

## **Attachment L**

**Council Officer Inspection Report –  
151-241 Goulburn Street, Surry Hills**

# 151-241 Goulburn Street, Surry Hills, 2010

Museum

Hyde

College

Hargrave

Yurong

Seale Street

Burnell place

Crown

CITY OF SYDNEY



SYDNEY

Clarke Street

Nithsdale Street

Alberta Street

Commonwealth Street

Wentworth Avenue

Brisbane Street

Poplar Street

Pelican Street

Waine Street

Goulburn Street

Norman Street

Liverpool Street

DARLINGHURST

Burton Street

Foley Street

Langley Street

Palmer Street

Oxford Street

Arnold place

Riley Street

Little Oxford Street

Denham Street

Little Bloomfield Street

Campbell Street

Mackey Street

Ann Street

Little Albion Street

Albion Street

Belmore Street

Albion Way

Mary Lane

Mary Street

Commonwealth Street

SURRY HILLS

Smith Street

Samuel Street

Little Riley Street

Reservoir Street

Mackey Street

Crown Street

Jesmond Street

Harmony Park

Hunt Street

Foster Street



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29/10/2018



**Council investigation officer Inspection and Recommendation Report  
Clause 17(2) of Schedule 5, of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act  
1979 (the Act)**

**CSM: 1972273**

**Officer: Tereza Wickerson**

**Date: 29 October 2018**

**Premises: 151 – 241 Goulburn Street Surry Hills NSW 2010– Sydney Police Centre**

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**Executive Summary:**

Council received correspondence from the Commissioner of Fire and Rescue NSW (FRNSW) in relation to premises referred to as 151 – 241 Goulburn Street Surry Hills NSW 2010– Sydney Police Centre with respect to matters of fire safety.

The subject Sydney Police Centre is contained within a five (5) storey building and basement car parking located on the corner of Goulburn Street, Riley Street & Campbell Street Surry Hills and is used for the purposes of a Police Command Centre.

The subject Command Centre encompasses Surry Hills Police Station, Corrective Services division and contains remand centres, general offices, communication equipment and staff facilities including a food area, gymnasium and basement car park.

The subject Sydney Police Command Centre Building is occupied on Crown Land and the fire safety systems are maintained by The Minister for Police NSW properties department. Council will be pursuing the applicability of annual fire safety statements submissions pursuant to the requirements of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000.

An inspection of the building was undertaken by a Council investigation officer in the presence of the Area Police Commander on duty and did not identify any fire safety issues, the fire safety measures installed within the building appear consistent with the building use.

It is considered that the item(s) identified by FRNSW were addressed and are being maintained to a satisfactory level; matters previously identified are matters that are of a degree which can be addressed by routine preventative and corrective maintenance actions undertaken by the owners, occupants and the owners' fire service contractors through written instruction from Council.

Observation of the external features of the building did not identify metallic sheet cladding.

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**Chronology:**

| Date       | Event  |
|------------|--|
| 24/10/2018 | FRNSW correspondence received regarding premises (Sydney Police Centre) 151-241 Goulburn St Surry Hills.   |
| 24/10/2018 | An initial desktop review of the subject building revealed that the premises was approved in 1979 with various internal fit out works and installation of communication equipment.   |
| 26/10/2018 | An inspection of the subject premises was undertaken by a Council officer with Area Command Officer on duty; access was gained to the internal gymnasium an inspection of the exit doors and surrounding egress doors to and from the area were inspected and found be free from obstruction and in the closed position. |
| 29/10/2018 | Report prepared, to table FRNSW report to Council meeting scheduled on 10 December 2018.   |

## **FIRE AND RESCUE NSW REPORT:**

References: [BFS17/81, D18/75382; 2018/559615]

Fire and Rescue NSW (FRNSW) conducted an inspection of the subject premises in accordance with Section 119 T(1) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (the Act).

It should be noted that the inspection of the premises conducted by FRNSW, was carried out prior to the amendments of the Act (which occurred on 1 March 2018). As such, all references to sections and any relevant provisions in their report have been made in accordance with the provision in force at the time and prior to the commencement of the amending legislation.

### **Issues**

The report from FRNSW detailed a number of issues, in particular noting;

1. Fire doors located within the vicinity of the gym area were found to be chocked open. All door chock items were removed and fire doors returned to the fully closed position.

### **FRNSW Recommendations**

FRNSW have made no direct recommendation within their report other than legislative notification.

### **COUNCIL INVESTIGATION OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS:**

|                  |                       |  |                         |  |   |
|------------------|-----------------------|--|-------------------------|--|---|
| Issue Order(NOI) | Issue emergency Order | Issue a compliance letter of instruction | Cited Matters rectified | Continue with compliance actions under the current Council Order | Council investigation officer inspect the building and prepare a further report for the next meeting of Council |
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Council notes that the owners of the building had complied with FRNSW instruction at time of inspection and removed obstructions to exit doors.

Follow-up compliance activities have been undertaken by a Council officer which did not identify any additional fire safety issues.

Notwithstanding the above The City will liaise with the NSW Police properties department on matters surrounding the submission of annual fire safety certification and the applicability of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000 in relation to the subject premises.

It is recommended that Council not exercise its powers to give an Order at this time, having regard to Council's reinspection of the building; resulting in no breaches under the Act.

That the Commissioner of FRNSW be advised of Council's actions and determination.

**Referenced documents:**

| No# | Document type                     | Trim reference |
|-----|-----------------------------------|----------------|
| A1  | FRNSW Letter dated 20 August 2018 | 2018/559615-01 |
| A2  | Locality Plan                     | 2018/559615-02 |
| A3  | Attached Cover Sheet              | 2018/559615-03 |

**Trim Reference:** 2018/559615**CSM Reference No#:** 1972273



File Ref. No: BFS17/81 (8000000515)  
TRIM Ref. No: D18/75382  
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23 October 2018

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Attention: Manager Compliance/Fire Safety

Dear Sir / Madam

**Re: INSPECTION REPORT  
SYDNEY POLICE CENTRE  
151-241 GOULBURN STREET, SURRY HILLS ("the premises")**

Fire & Rescue NSW (FRNSW) received correspondence in relation to the adequacy of the provision for fire safety in connection with 'the premises'.

The correspondence stated that:

- *Fire doors are chocked open by weights area obstructed by gym equipment tables etc*

Please be advised that the inspection of 'the premises' was conducted prior to the amendments of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (EP&A Act) on 1 March 2018. As such, all references to the relevant sections in this report are provided prior to the amendments of the EP&A Act.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 119T of the EP&A Act, an inspection of 'the premises' was conducted by Authorised Fire Officers from the Fire Safety Compliance Unit of FRNSW.

FIRE AND RESCUE NSW

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The inspection was limited to:

- A conceptual overview of the building, where an inspection had been conducted without copies of the development consent or copies of the approved floor plans.

On behalf of the Commissioner of FRNSW, the following comments are provided for your information in accordance with Section 119T (4) and Section 121ZD (1) of the EP&A Act.


## COMMENTS

- During the inspection, some fire doors located within the vicinity of the gym area were found to be chocked open. All door chock items were removed so that all fire doors were returned to the fully closed position.

This matter is referred to Council for your information.

Should you have any enquiries regarding any of the above matters, please do not hesitate to contact [REDACTED] of FRNSW's Fire Safety Compliance Unit on (02) 9742 7434. Please ensure that you refer to file reference BFS17/81 (8000000515) for any future correspondence in relation to this matter.

Yours faithfully



Building Surveyor  
Fire Safety Compliance Unit