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**SALVATION ARMY LETTER
REQUESTING A GRANT**



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6 October 2015

Ms Monica Barone
General Manager,
City of Sydney
GPO Box 1591
Sydney NSW 2001

Re: The Salvation Army plans for Crisis and Affordable Housing,
cnr Mary and Campbell Streets, Surry Hills

Dear Ms Barone

As the City of Sydney is acutely aware, there is a lack of crisis and affordable housing in inner Sydney. The reasons for this are varied and include significant population growth, limited new housing supply, planning constraints, ageing public housing stock and market failure.

The Salvation Army seeks to assist those in most need and one of its core areas of focus has been assistance for the homeless and marginalised. In 2012, The Salvation Army conducted a review of its homelessness services in the inner Sydney. The review identified a need to change the way that we address 'homelessness'. At its core, we found a need to move away from an 'institutional' approach and to provide a supportive outreach model through the provision of independent housing in the community. We also identified a need to evade people's fall into homelessness and to provide exit options from crisis housing (in the form of affordable housing).

With this in mind, The Salvation Army has identified a suitable site for crisis and affordable housing on the corner of Mary and Campbell Streets in Surry Hills (including land that we own and plan to acquire). Our concept plans for the site include eight levels of accommodation providing 48 crisis/supported housing units and 118 affordable housing units (a total of 166 apartments) with ground level commercial and retail activation space. The cost of the development would be around \$55 million (excluding land value) and will be funded by The Salvation Army.

The Salvation Army and its consultant team attended a preliminary pre-DA meeting with Graham Jahn AM and his team on 4 June 2015. Mr Jahn was most helpful and provided very valuable advice on affordable housing generally and the way forward with our project.

After the meeting, we received a letter of advice from Council stating that a site specific DCP/Stage 1 DA and a competitive design process would be required for our crisis and affordable housing project (as the building height would be greater than 25m).

The Salvation Army has secured funding for the construction and operational costs of the project but requires assistance from the City of Sydney to fund the design and planning costs for the building.

The Salvation Army is committed to the development of crisis and affordable housing in the inner City of Sydney and this project would be an opportunity to provide some relief for 166 households in a contemporary purpose built building on a well located inner city site.

The interest and assistance of the City of Sydney is greatly appreciated by The Salvation Army.

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We respectfully request that the City of Sydney provide financial assistance to the Salvation Army towards the design and planning of the building, to enable this important project to proceed.

Yours sincerely



Peter Alward
Territorial General Manager Property and Trustee

CC. Mr Graham Jahn AM

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- Figure 1 – Site photograph
- Figure 2 – Location plan
- Letter from City of Sydney (dated 09 June 2015)



Figure 1 – Site photograph



Figure 2 – Location plan