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P.O. Box 85, HUNTERS HILL, N.S.W. 2110

11 February 2018

The Honorable Anthony Roberts MP
Minister for Planning, Minister for Housing, Special Minister of State

Dear Mr. Roberts,

Re the proposed Sydney Modern Development and the NSW Planning and Assessment Commission (PAC)

The Hunters Hill Trust made an online submission objecting to this proposal in December 2017. We understand that our submission was one of 178 submissions, many of which were from well-credentialed individuals and groups.

Only 63 submissions supported the proposal and 115 did not. This is well over the "25 public objections" that is supposedly one of the triggers for a referral to the PAC.

Our submission objected to the proposal for the following reasons:

- Its construction requires the removal of invaluable parkland adjacent to the Royal Botanic Gardens, which also is an integral part of green curtilage around the existing Art Gallery building
- With its alien forms, the proposal is an inappropriate architectural response to the fine Art Gallery building.
- The proposal blocks out the views of the existing building from the east.
- It has a detrimental impact on the approaches to Mrs Macquarie's chair and the east entrance to the Botanical Gardens.
- Its location next to the existing gallery in the CBD represents a lost opportunity to decentralise the important cultural role that the Gallery plays in the artistic life of Sydney.

We want the Government to ensure this vitally important proposal is assessed in the most professional, independent and transparent manner. We therefore urge you to support the push to have it assessed by the PAC instead of by the Minister alone.

Yours Sincerely,

Tony Coote
Vice President
The Hunters Hill Trust