

Central Sydney Planning Committee

Meeting No 487

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Present

The Right Hon The Lord Mayor - Councillor Clover Moore AO (Chair), Councillor Robert Kok, Councillor HY William Chan, Ms Abbie Galvin, Mr David Gainsford, Mr Richard Horne and Mr Bruce James.

At the commencement of business at 5.01pm, those present were:

The Lord Mayor, Councillor Kok, Councillor Chan, Ms Galvin, Mr Gainsford, Mr Horne and Mr James.

The Executive Manager Planning and Development was also present.

Acknowledgement of Country

The Chair (the Lord Mayor) opened the meeting with an acknowledgement of country.

Webcasting Statement

The Chair (the Lord Mayor) advised that in accordance with the City of Sydney Code of Meeting Practice, Central Sydney Planning Committee meetings are audio-visually recorded and webcast live on the City of Sydney website.

Item 1 Disclosures of Interest

No Members disclosed any pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in any matter on the agenda for this meeting of the Central Sydney Planning Committee

Item 2 Confirmation of Minutes

Moved by the Chair (the Lord Mayor), seconded by Councillor Kok –

That the minutes of the meeting of the Central Sydney Planning Committee of 17 August 2023, as circulated to Members, be confirmed.

Carried unanimously.

Item 3 Matters Arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the Central Sydney Planning Committee of 17 August 2023.

Item 4 Development Application: 355-357 Sussex Street, Sydney - D/2022/417

Moved by the Chair (the Lord Mayor), seconded by Councillor Kok -

It is resolved that:

- (A) the variation requested to Clause 4.3 'Height of Buildings' development standard in accordance with Clause 4.6 'Exceptions to development standards' of the Sydney Local Environmental Plan 2012 be supported;
- (B) the requirement of Section 51N of the City of Sydney Act 1988 to consult with the Central Sydney Traffic and Transport Committee not apply in this instance as the proposal does not require, nor might reasonably be expected to require, the carrying out of road works or traffic control works that are likely to have a significant impact on traffic and transport in the Sydney CBD; and
- (C) development consent be granted to Development Application No. D/2022/417 subject to the conditions set out in Attachment A to the subject report.

Reasons for Decision

The application is approved for the following reasons:

- (A) The proposal satisfies the objectives of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 in that, subject to the imposition of conditions as recommended, it achieves the objectives of the planning controls for the site for the reasons outlined in the report to the Central Sydney Planning Committee.
- (B) The proposal generally satisfies the objectives and provisions of the Sydney Local Environmental Plan 2012 and the Sydney Development Control Plan 2012.
- (C) Based upon the material available to the Committee at the time of determining this application, the Committee is satisfied that:
 - (i) the applicant's written request has adequately addressed the matters required to be demonstrated by Clause 4.6(3) of the Sydney LEP 2012, that compliance with the 'Height of Buildings' development standard is unreasonable or unnecessary and that there are sufficient planning grounds to justify contravening Clause 4.3 of the Sydney LEP 2012;
 - (ii) that the variation in the 'Height of Buildings' development standard is supported given the partial retention of 357 Sussex Street including existing floor levels; and
 - (iii) the proposal is in the public interest because it is consistent with the objectives of the SP5 Metropolitan zone and the 'Height of Buildings' development standard.
- (D) The articulation, materiality and sustainability measures of the proposal combine to exhibit design excellence in accordance with the relevant provisions and matters for consideration in Clause 6.21C of the Sydney Local Environmental Plan 2012.
- (E) The proposed development has a height, scale and form suitable for the site and its context, and satisfactorily addresses the heights and setbacks of neighbouring developments, is appropriate in the streetscape context and setting of the broader locality.

- (F) The development does not result in any significant adverse environmental or amenity impacts on the subject or surrounding properties, the public domain, and the broader locality, subject to the recommended conditions.
- (G) The public interest is served by the approval of the proposal, as amendments to the development application have addressed the matters raised by the City officers, the City's Design Advisory Panel, and the community, subject to the imposition of recommended conditions included in Attachment A.

Carried unanimously.

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**Item 5 Approved Variations to Development Standards Reported to the
Department of Planning and Environment**

Moved by the Chair (the Lord Mayor), seconded by Councillor Chan -

It is resolved that the subject report be received and noted.

Carried unanimously.

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Item 6 Summary of Applications to be Reported to the Central Sydney Planning Committee

Moved by the Chair (the Lord Mayor), seconded by Councillor Chan -

It is resolved that the subject report be received and noted.

Carried unanimously.

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The meeting of the Central Sydney Planning Committee concluded at 5.09pm.

CHAIR