

4 February 2022

The Honourable Robert Gordon Stokes MP  
New South Wales Department of Planning, Industry and Environment

Dear Minister,

**Submission to the Pymont Peninsula Place Strategy Implementation Plan**

It is concerning that the degree of community consultation re the Pymont Peninsula Place Strategy appears to be uni-directional in so far as it lacks the rigour of genuine consultation ahead of planning announcements.

The Pymont community group, Friends of Pymont Community Centre, has many genuine concerns about the PPPS, especially as it applies to four areas:

- Maybanke Recreation Centre
- Union Square
- Threats to public and affordable housing
- Blackwattle Bay.

For many years the Pymont community has been focused on enhancing facilities and activities that bring the community closer together. These include the welcoming and inclusion of residents from varied cultures and walks of life whilst encouraging all community members to provide feedback on proposals affecting the greater Pymont/Ultimo peninsula.

Pymont residents have developed a community that merges public housing tenants together with upmarket apartment dwellers. Any proposal that replaces any housing with terraced gardens and paths insults the community and undermines the social cohesion of which NSW should be proud.

All proposals for development on the Pymont peninsula must allow for genuine community consultation and feedback. This cannot simply be a "tick the box" exercise but must consider the real concerns and innovative ideas of community members who live and work here, and whose lives will be affected.

I respectfully seek your diligent perusal of the proposal from Friends of Pymont Community Centre and your sincere respect for its opinions through an enhanced community engagement model.

Yours sincerely,



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