July 2020

Dear Sir

There are some very positive initiatives in the draft which the community would welcome, in particular the return of the entire Wentworth Park as open space and the new metro station.

Priority No. 2e “create active transport connections to Harris Street from surrounding areas” for Ultimo is particularly important to our local community as we experience lack of connectivity in terms of public transport with some services removed over the years, and it should also extend to the entire Harris Street up to the northern end.

I am also concerned that the building heights under the PPPS planning controls should not be a “one size fits all” but should be sensitive to and complements the neighbourhood of the development, to agree with Direction 2 “Development that complements or enhances that area”. A few examples of the proposed high density and height developments are:

- the rejected Ritz-Carlton Hotel DA which it is not sympathetic to the heritage area in the neighbourhood
- the new building up to 56 storeys at the Harbourside Shopping Center site
- the proposed residential blocks up to 50 storeys on the current Fish Market Site (it does not comply with priority No. 4 for Blackwattle Bay)

Each of the above proposed developments, including any future ones, should be carefully considered with full community consultation.

I am also very concerned about the lack of education facilities in Ultimo and Pymont to cater for high school children.

Throughout the draft document, there are altogether 20 mentions of “education”:

- In the Minister’s foreward “... that the time is right to improve access to the harbor and to public spaces, to active and public transport, to education and jobs, ...”
- In the Premier’s Priorities (p90) “The Premier’s priorities for 2019-2022 focus on improving education standards, improving the health system and creating a better environment.”
- The other references to “education” are in context of higher education of UTS, TAFE and the Powerhouse Museum

There is no mention at all of education facilities in the form of a high school in the Peninsula and we need a comprehensive high school. Currently the high school for year 7-10 for Ultimo and Pyrmont is Sydney Secondary College Balmain Campus in Balmain (4.5km distance) or years 11-12 is Sydney Secondary College Blackwattle Bay Campus in Glebe. The Inner Sydney High School in Cleveland St seems to cater for the Eastern suburbs and excludes Ultimo and Pyrmont in its catchment area.

I propose to add another Big Move to the existing 5, to build a comprehensive high school on the current Fish Market site. It's a rare opportunity for a big parcel of public land to become available and we shouldn't squander the opportunity to provide essential education facilities to the local community. Instead of the 3 scenarios for over-sized towers that were proposed for this site, can we add another scenario to devote part of this site to education purposes and the rest for residential development?

The other alternative site, if it's possible, is the Wattle Street site (14-26 Wattle St on the corner of Fig and Wattle) which presumably is still owned by the City as we understand the sale of the site is conditional upon DA approval and the DA was refused by the CSPC.

Another alternative will be to send Ultimo/Pyrmont secondary students to the Inner Sydney High School in Cleveland Street and build new high school facilities closer to the less heavily developed Eastern Suburbs that Cleveland Street now has within its catchment. Can you please let us know what are the plans to provide adequate education facilities in the years to come?"

In Summary

- I support the PPPS' big moves to create a continuous link in the foreshore walk, a new Metro station and to return Wentworth Park to the community as public open space
- I do not support the building heights proposed for the Star's hotel (rejected), the Harbourside Shopping Center and the new residential towers on the current Fish Market site, and we are concerned that the sub-precinct Master Plan being developed by the PPPS could introduce special height limits using "back-door" controls
- I propose to include the building of a comprehensive high school as part of the Plan

Yours sincerely

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