

HUNTER STREET PRECINCT

PUBLIC DOMAIN STUDY

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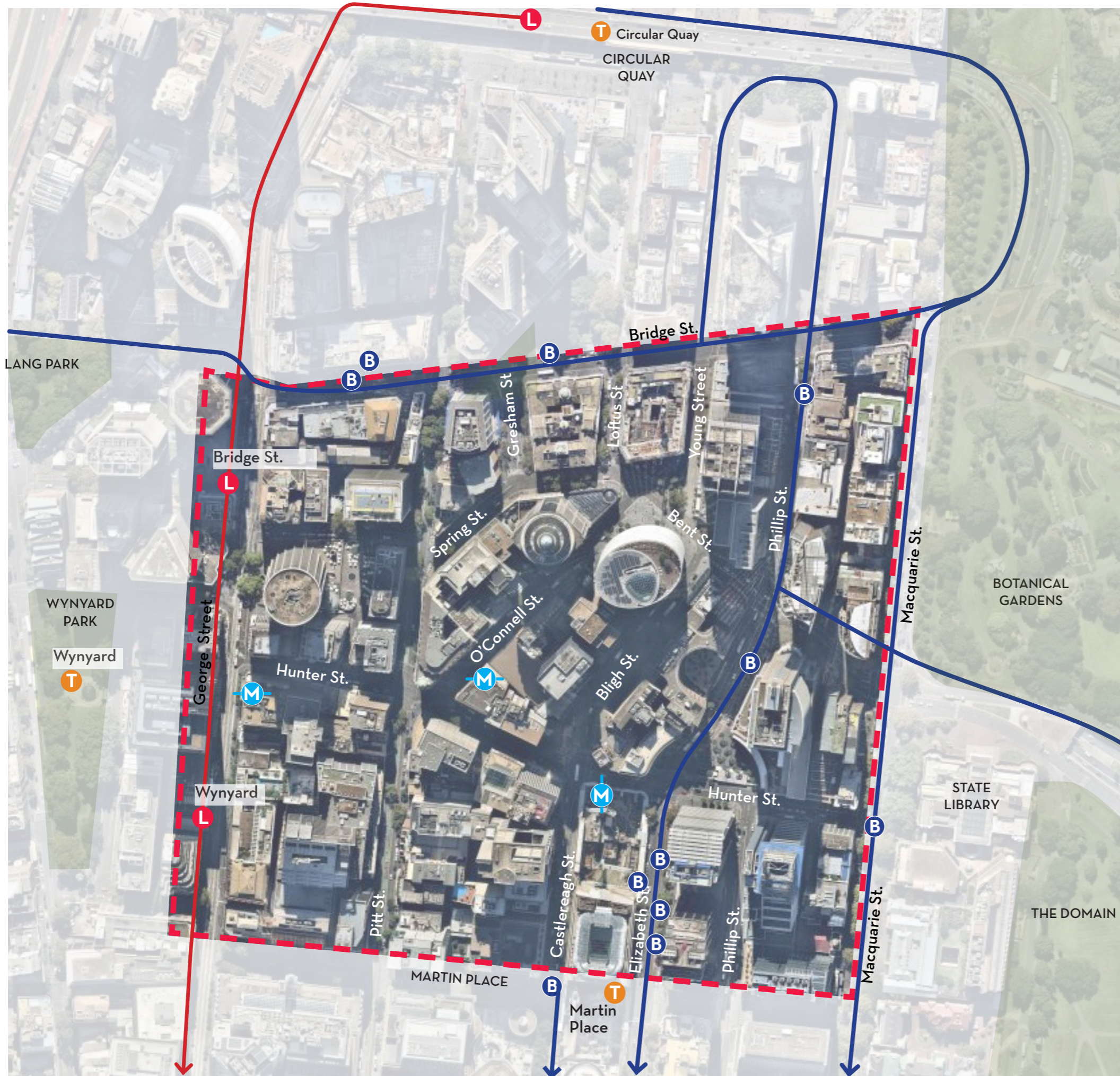
WIDER CONTEXT



- LEGEND**
- Study Boundary
 - M Hunter Metro Station - Sydney Metro West
 - M Martin Place Metro Station - Sydney Metro City and South West
 - L Existing Lightrail Stops
 - T Existing Train Stations

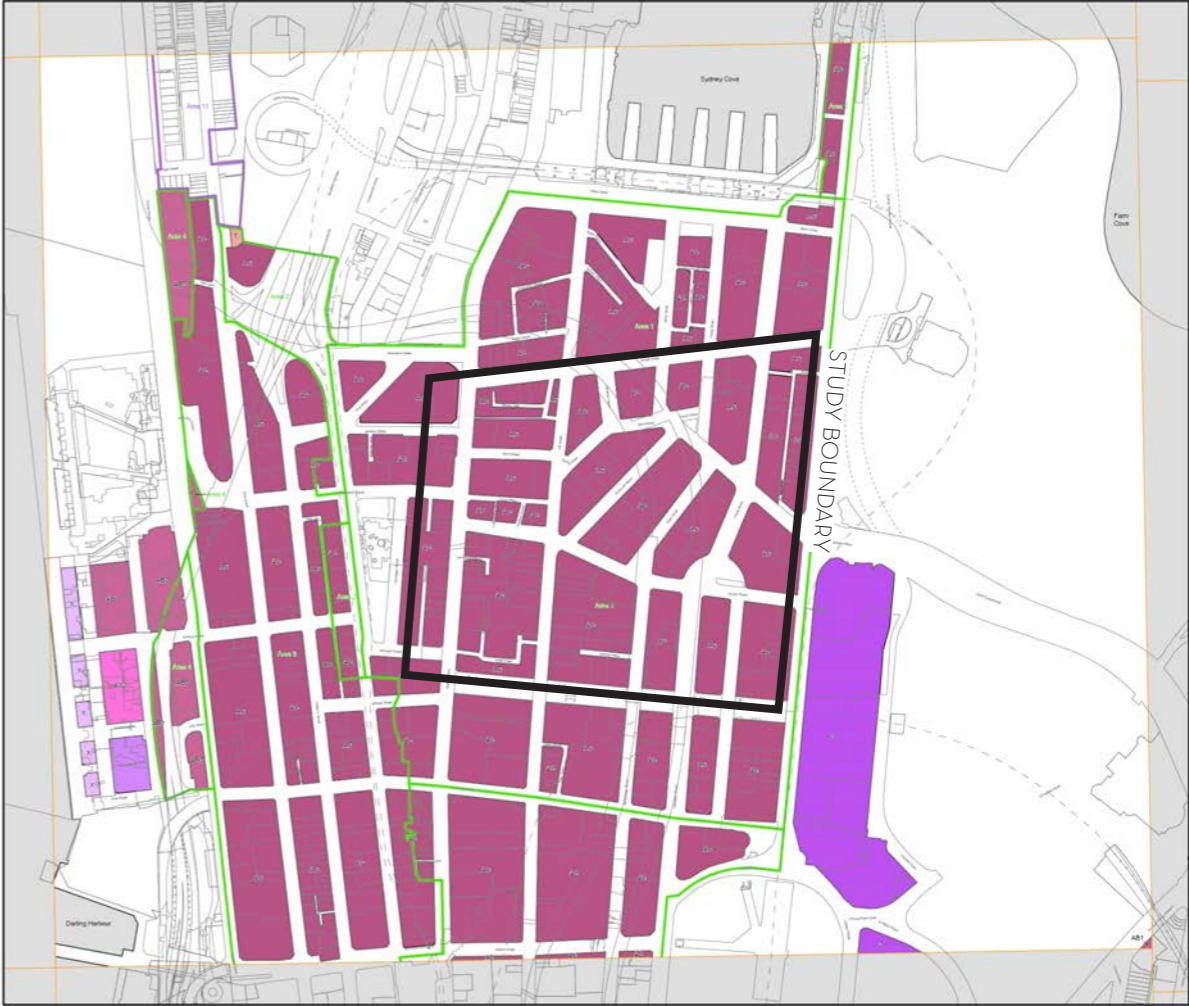
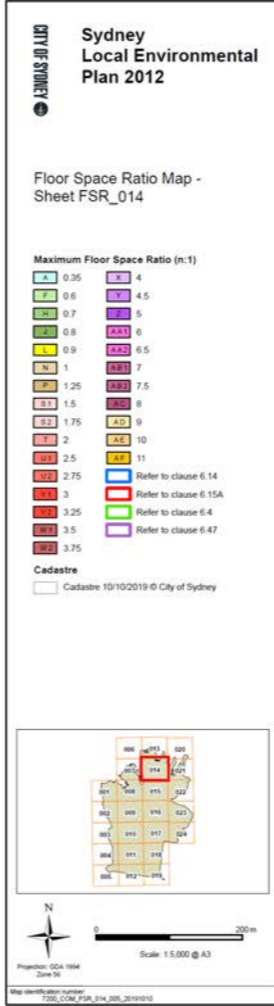
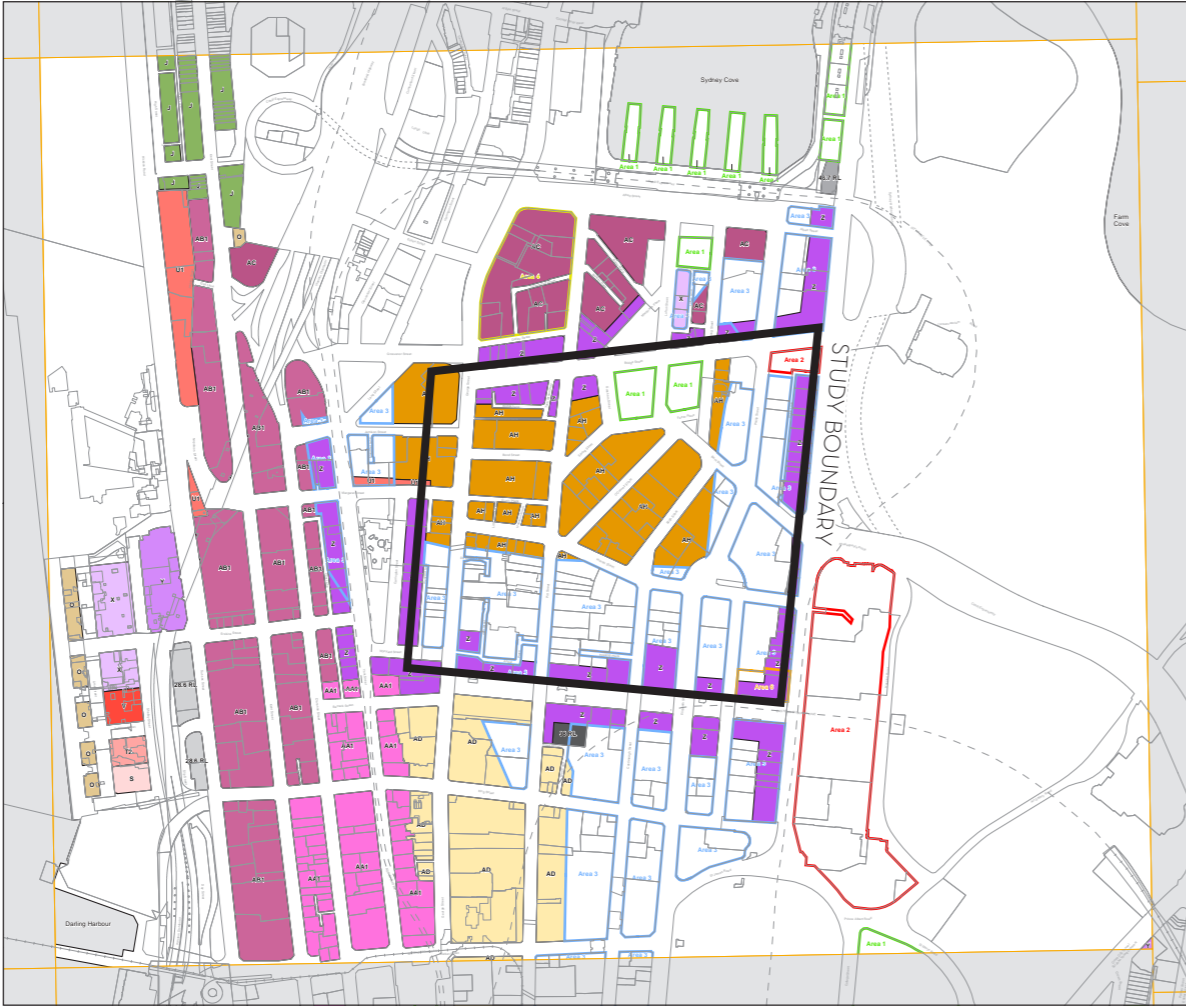
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TRANSPORT NETWORK



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 - M Martin Place Metro Station - Sydney Metro City and South West
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 - T Existing Train station stops
 - B Existing bus routes

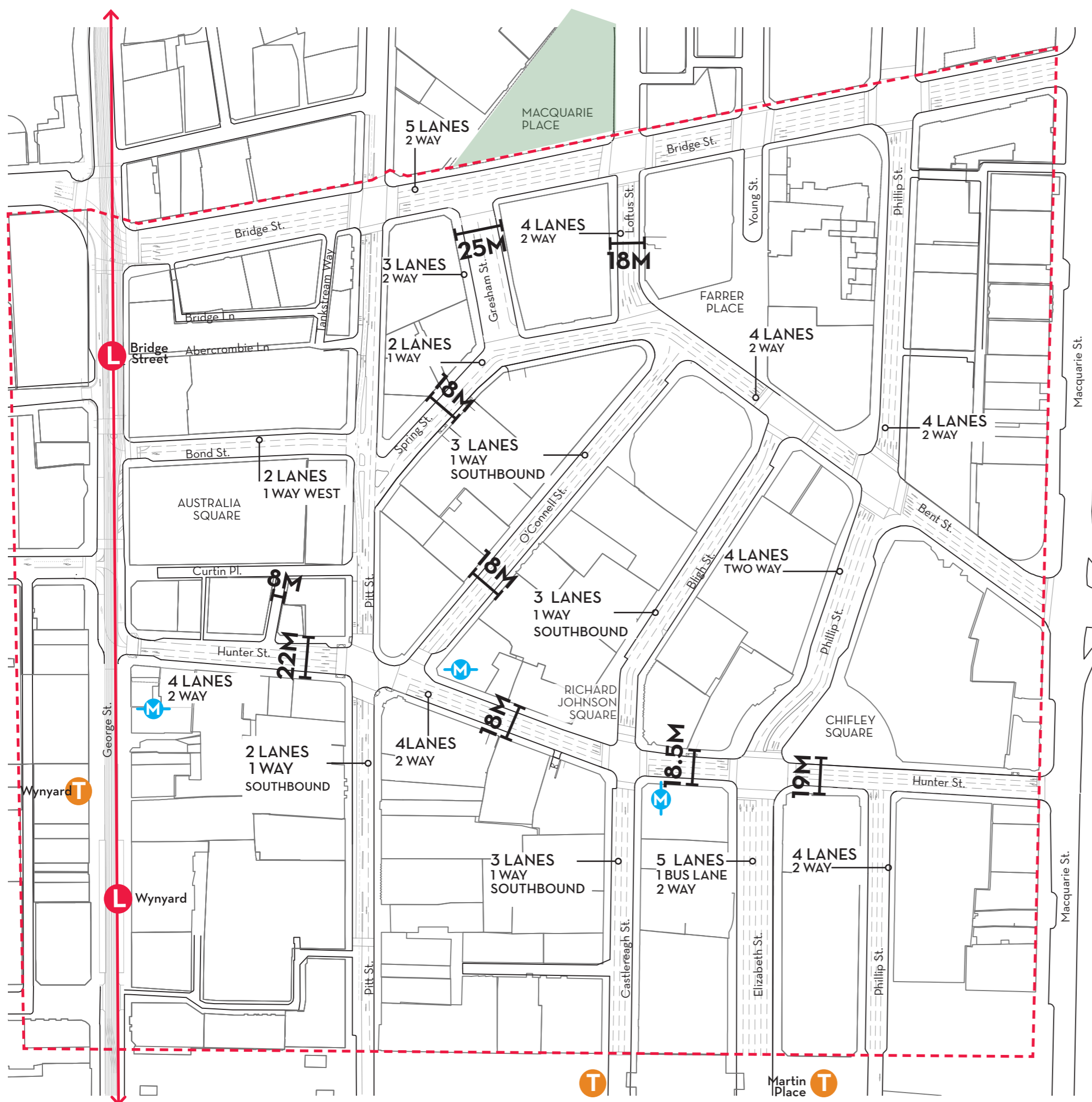
LEP CONTROLS: BUILDING HEIGHTS & FLOOR SPACE RATIO



- Height is concentrated in the north western corner of the precinct with a maximum building height of 235m. Solar access is protected to Martin Place with a maximum building height of 55m.
- The Hunter Street Precinct has a maximum Floor Space ratio of 8:1

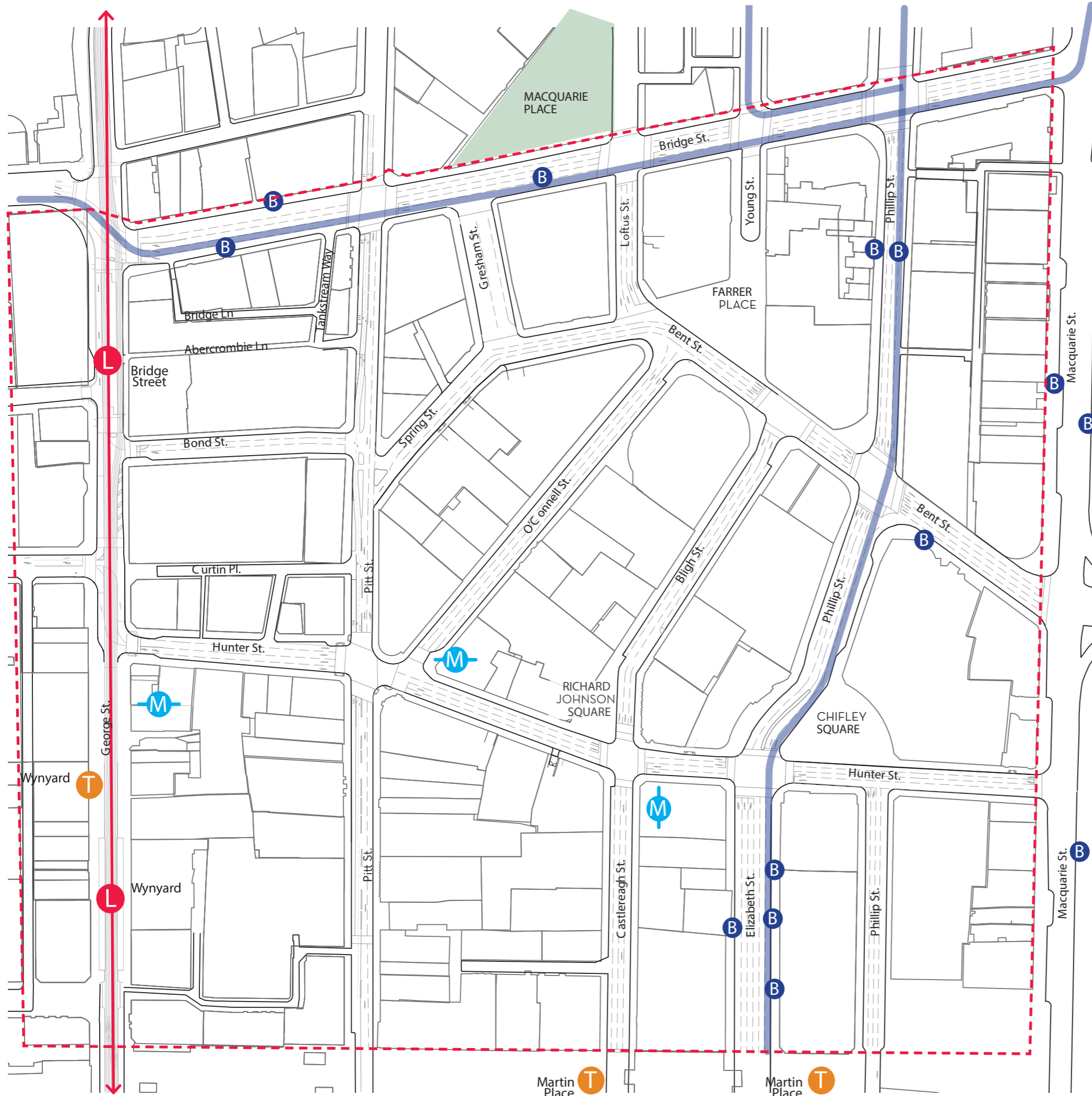
EXISTING STREET CONFIGURATION

- Street reserves range between 8 metres and 25 metres in the study area.
- Hunter Street varies in width from 18m to 22m



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- Existing Lightrail Stations
- Existing Train Stations

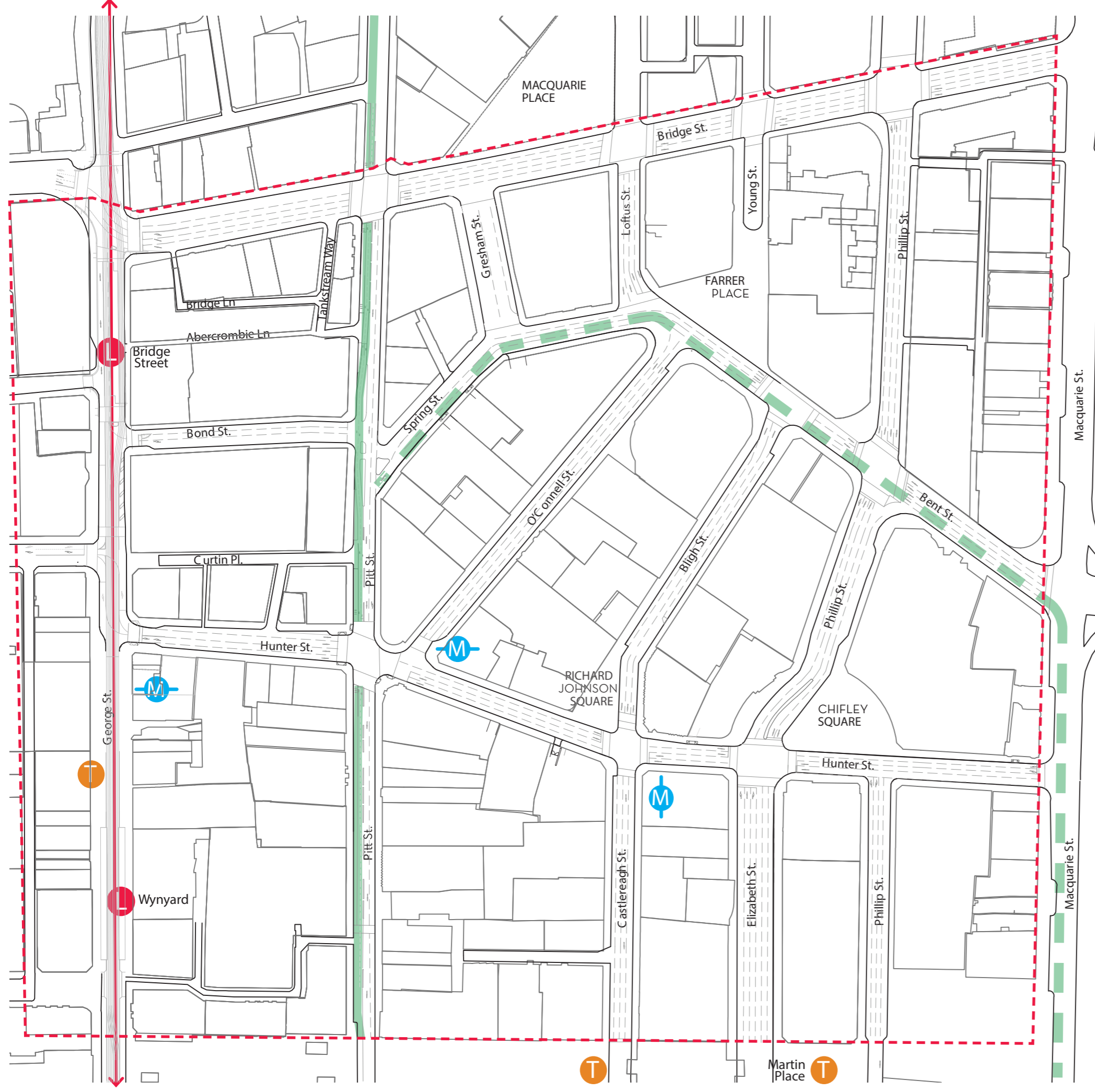


PUBLIC TRANSPORT

- LEGEND**
- Study Boundary
 - M Hunter Metro Station - Sydney Metro West
 - M Martin Place Metro Station - Sydney Metro City and South West
 - L Existing Lightrail Stations
 - T Existing Train Stations
 - Bus Corridors
 - B Bus stops

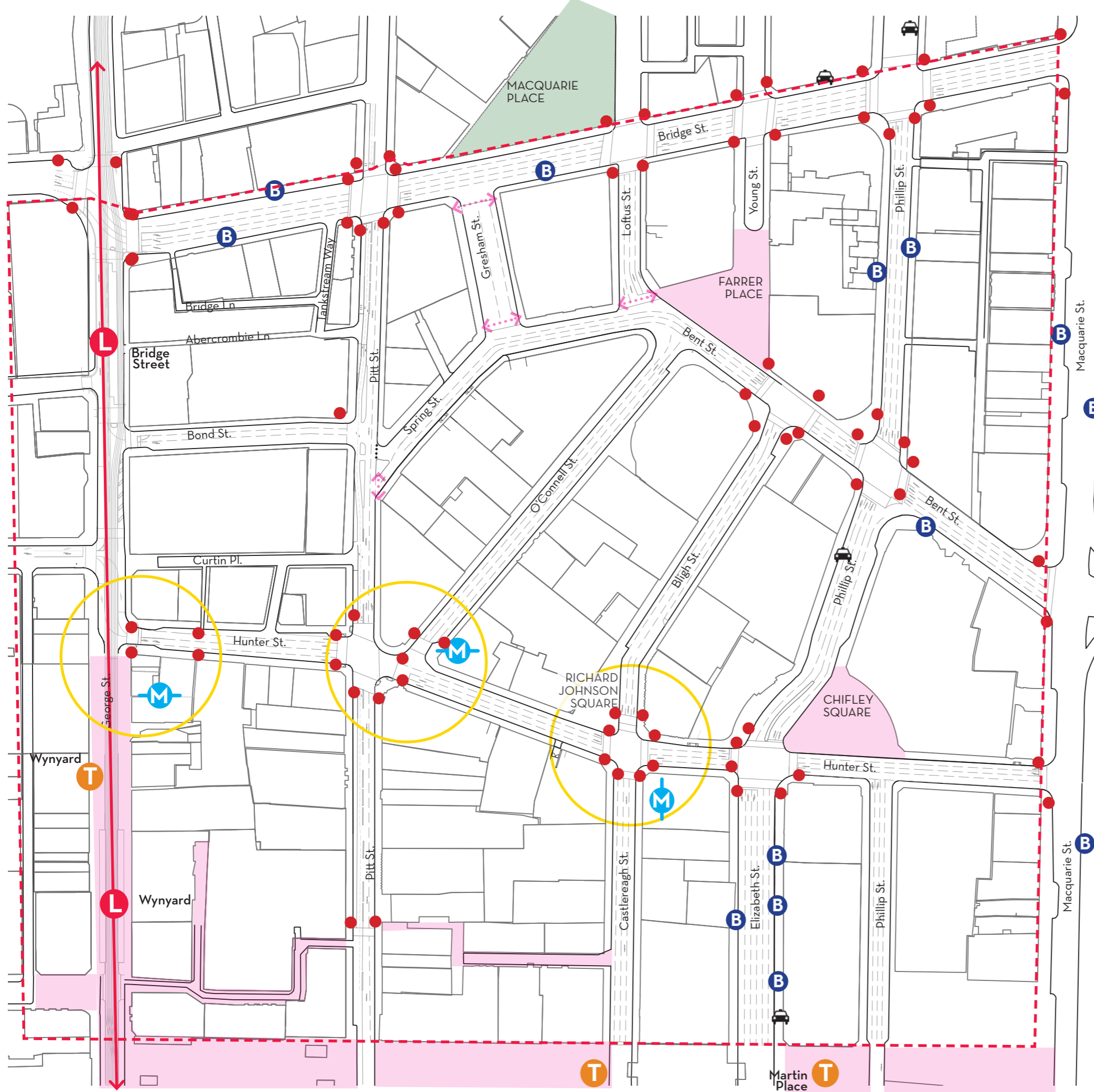
Source: City North Public Domain Plan, 2015, City of Sydney

CYCLING



LEGEND

- - - Study Boundary
- M Hunter Metro Station - Sydney Metro West
- M Martin Place Metro Station - Sydney Metro City and South West
- L Existing Lightrail Stops
- T Existing Train Stations
- █ Dedicated Cycle Lane
- █ Planned Connection (City of Sydney Cycling)



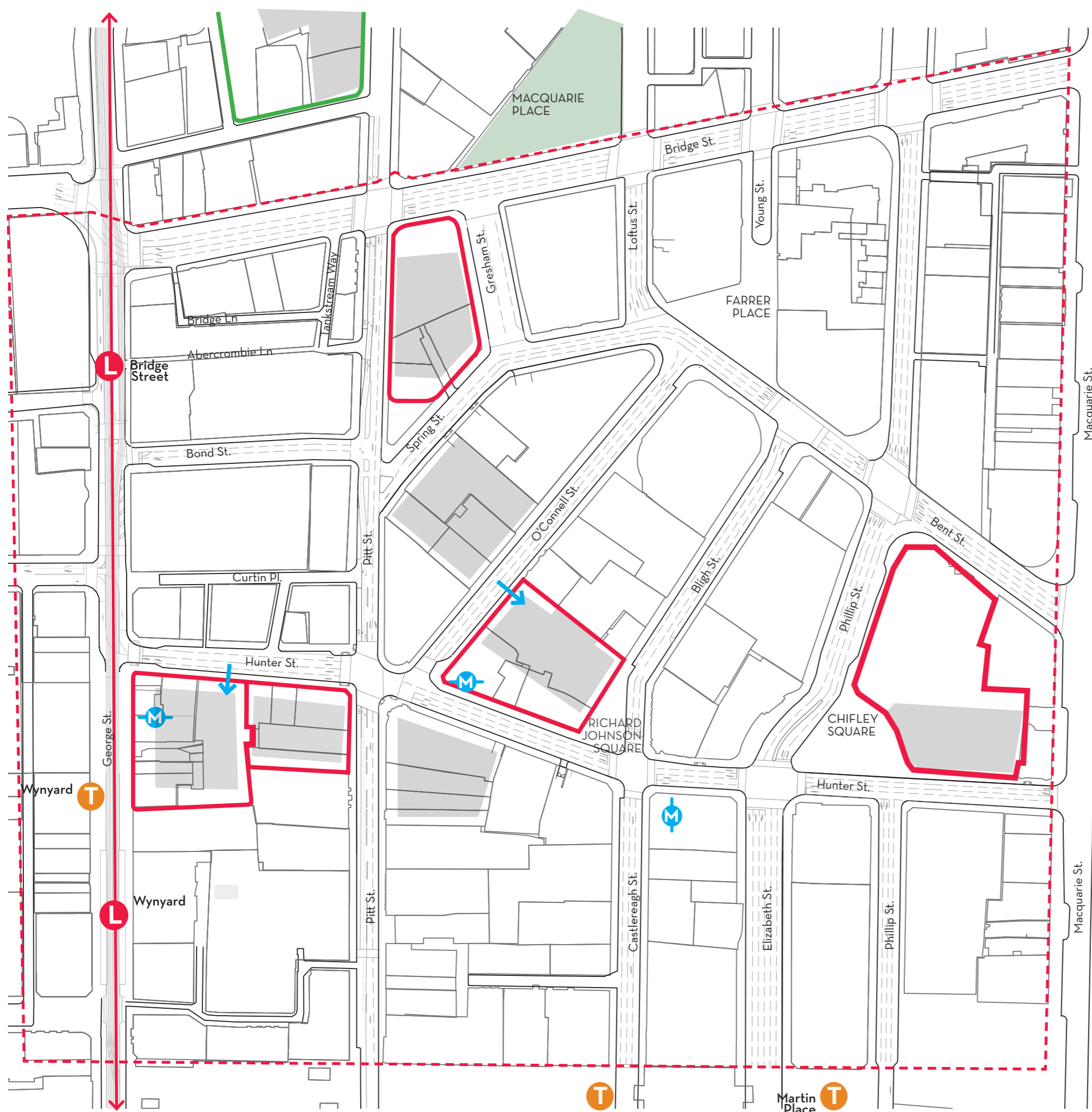
EXISTING & FUTURE PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES & PRIORITY LOCATIONS

- There is a high volume of pedestrians connecting to and from major transport hubs at Wynyard Station and Circular Quay.
- There are many office towers concentrated in the precinct, with high volumes of workers moving through the precinct during business hours.
- The new metro stations on Hunter St will increase pedestrian traffic in the precinct.
- Signalised crossings on Loftus and Bridge Streets allow for direct access to Circular Quay.

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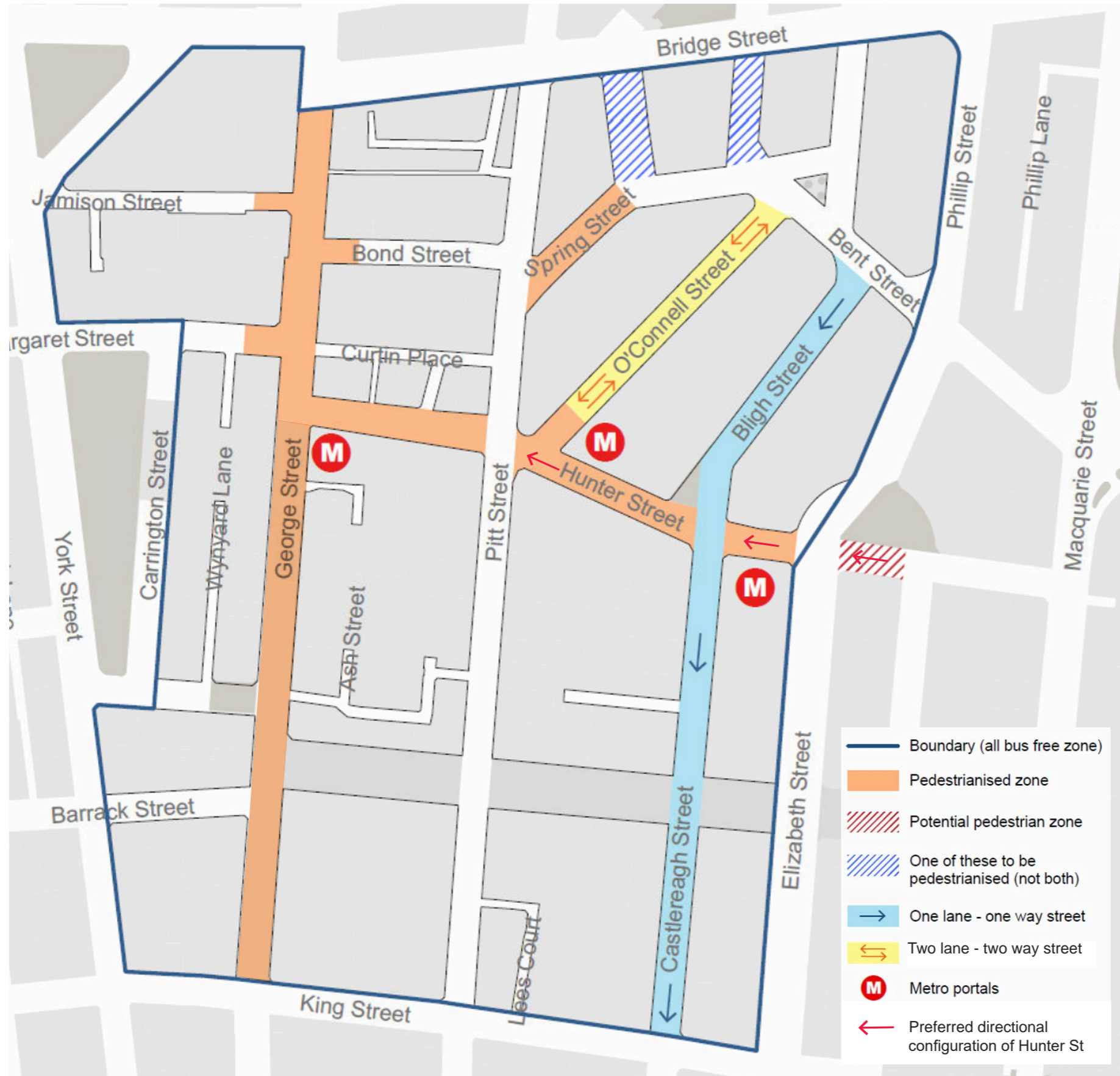
- Study Boundary
- M Hunter Metro Station - Sydney Metro West
- M Martin Place Metro Station - Sydney Metro City and South West
- L Existing Light Rail Stations
- T Existing Train Stations
- B Bus Stops
- Traffic signals
- Future Priority locations for pedestrian
- ↔ Pedestrian Crossings
- 🚗 Taxi Ranks
- Existing Pedestrian Zones

DEVELOPMENT CONTEXT



LEGEND

- - - Study Boundary
- M Hunter Metro Station - Sydney Metro West
- M Martin Place Metro Station - Sydney Metro City and South West
- L Existing Lightrail Stops
- T Existing Train Stations
- ▭ Indicative building envelopes
- ▭ PP: approved
- ▭ PP: lodged
- ➔ Vehicle entry to Metro sites



POTENTIAL TRAFFIC ALTERATIONS & PUBLIC DOMAIN BENEFITS

The following additional public domain space would be provided with redesign of the following streets to remove traffic lanes and expansion of pedestrian areas. These include

HUNTER ST CARRIAGEWAY:

- Elizabeth St to Castlereagh St = 659 m²
- Castlereagh St to Pitt St = 1738 m²
- Pitt St to George St = 1482 m²
- Phillip to Elizabeth St = 602 m²

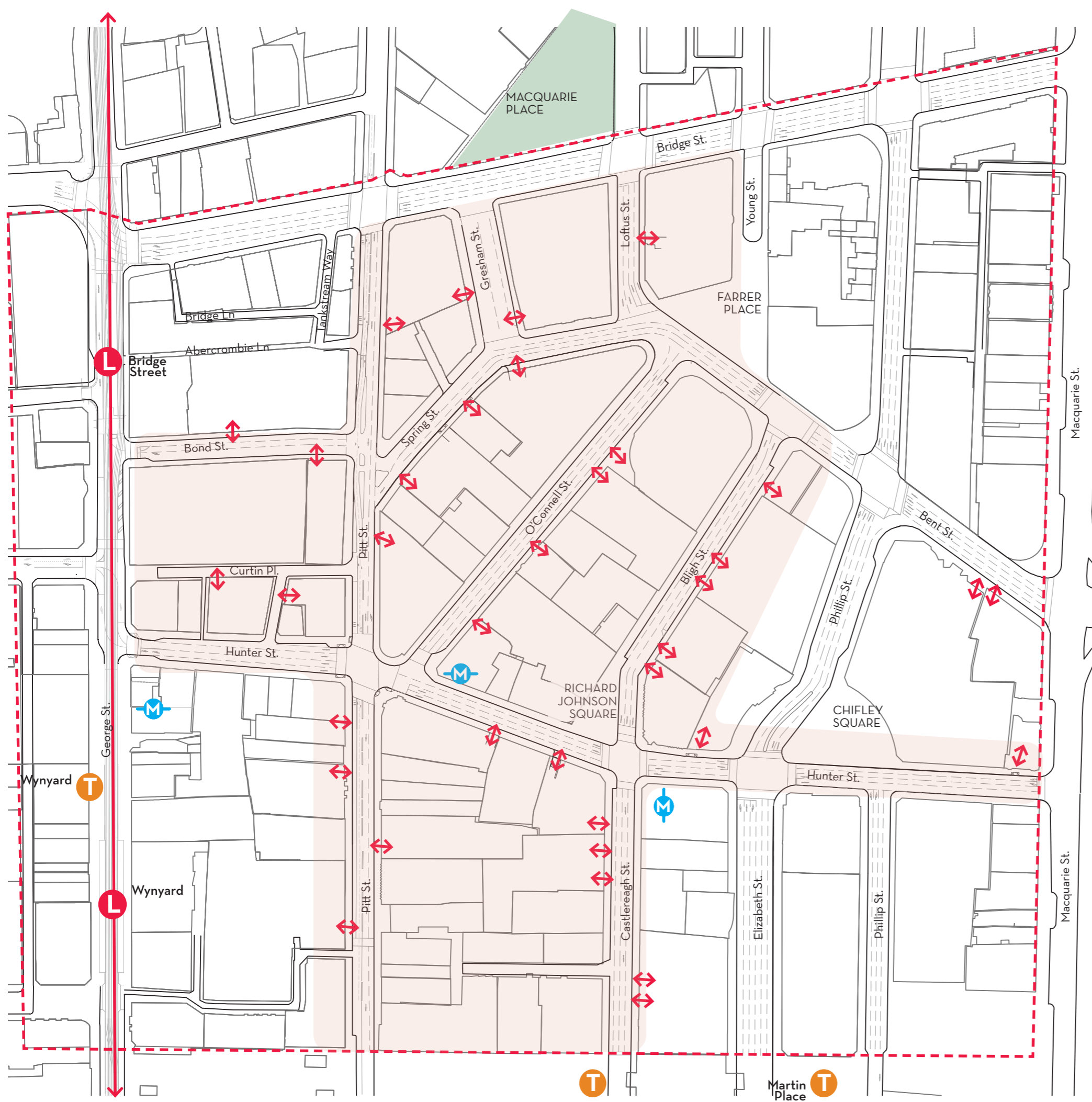
Hunter St Road Reserve: Total area: 4481 m²

- Spring St carriageway: 1049 m²
- George St carriageway: 5991 m²
- Gresham St carriageway: 1279 m²
- Loftus St carriageway: 1279 m²

Additional public domain area provided by road closures and footpath expansions on Hunter, Spring, Loftus and George Streets is 1.4 hectares.

Diagram: Potential traffic alteration. Source : COS briefing document

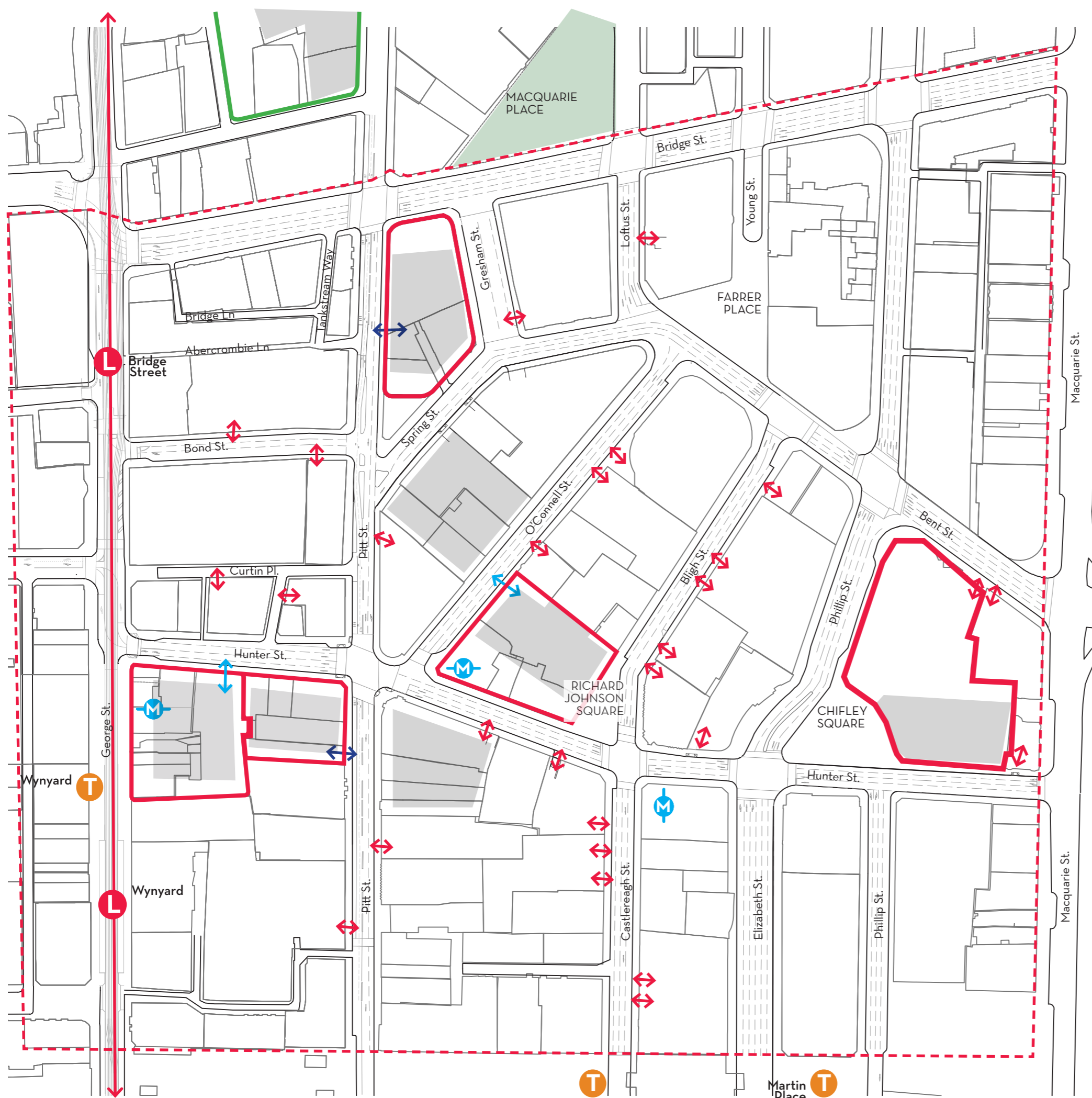
EXISTING DRIVEWAYS & LOADING DOCKS



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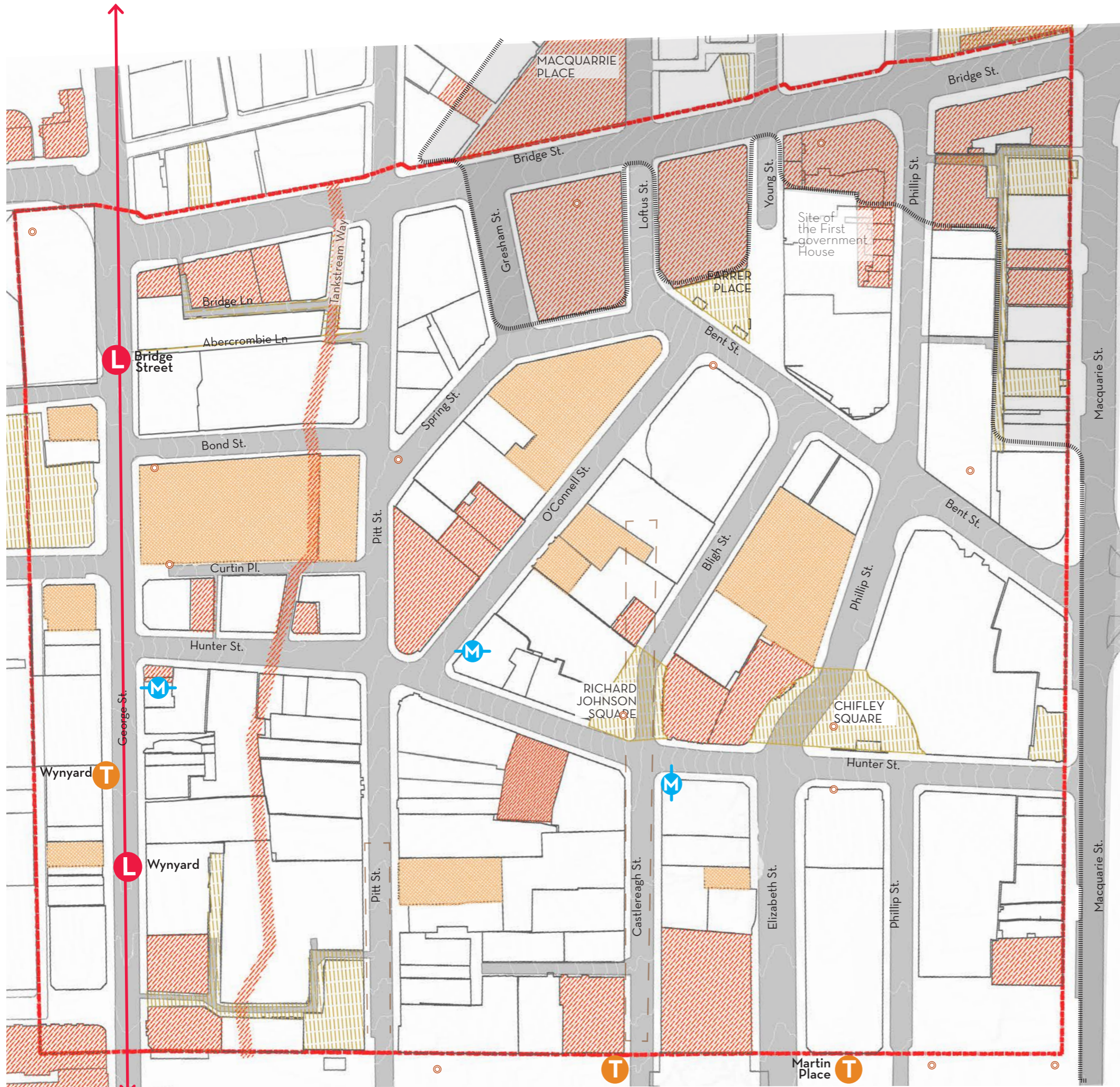
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- ↔ Existing Driveways or Loading Docks
- Area of Focus Boundary

PROPOSED DRIVEWAYS & LOADING DOCKS



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- ➔ Vehicle entry to planning proposals
- ➔ Existing vehicle entry



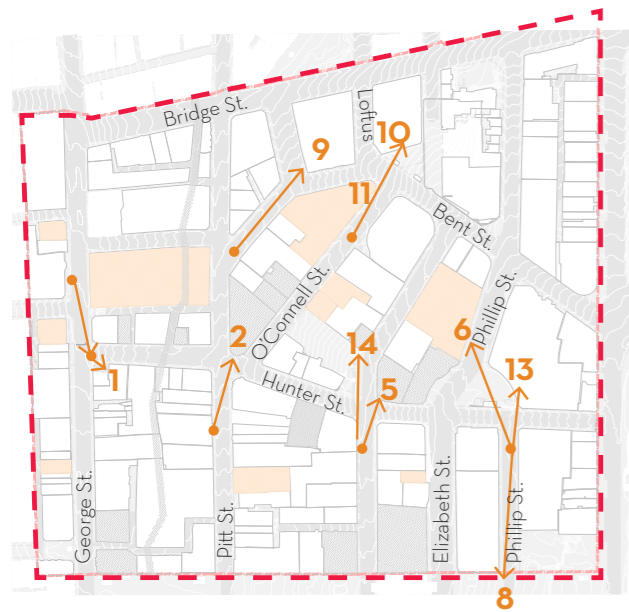
HERITAGE ITEMS

- There are multiple heritage items including federal, state and locally listed heritage items. This includes portions of the Governor's Domain and Civic Precinct National Heritage Listing (NHL)
- The site includes the Tank Stream, a State Heritage Item and Sydney's first water supply.
- Public spaces including Chifley Square and Richard Johnson Square are locally listed.
- There are several heritage items on the north edge of Hunter Street.

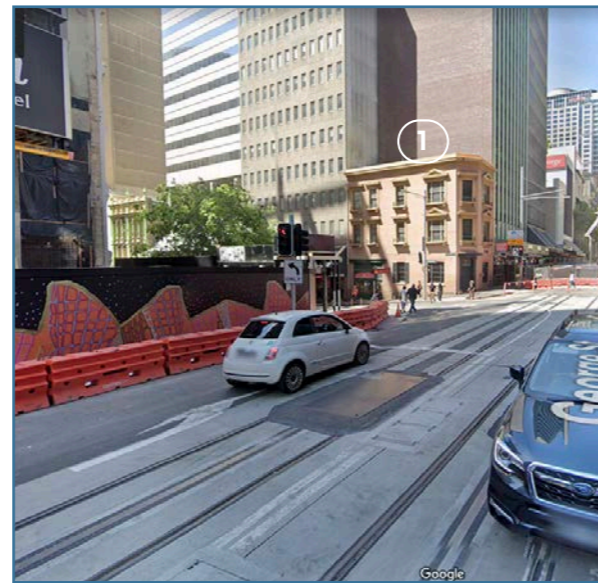
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- Hunter Metro Station - Sydney Metro West
- Martin Place Metro Station - Sydney Metro City and South West
- - - Section 170 item
- State Heritage Act Item (Heritage NSW)
- Locally Listed Heritage Items
- City Plan LEP - General Heritage Items
- Sculptures
- Governor's Domain and Civic Precinct National Heritage Listing (NHL)

HERITAGE ITEMS - NORTH-SOUTH VIEWS



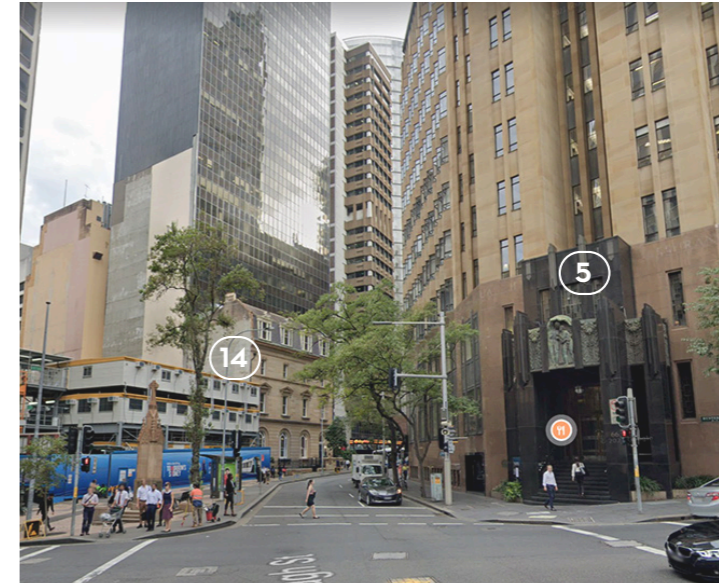
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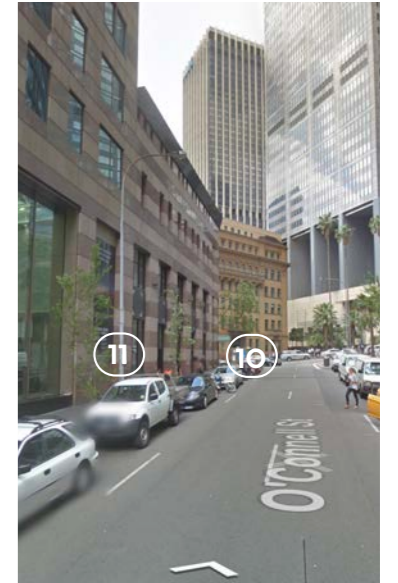
Long and short view of 1 Hunter St.



26 Hunter St from Pitt St.



66 Hunter St/ Richard Johnson Square from Castlereagh St.



Commonwealth Parliamentary Office from O'Connell St.

HERITAGE ITEMS - ARCHIVE PHOTOS



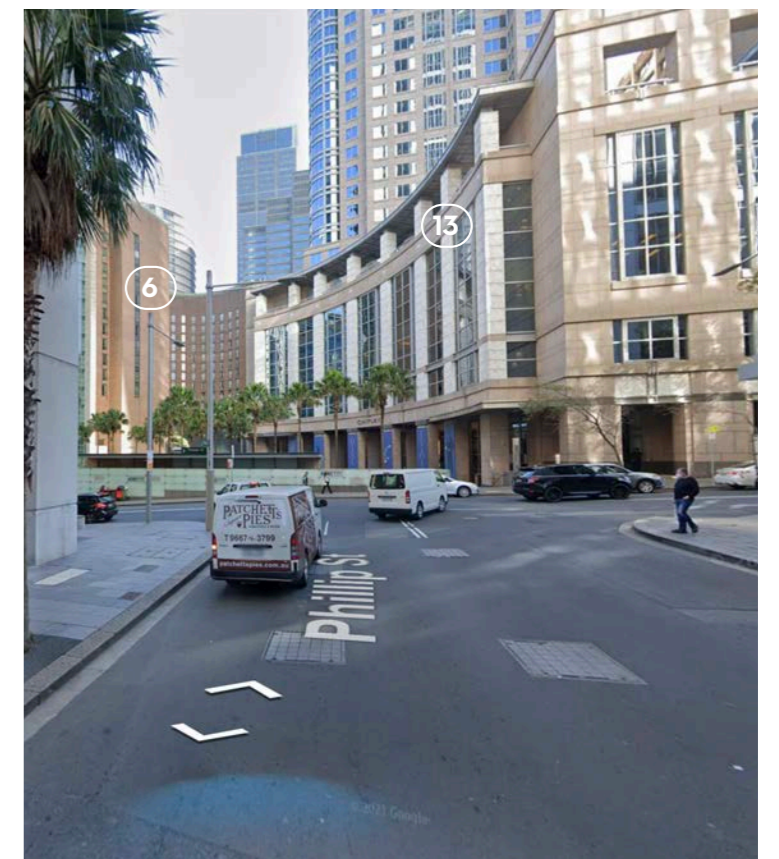
26 Hunter St. 1930



Department of Lands Building from Spring St.

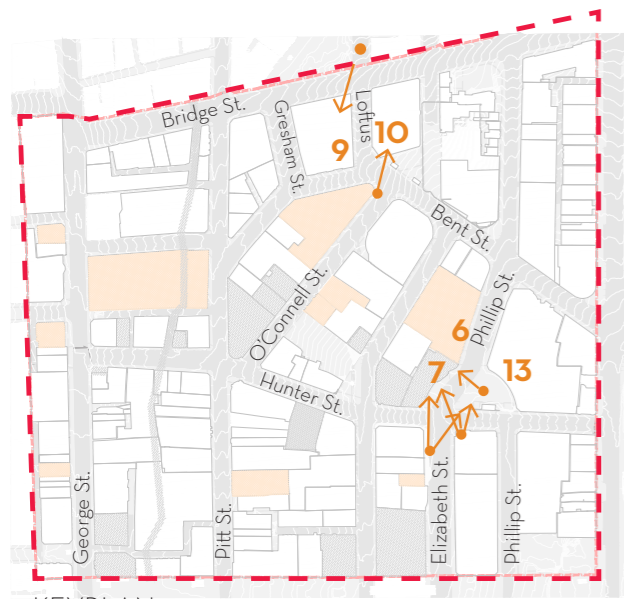


St James Church from Phillip St.

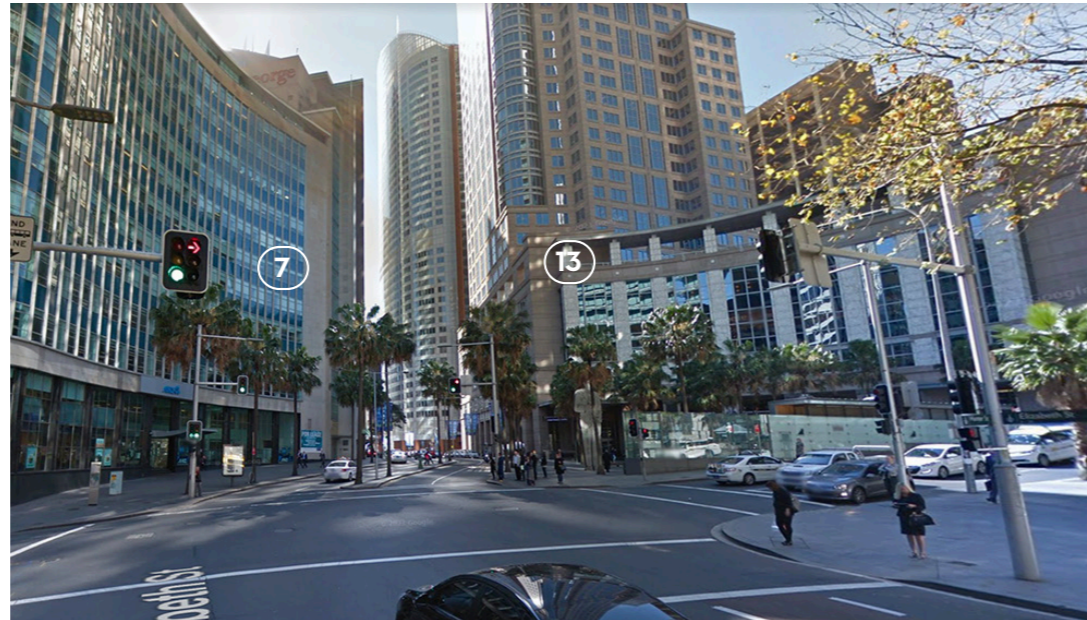


View on Chifley Square from Phillip St.

HERITAGE ITEMS - NORTH - SOUTH VIEWS



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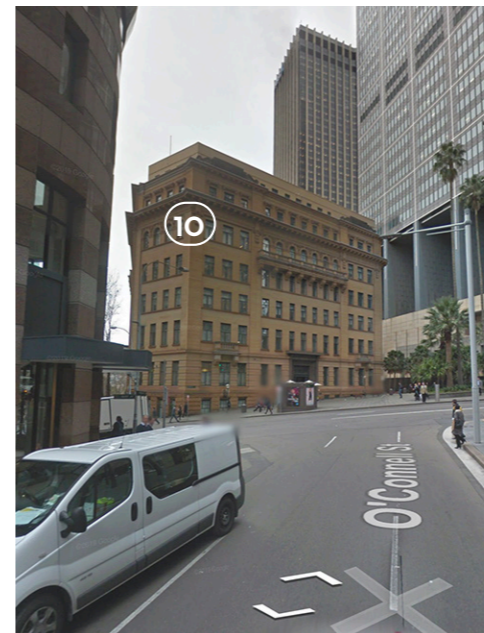
Chifley Square and the ANZ building from Elizabeth St.



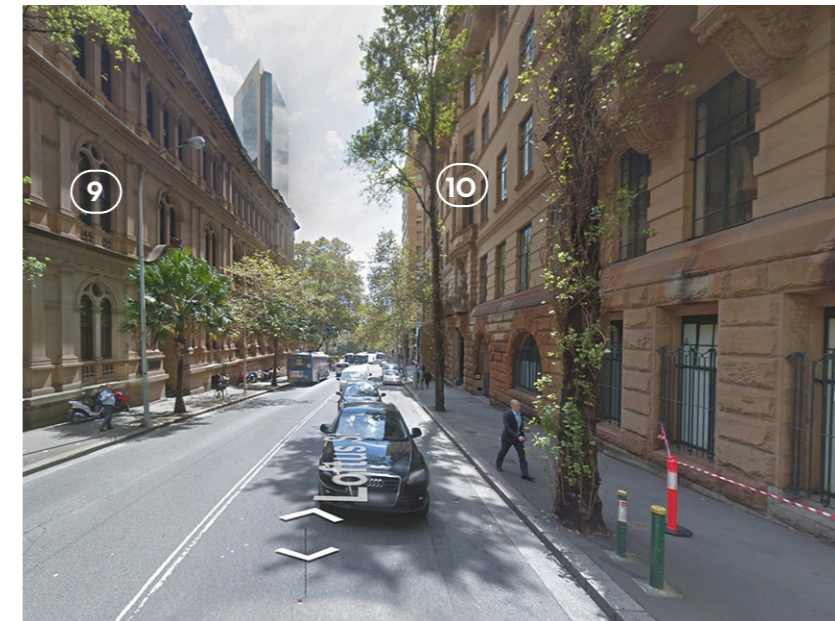
Chifley Square from Hunter St.



Former Department of Lands from Loftus St.

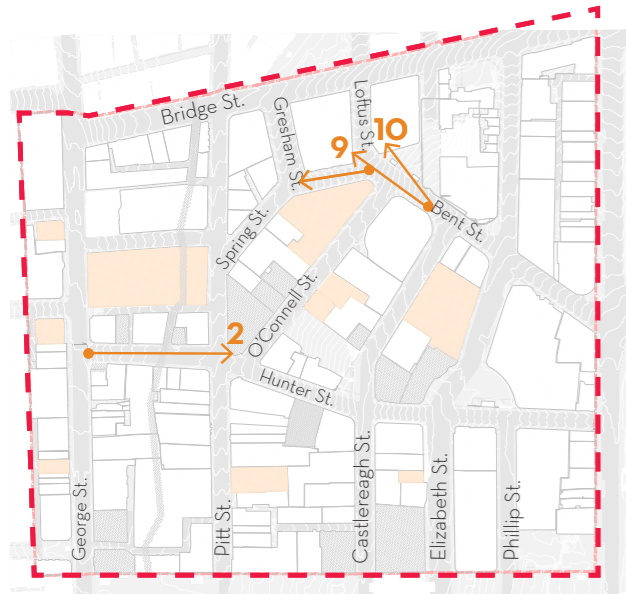


Short view on Commonwealth Parliamentary Office from O'Connell St.

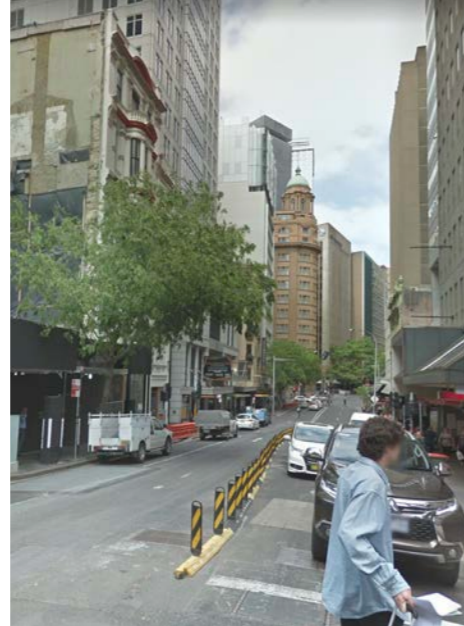


Framed short view on Loftus St.

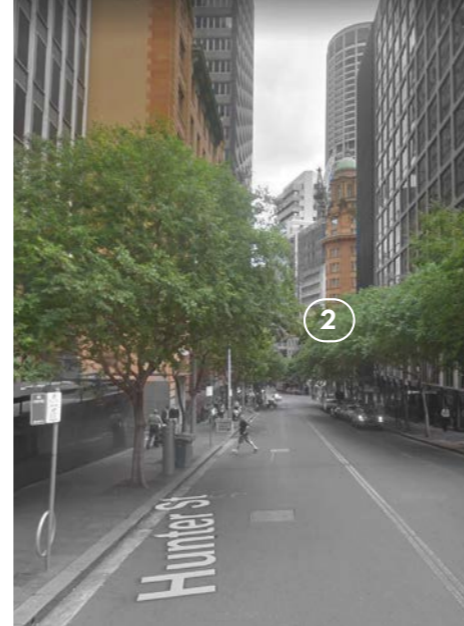
HERITAGE ITEMS - EAST-WEST VIEWS



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26 Hunter St. from George St.



View of 26 Hunter St. framed by trees.



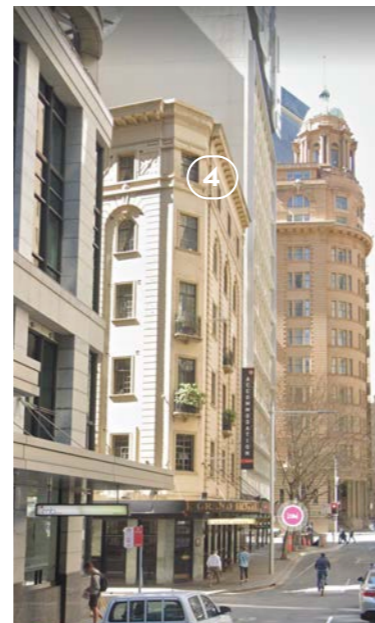
Bent St, long view on 9. Department of Lands Building (22-30 Bridge St) and 10. Commonwealth Parliamentary office and Farrer Place



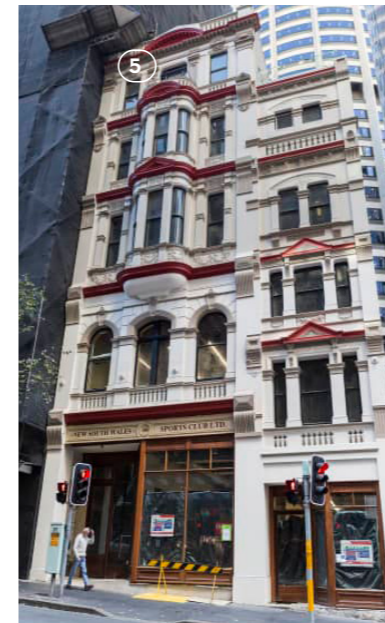
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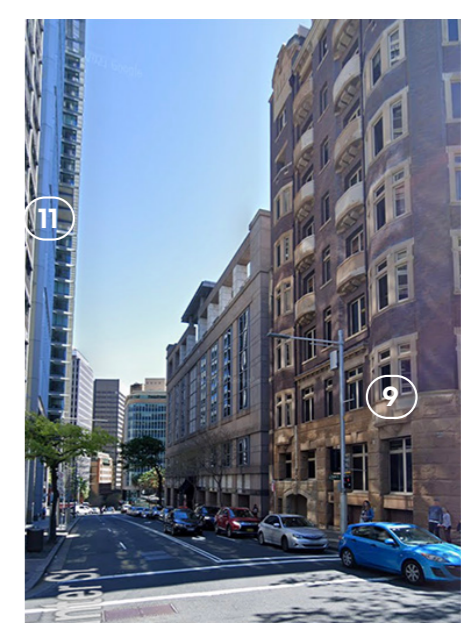
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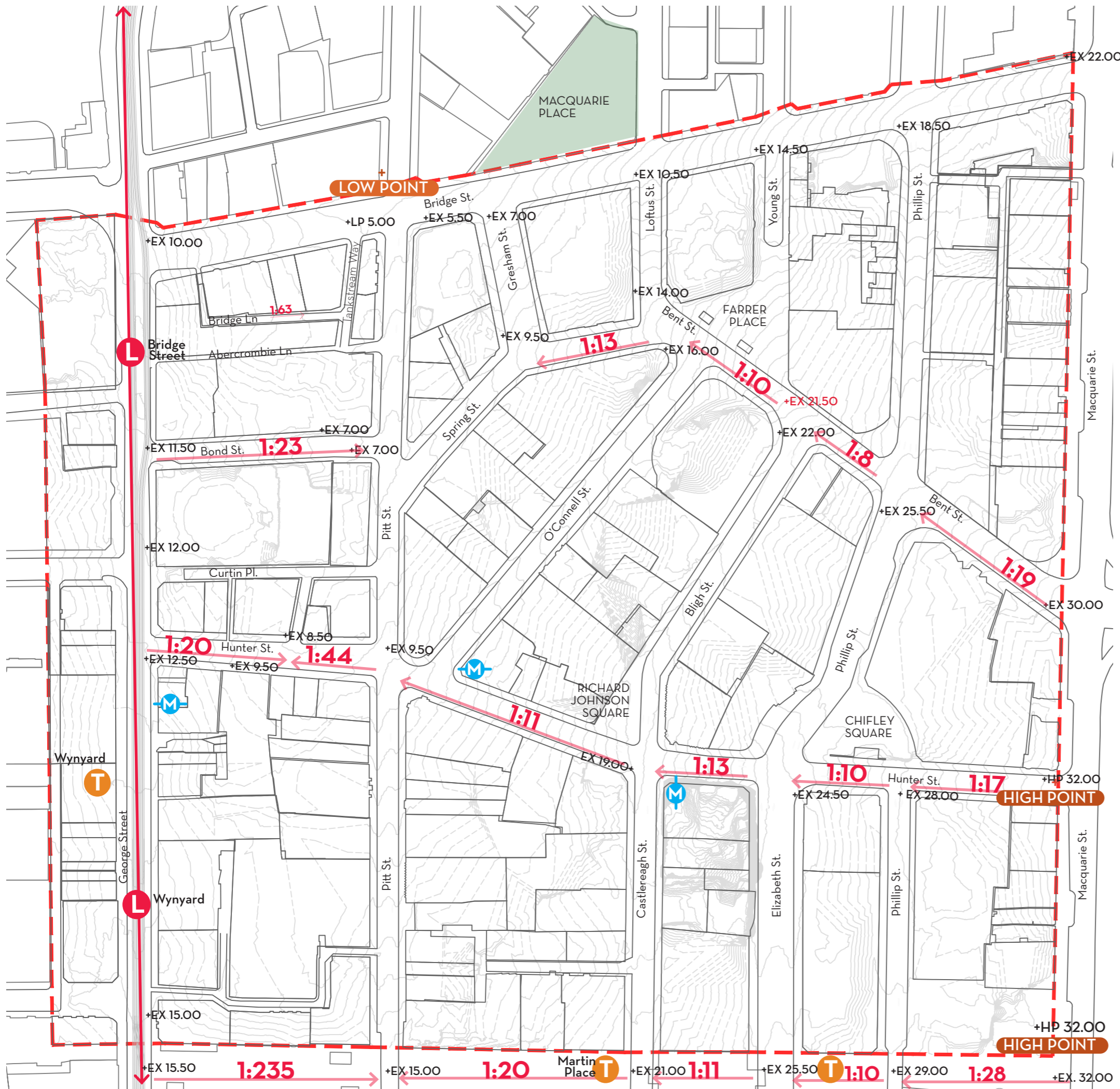
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114 Hunter St.

LANDFORM & LEVELS EAST - WEST

- Low point on Bridge Street
- High point at Macquarie Street
- Streets are steeper on east-west streets.
- Hunter Street is one of the steepest streets in the precinct

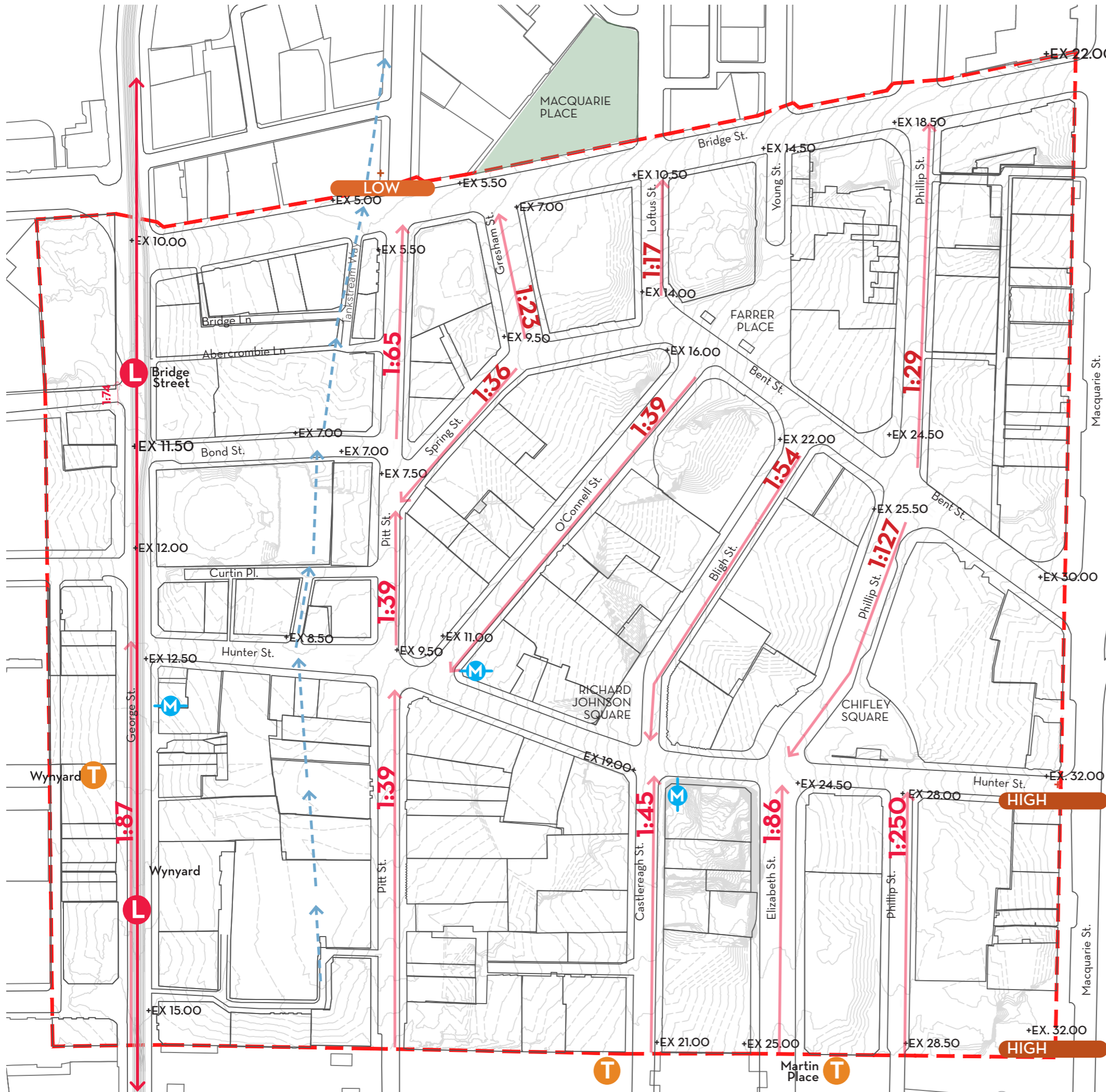


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- M Martin Place Metro Station - Sydney Metro City and South West
- L Existing Lightrail Stations
- T Existing Train Stations
- - -> Low Point Swale
- +EX 32.00 Existing Level
- +LP 32.00 Low Point
- +HP 32.00 High Point

LANDFORM & LEVELS NORTH - SOUTH

- North-south streets generally shallow grades.
- The landform and street layout allows for long views down these streets.

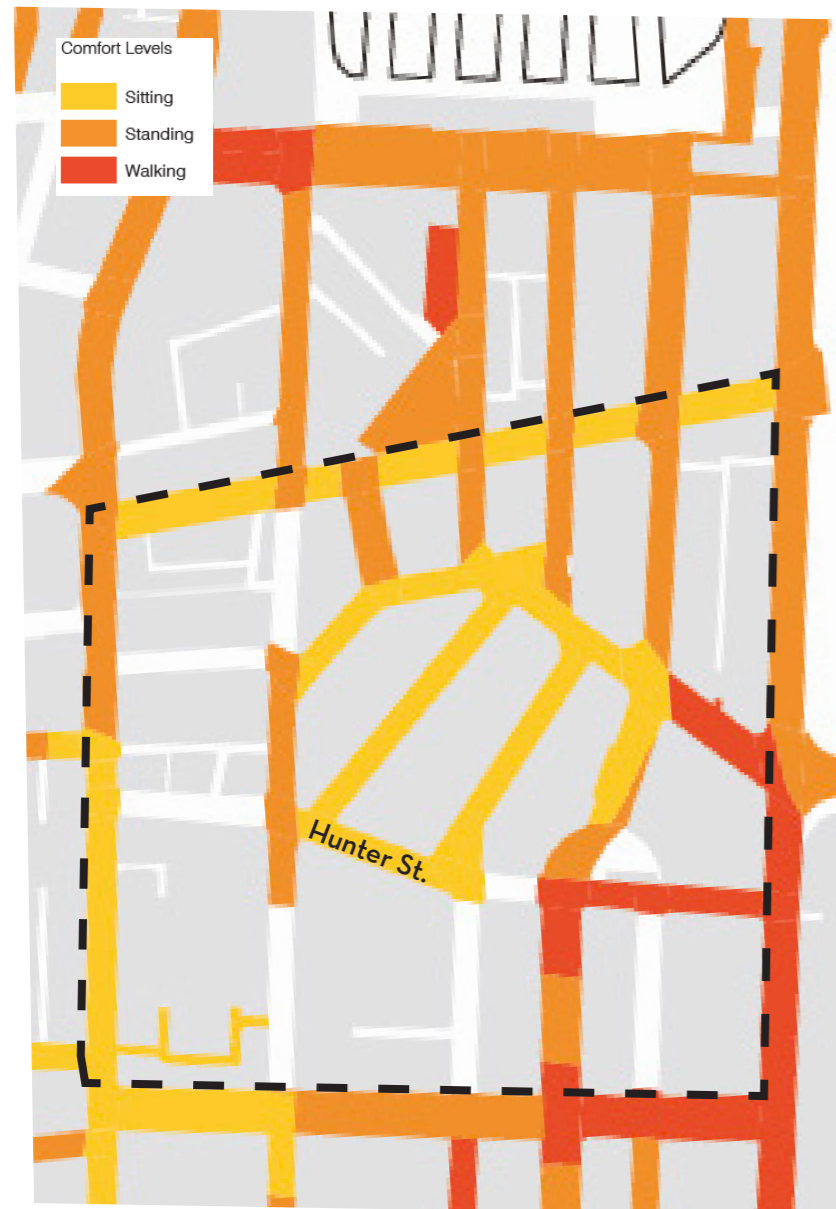


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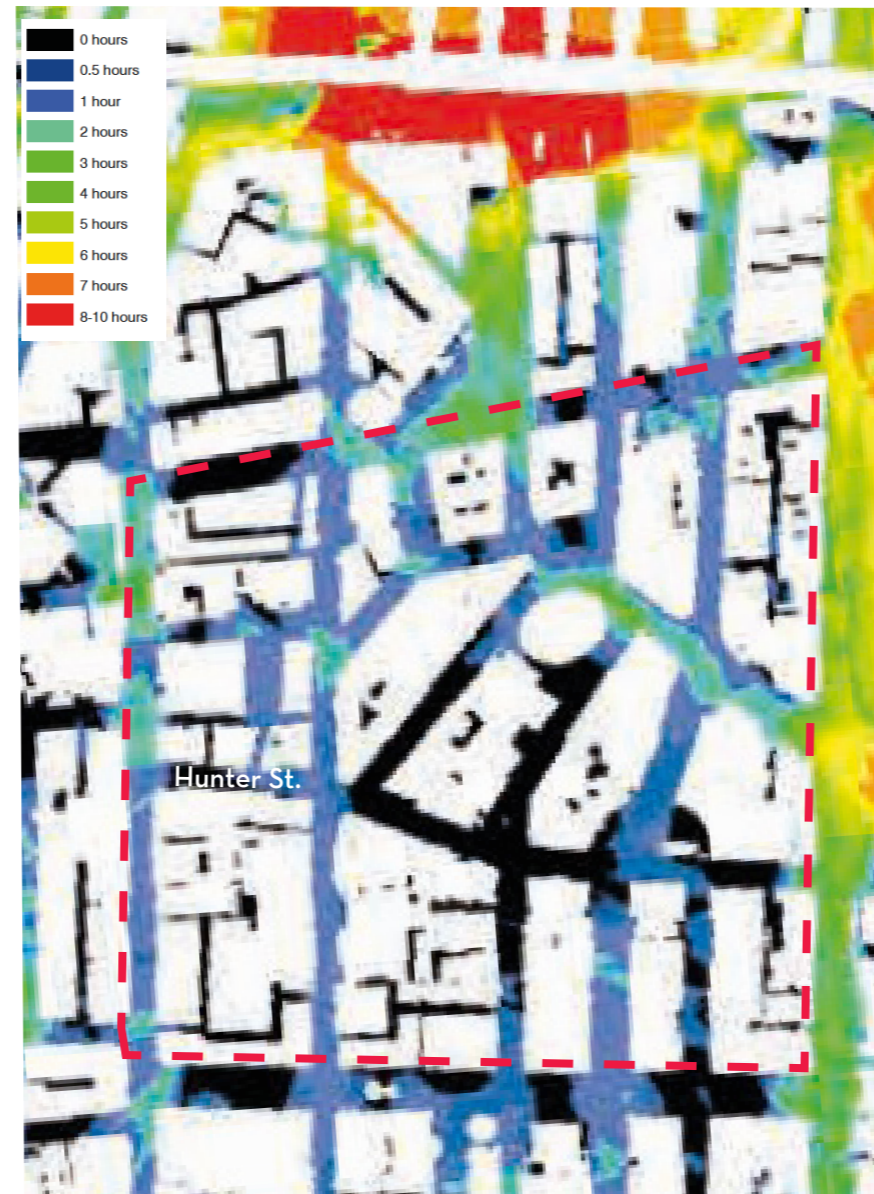
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HUNTER STREET PRECINCT - SOLAR ACCESS AND WIND MICROCLIMATIC CONDITIONS

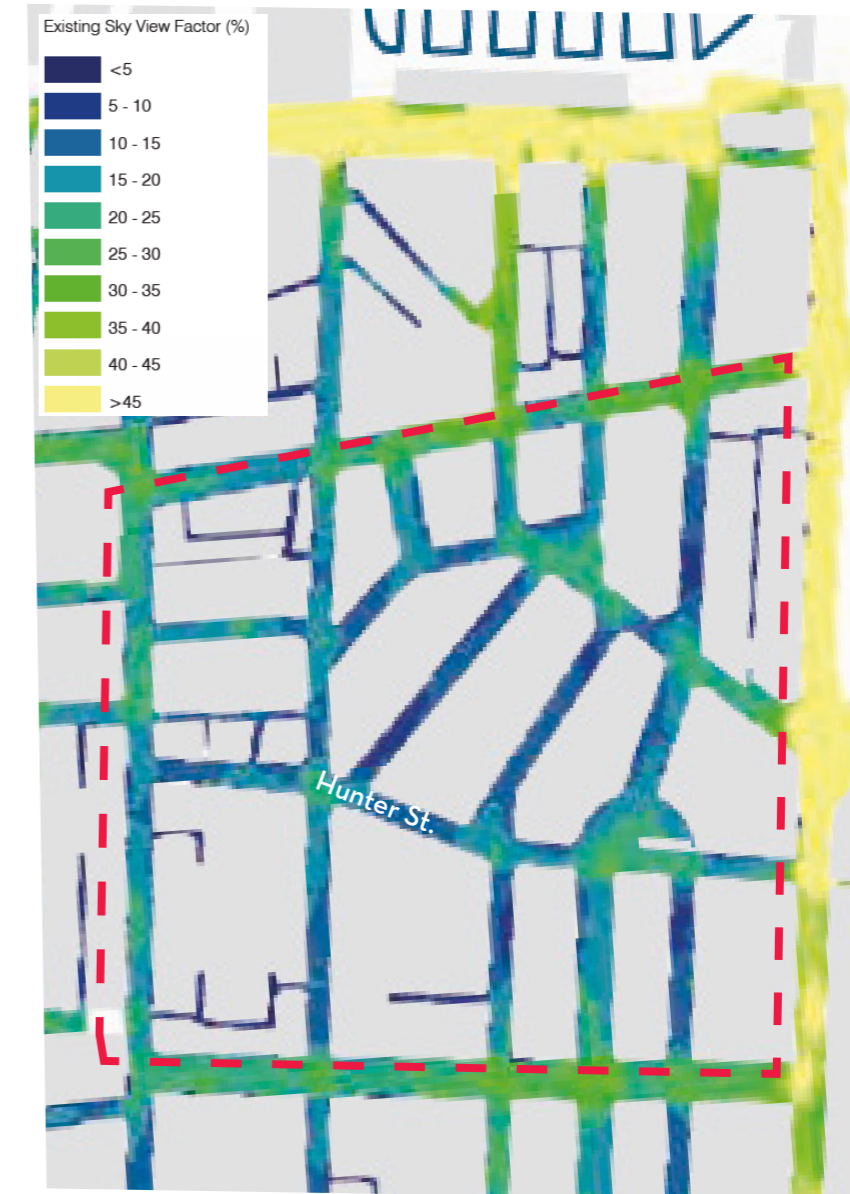
WIND ENVIRONMENT COMFORT LEVELS



HOURS OF DIRECT SUNLIGHT ACCESS TO STREETS
(MID-WINTER)



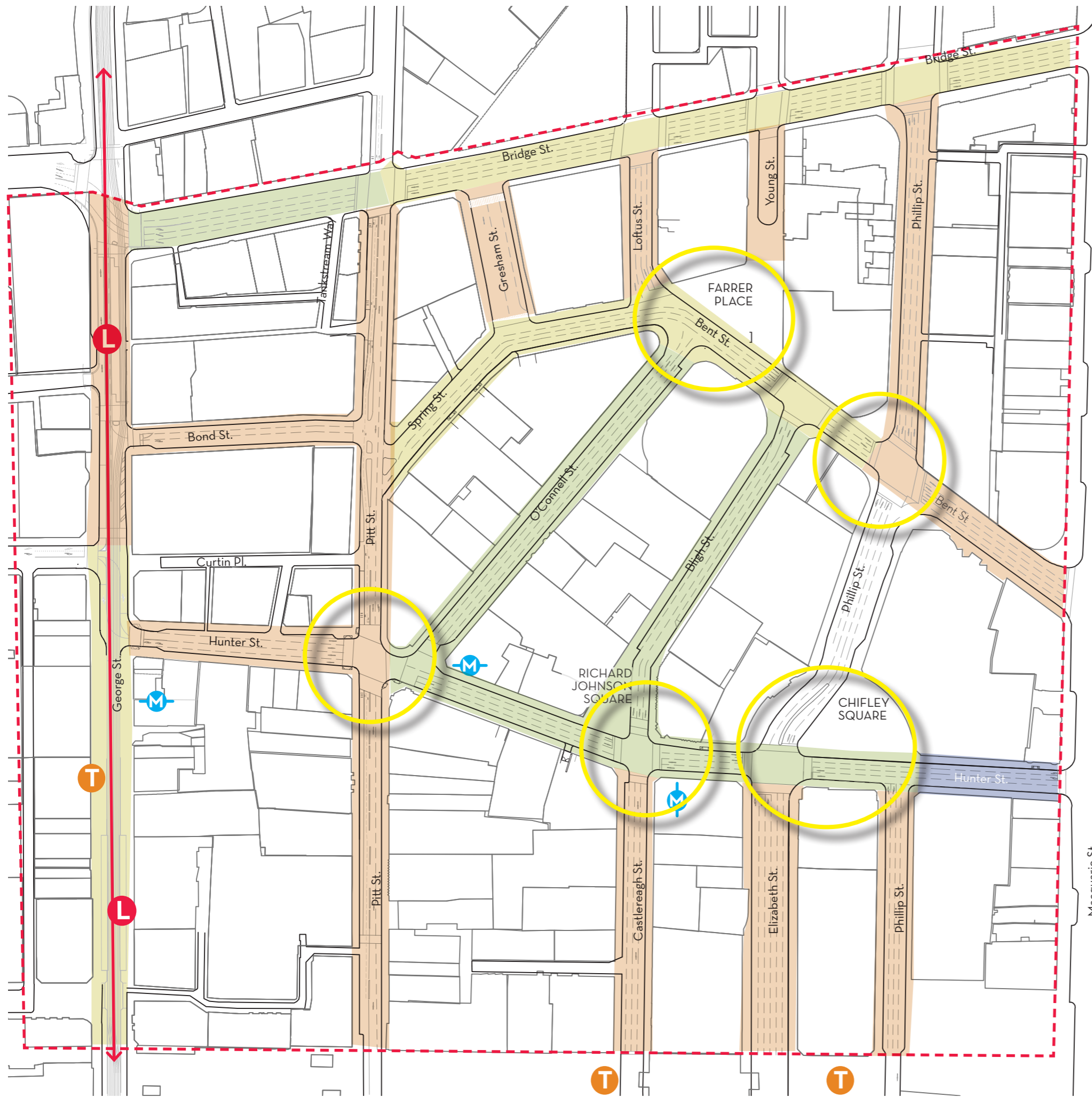
EXISTING SKY VIEW FACTOR



Source: Attachment B15 - Draft Central Sydney Planning Strategy, Appendix D

The Draft Central Sydney Planning Strategy, Appendix D provided a detailed analysis of the existing wind, sun and sky view conditions in the precinct. The report found the following:

- Street intersections are an important source of light into the street network and the sky view is significantly greater at intersections.
- The north side of east-west streets are permanently in shade, but the east-west streets are shorter and wider, with wider views in the distance;
- East-west streets are frequently intersected and the intersections create injections of daylight; and
- North-south streets benefit from northerly sun throughout the middle of the day, but are dark in the mornings and afternoons.



EXISTING MICROCLIMATIC CONDITIONS

- Intersections are important locations for views of the sky and solar access mid winter.
- Hunter St has multiple intersections and junctions providing sunny spaces along its length.
- The diagonally oriented north-south and east-west streets provide wind protection.
- A potential east-west street closures and expanded public domain can provide comfortable spaces for sitting on the southern side of the street reserve.

LEGEND

- Study Boundary
- M Hunter Metro Station - Sydney Metro West
- M Martin place Metro Station - Sydney Metro City and South West
- L Existing Light Rail stops
- T Existing Train Stations
- Moderate winter sun and wind protection
- Limited winter sun (0 - 2 hrs)
- No direct winter sun/ poor wind comfort
- No direct winter sun/ Good wind comfort



STREET TREES

- Mix of species including palms, deciduous and evergreen species.
- Many of the mature existing trees are London Planes.
- Tree health varies. Many street trees are compromised by awnings and poor solar access.
- Juvenile trees have been planted in line with the street tree master plan.

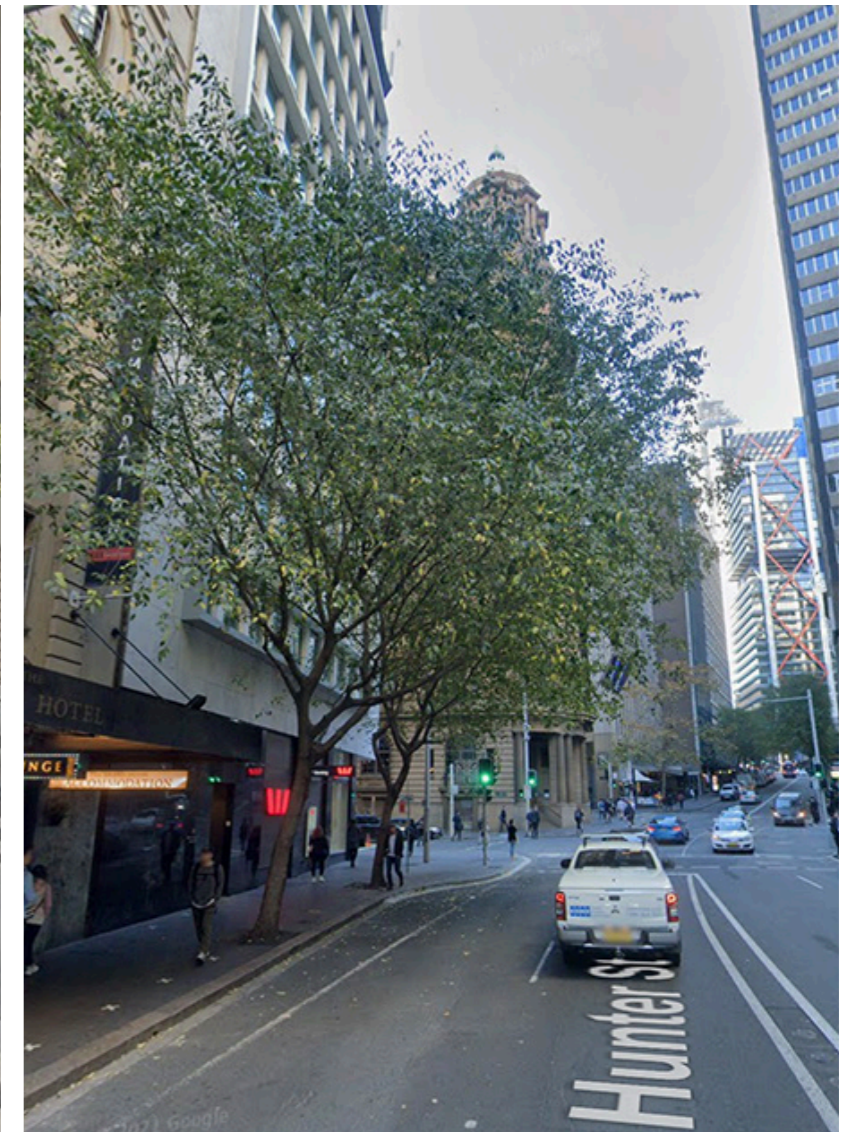
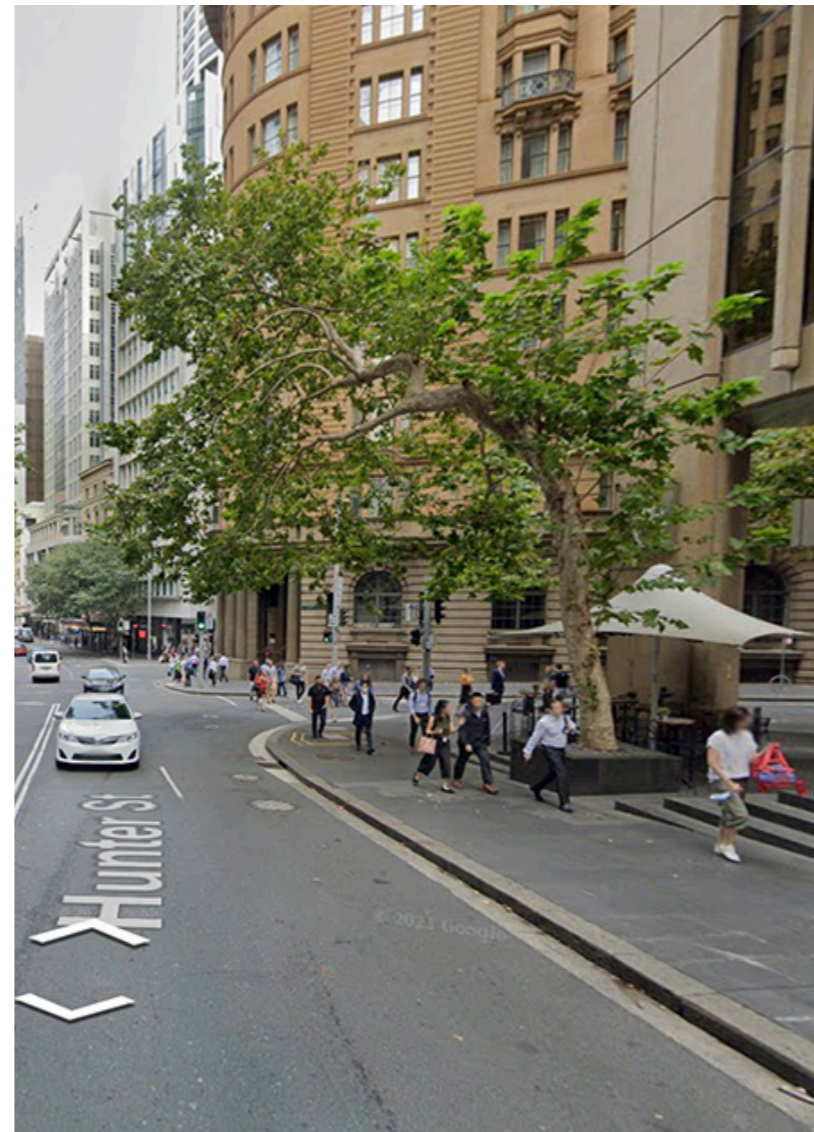
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EXISTING/PLANNED SPECIES LEGEND

- *Lophostemon confertus*
- *Celtis australis*
- *Fraxinus pennsylvanica*
- *Platanus acerifolia*
- *Populus simonii*
- *Livistona australis* / *Washingtonia robusta*

STREET TREE HEALTH



- Many existing street trees are compromised by limited solar access and limited space for canopy growth.
- Street closures could provide opportunities to plant new street trees, in locations that allow for optimum canopy spread.

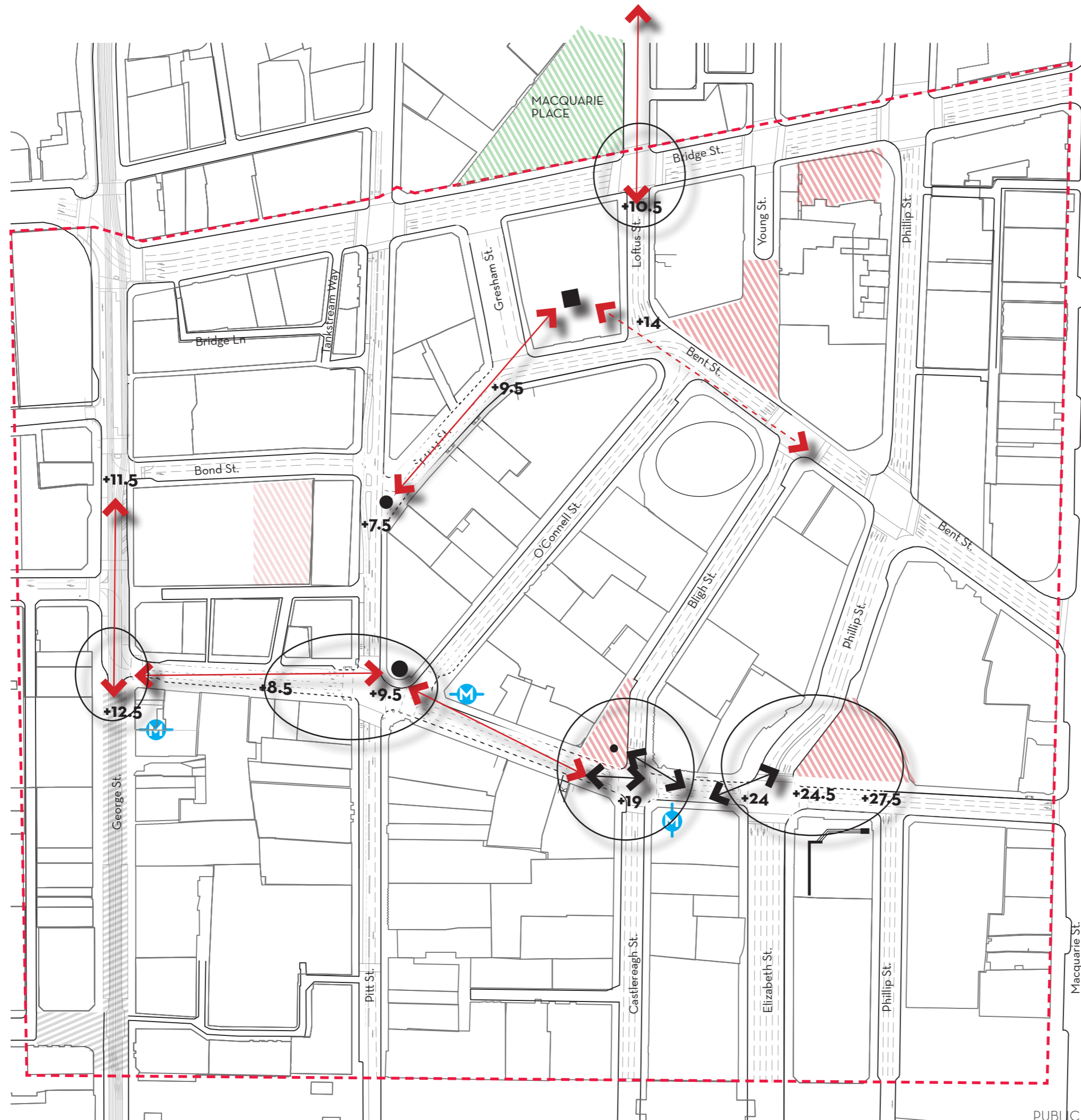
PUBLIC DOMAIN OPPORTUNITIES

HUNTER STREET PRECINCT SOUTH

- The combination of the irregular alignment and steep grades of Hunter St creates an intricate and highly varied public domain.
- The existing squares on Hunter St are located on street corners. These create a unique spatial structure that can be reinforced and expanded.
- The public domain design for Hunter St should be developed for each specific block, to respond to key views, heritage landmarks and levels.

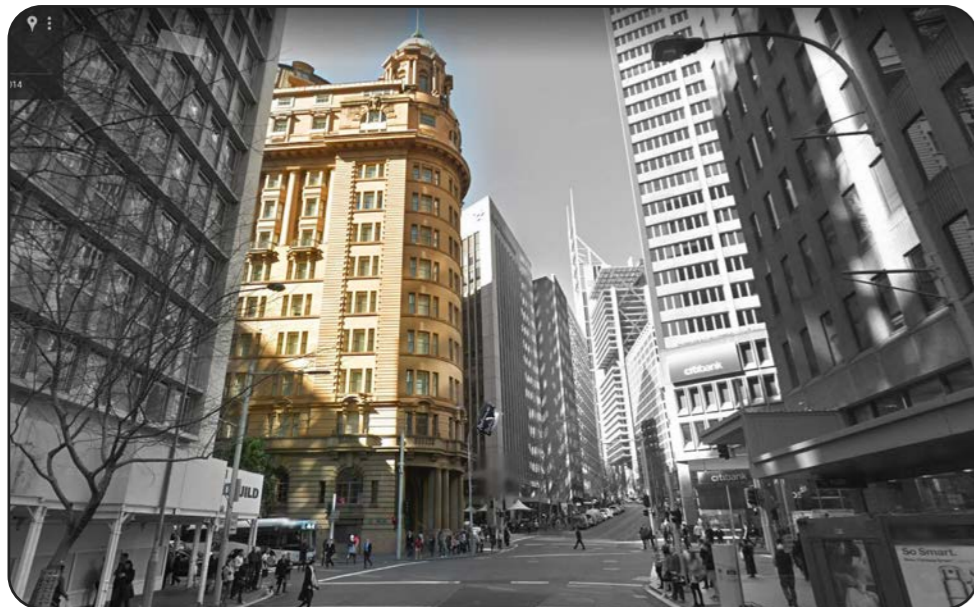
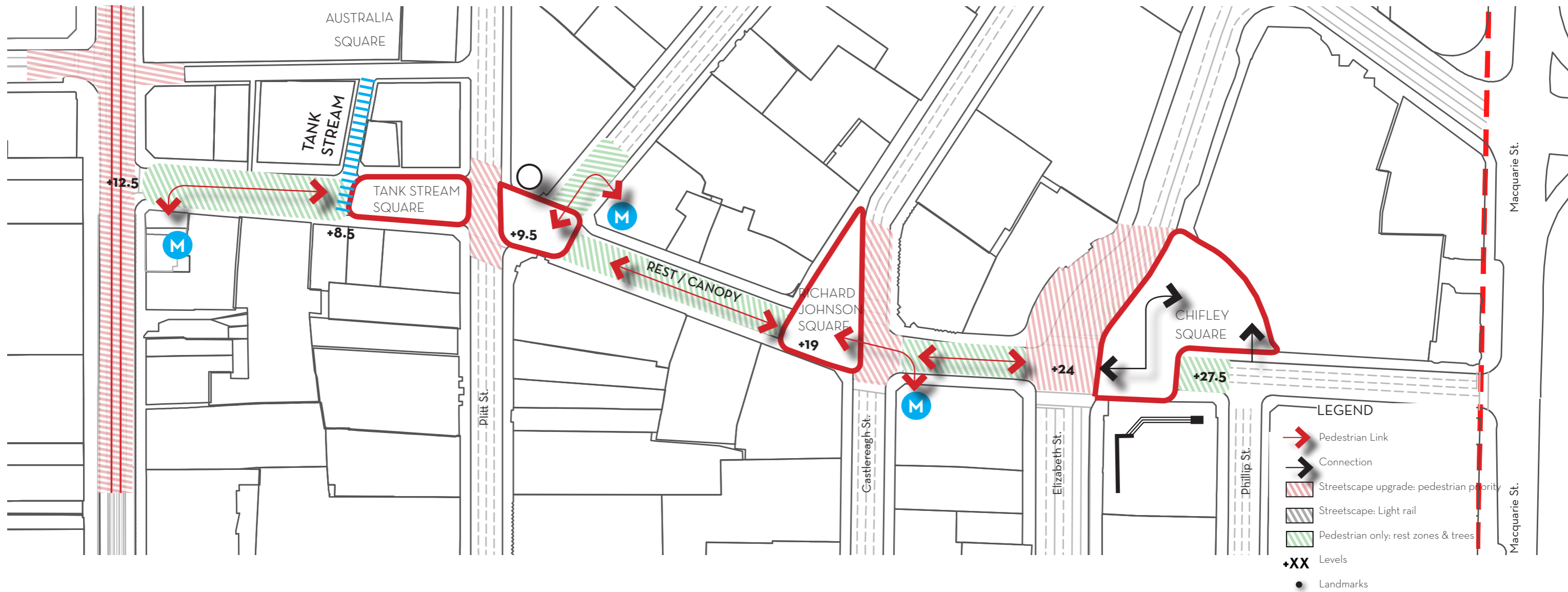
HUNTER STREET PRECINCT NORTH

- The structure of diagonal roads creates view corridors and sheltered spaces.
- The clock tower, sculptures and clusters of palms create visual landmarks.
- The high concentration of low scale Heritage Buildings provides solar access to north facing streets and public spaces.
- Use public street closures to protect and enhance views, and provide sheltered public spaces for seating and respite.



LEGEND

- Long View
- Short View
- Existing Public Square/ Space
- Existing Shareway
- Existing Park
- +XX** Levels
- Landmarks



TANK STREAM SQUARE

- Public space adjacent to heritage buildings.
- Connection to Hunter St.
- Potential to incorporate Tank Stream.



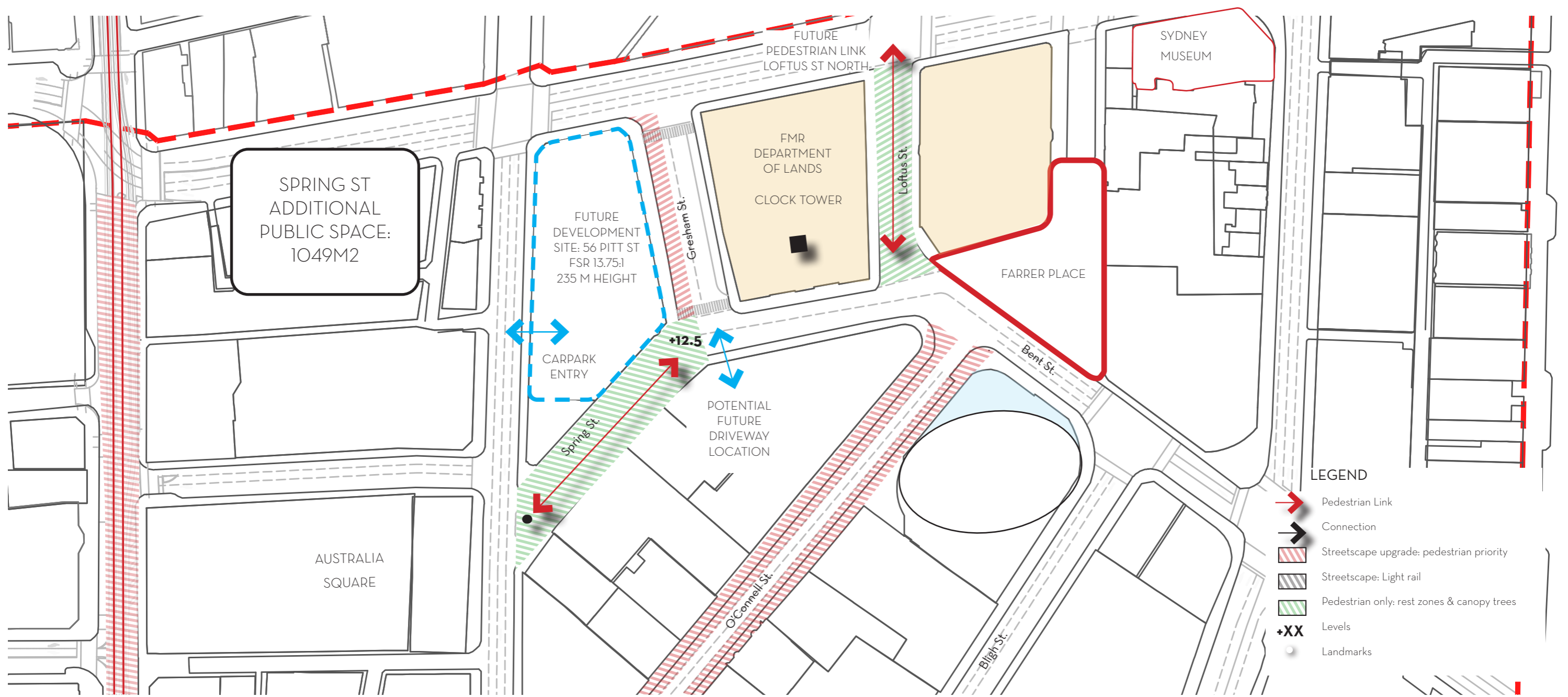
HUNTER STREET PEDESTRIAN ZONE

- Sheltered spaces with seating, canopy and framed views to heritage tower.
- Opportunity to expand Richard Johnson Square.



CHIFLEY SQUARE EXPANSION

- Public space expanded to include Hunter Street.
- Retains good solar access with north facing steps/ terraces.



SPRING ST PEDESTRIAN ZONE

- Spaces for movement and rest
- Shade trees configured to frame views to the clock tower and sculpture

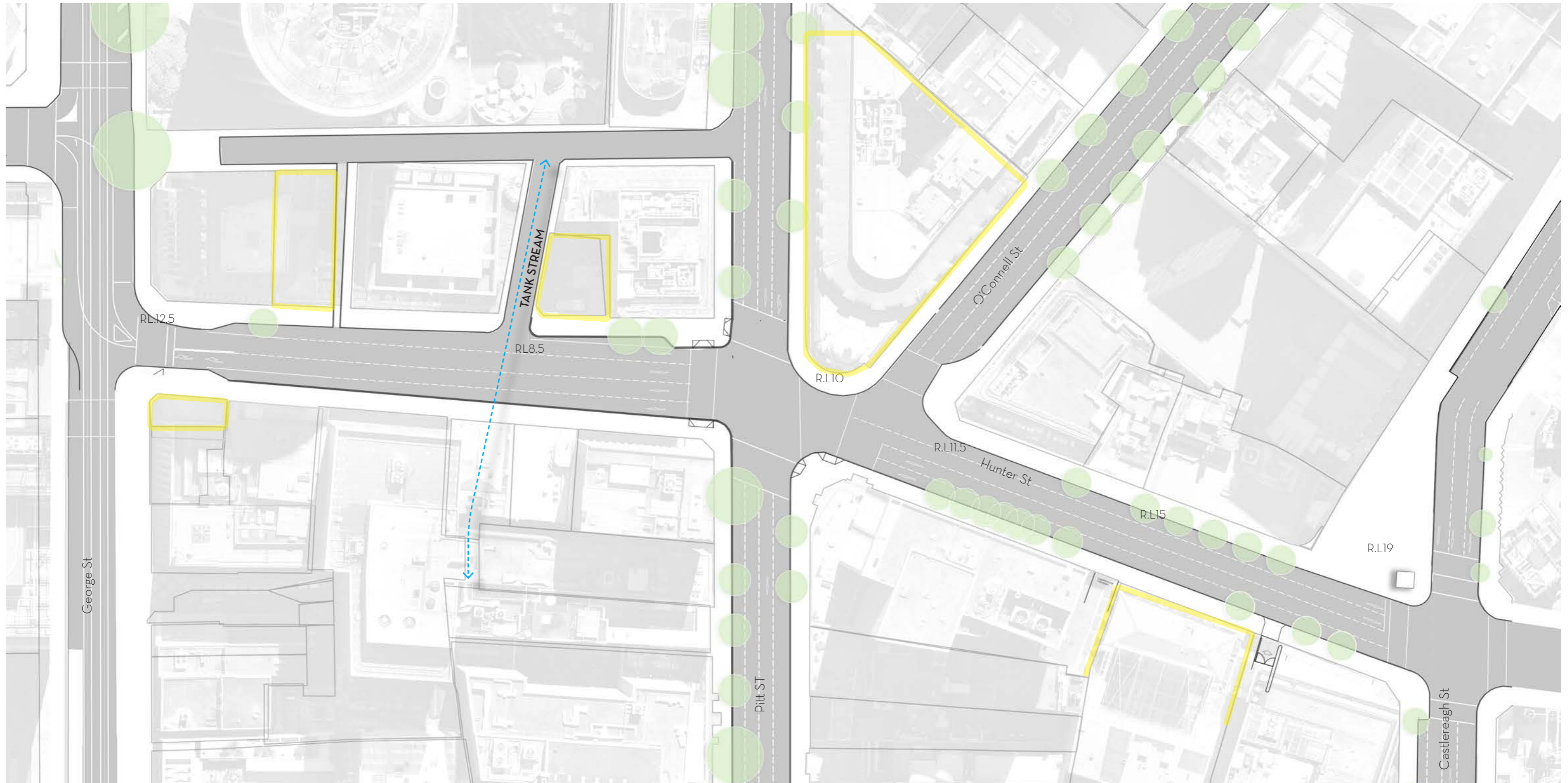


LOFTUS ST PEDESTRIAN ZONE

- Public space adjacent to heritage buildings
- Connection to Loftus Street north & Circular Quay

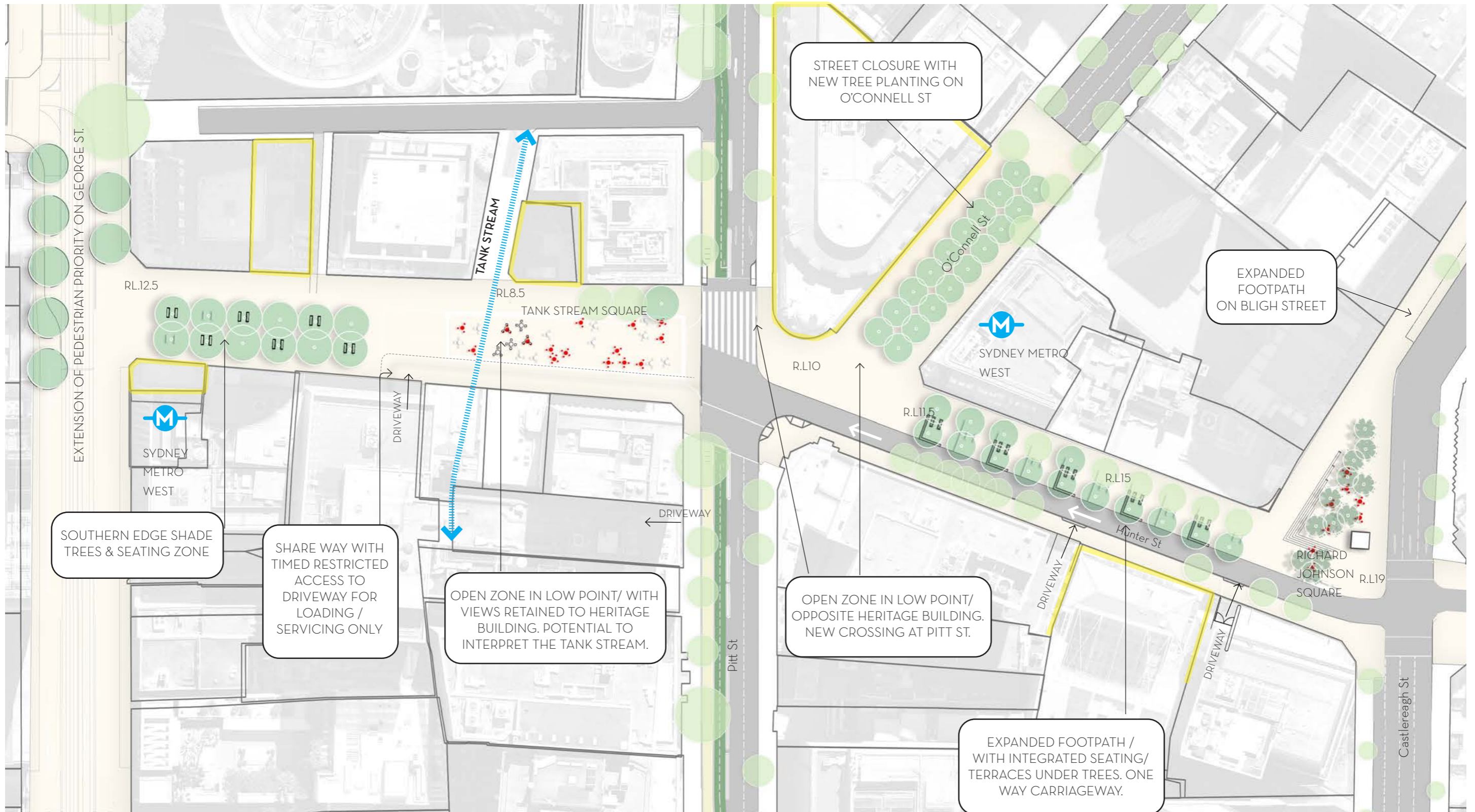
HUNTER STREET PRECINCT: SOUTH

EXISTING CONDITIONS



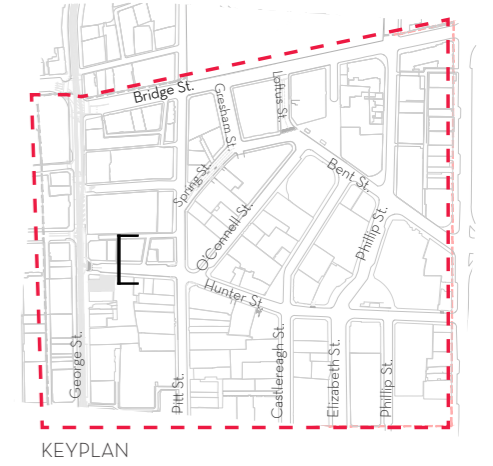
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OPTION 1: ONE WAY STREET CASTLEREAGH ST TO PITT ST

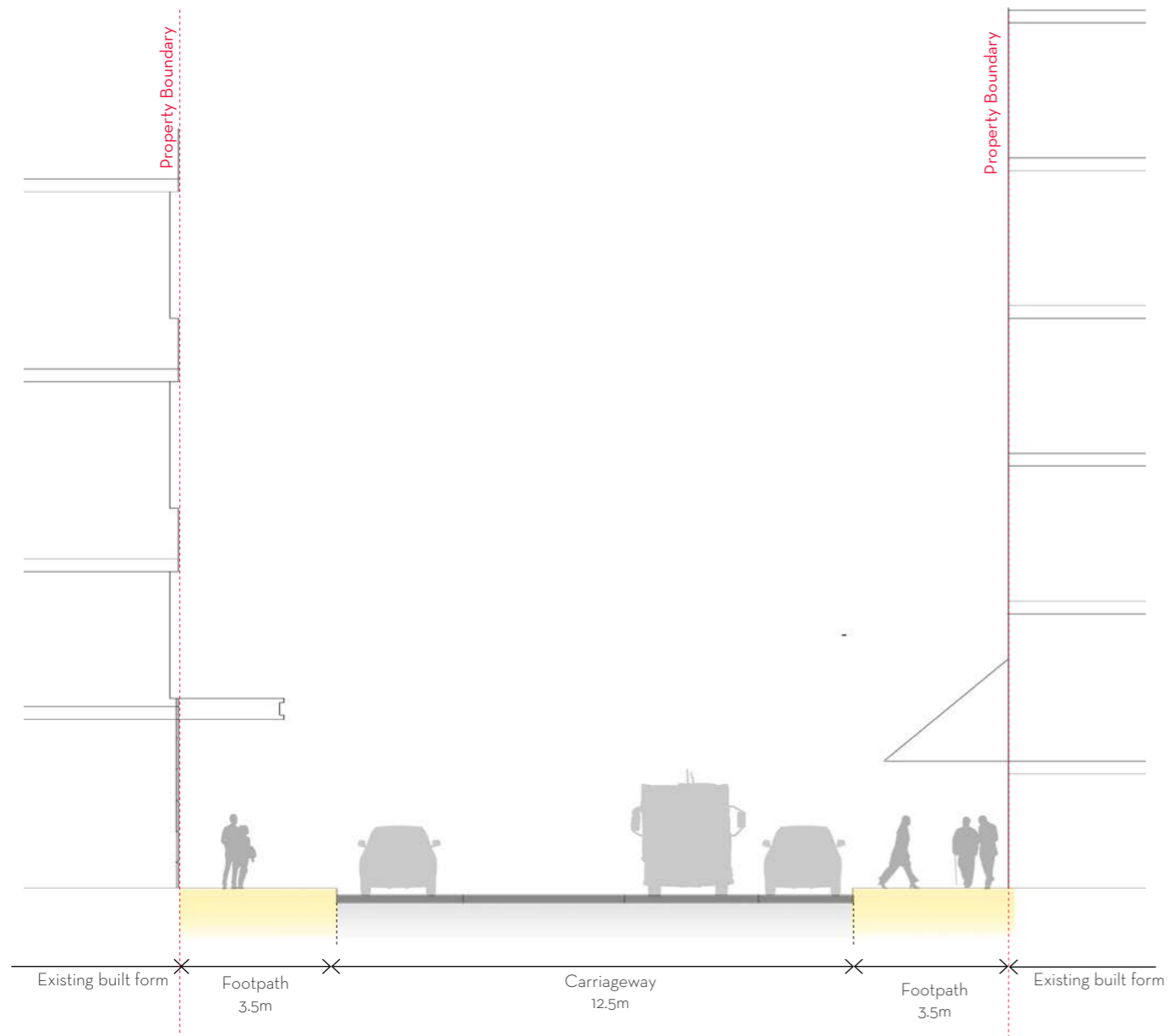


HUNTER STREET PRECINCT: SOUTH

HUNTER ST: MID BLOCK BETWEEN PITT ST & GEORGE ST



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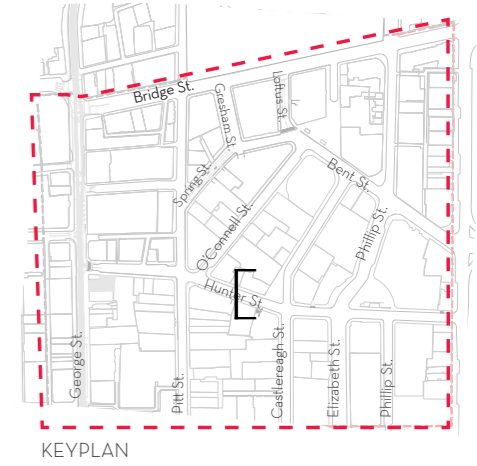


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HUNTER STREET PRECINCT: SOUTH

HUNTER ST MID BLOCK: PITT TO CASTLEREAGH: OPTION 1



HUNTER STREET PRECINCT: SOUTH



HUNTER STREET OPTION 1: BEFORE AND AFTER

Circulation and service vehicular access to northern side of the street.

This retains views of the heritage building on Pitt Street.

Slow zone/ rest area includes an avenue of deciduous tree planting with seating.

Retain open plaza at the low point.



EXISTING VIEW: HUNTER ST LOOKING EAST TOWARDS PITT ST

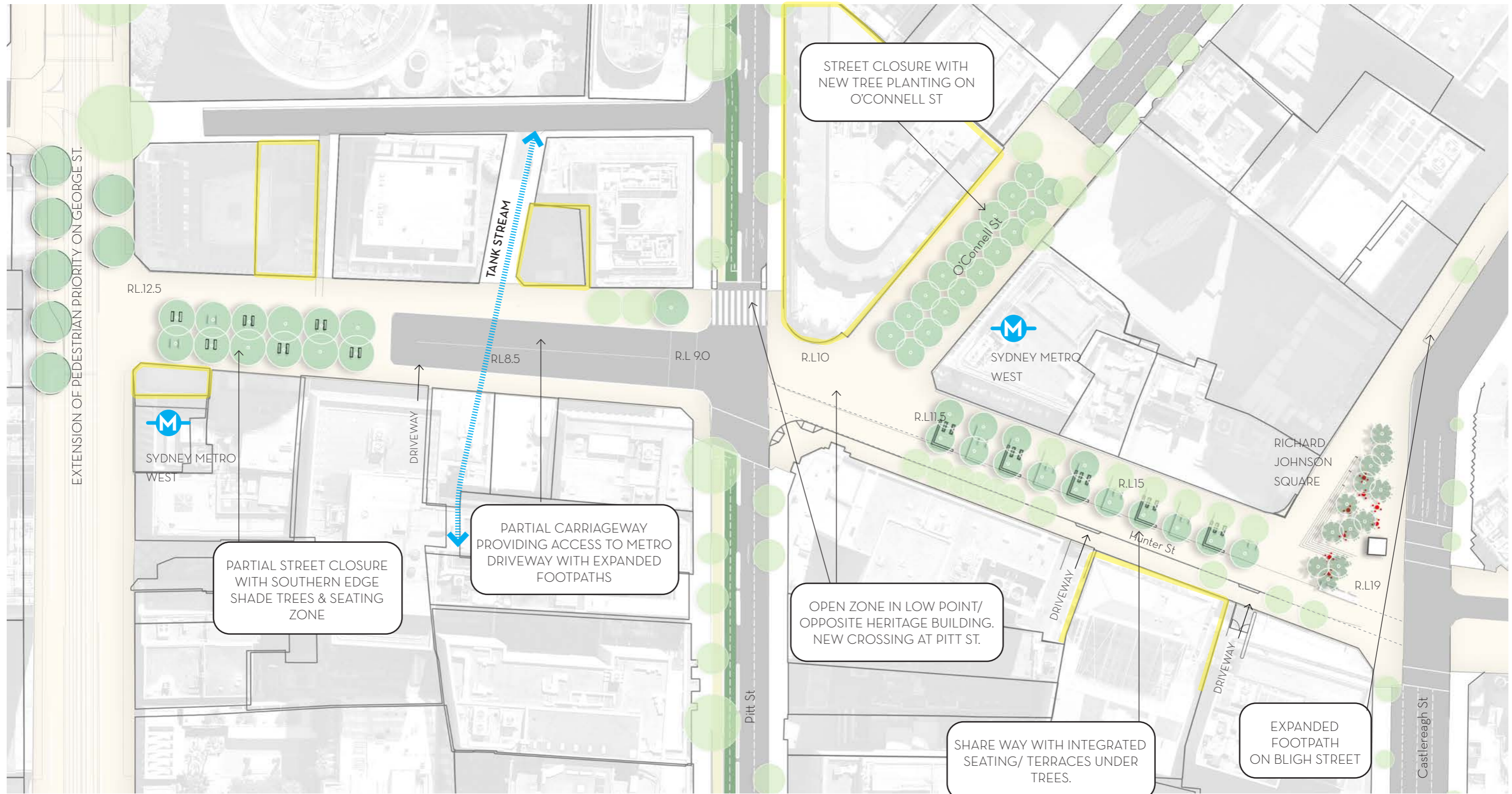
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PROPOSED VIEW: HUNTER ST LOOKING EAST TOWARDS PITT ST

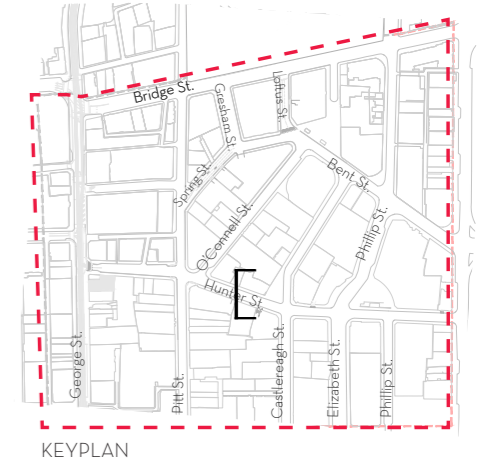
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OPTION 2: PARTIAL & FULL STREET CLOSURE



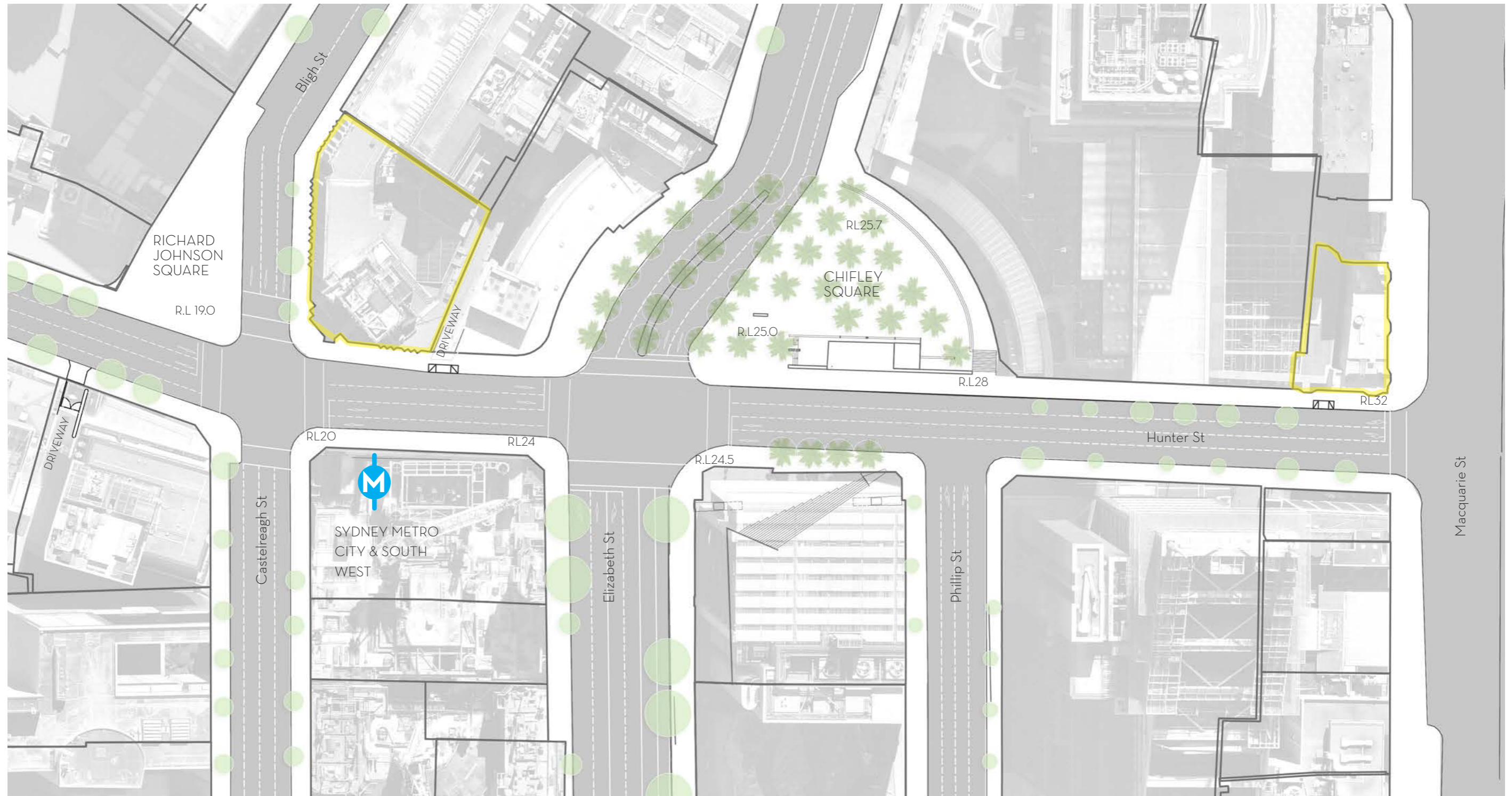
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HUNTER ST MID BLOCK: PITT TO CASTLEREAGH: OPTION 2



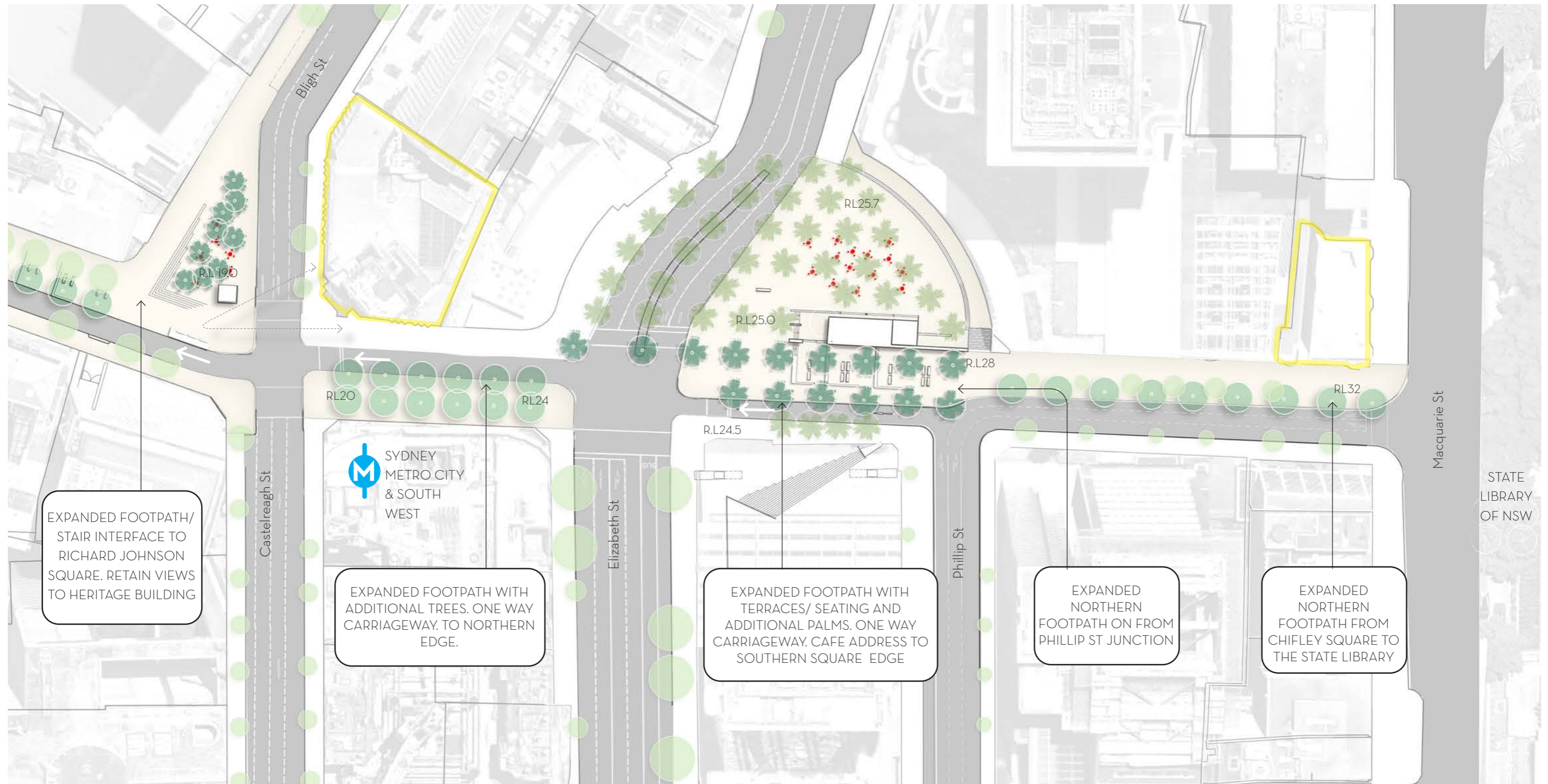
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CHIFLEY SQUARE : EXISTING



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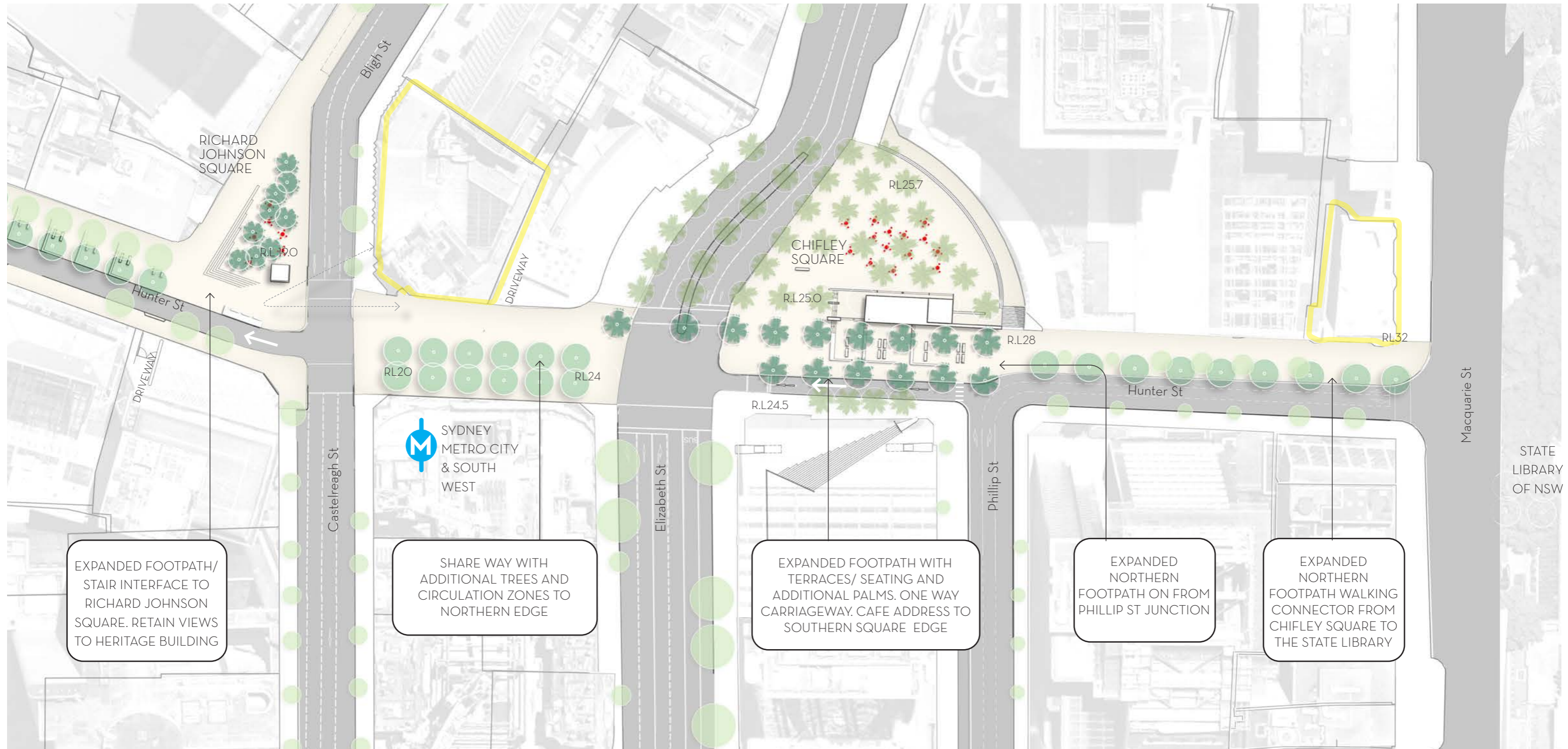
CHIFLEY SQUARE OPTION 1: EXPANDED FOOTPATH



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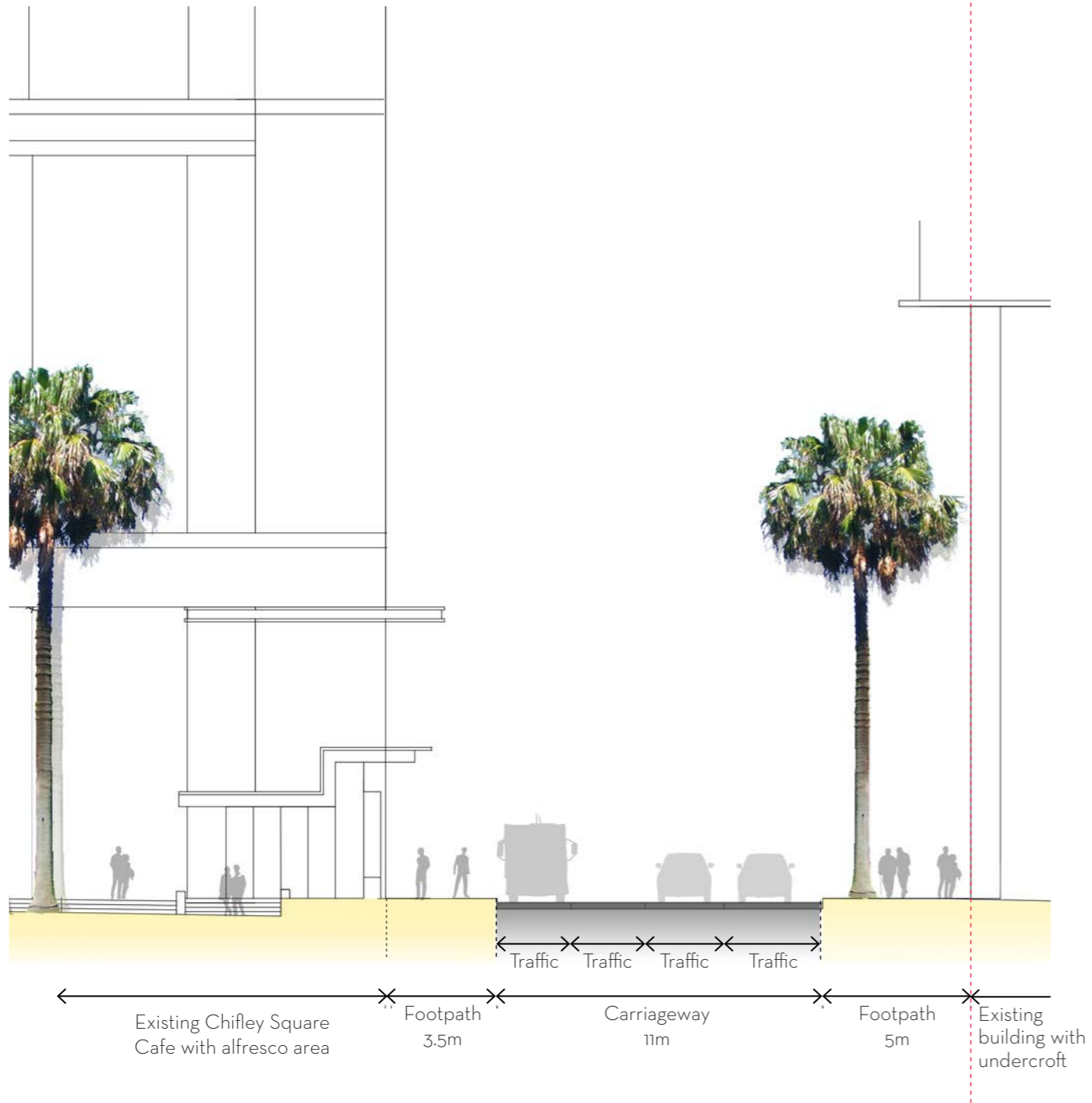
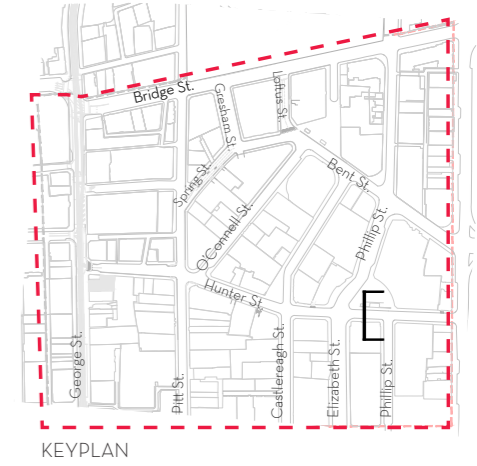
CHIFLEY SQUARE

OPTION 2: SHAREWAY HUNTER ST BETWEEN
CASTLEREAGH ST & ELIZABETH ST



HUNTER STREET PRECINCT: SOUTH

CHIFLEY SQUARE: OPTION 1 & 2: EXPANDED FOOTPATH TO HUNTER ST.

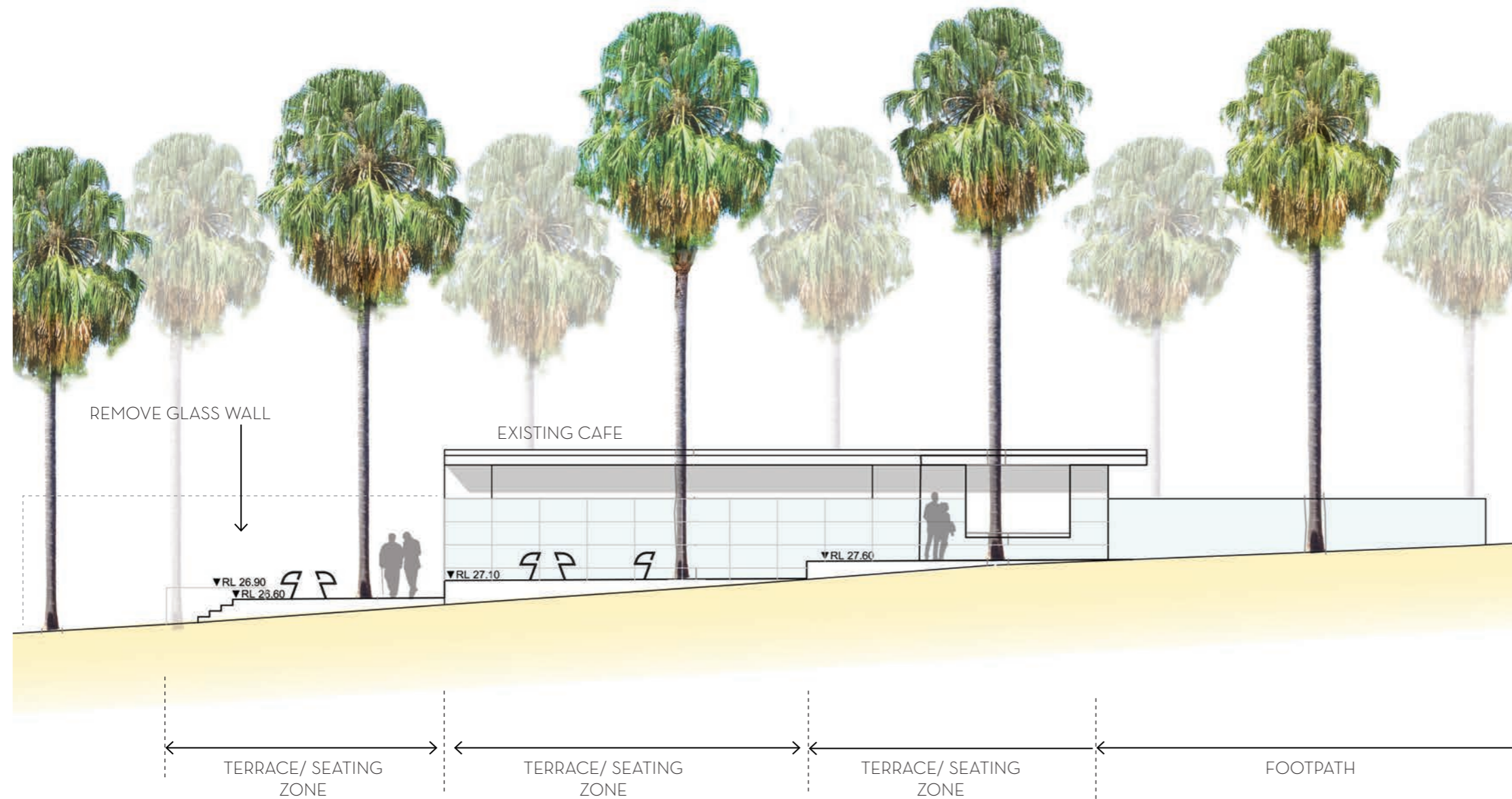
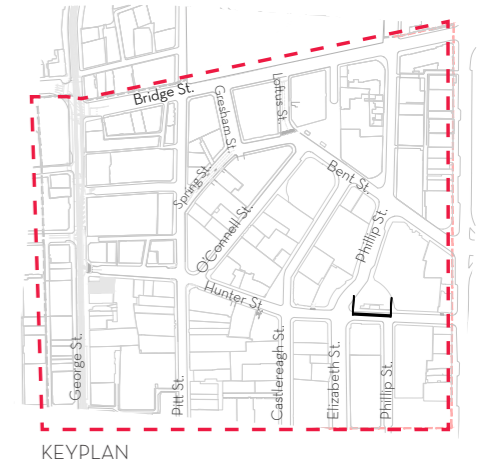


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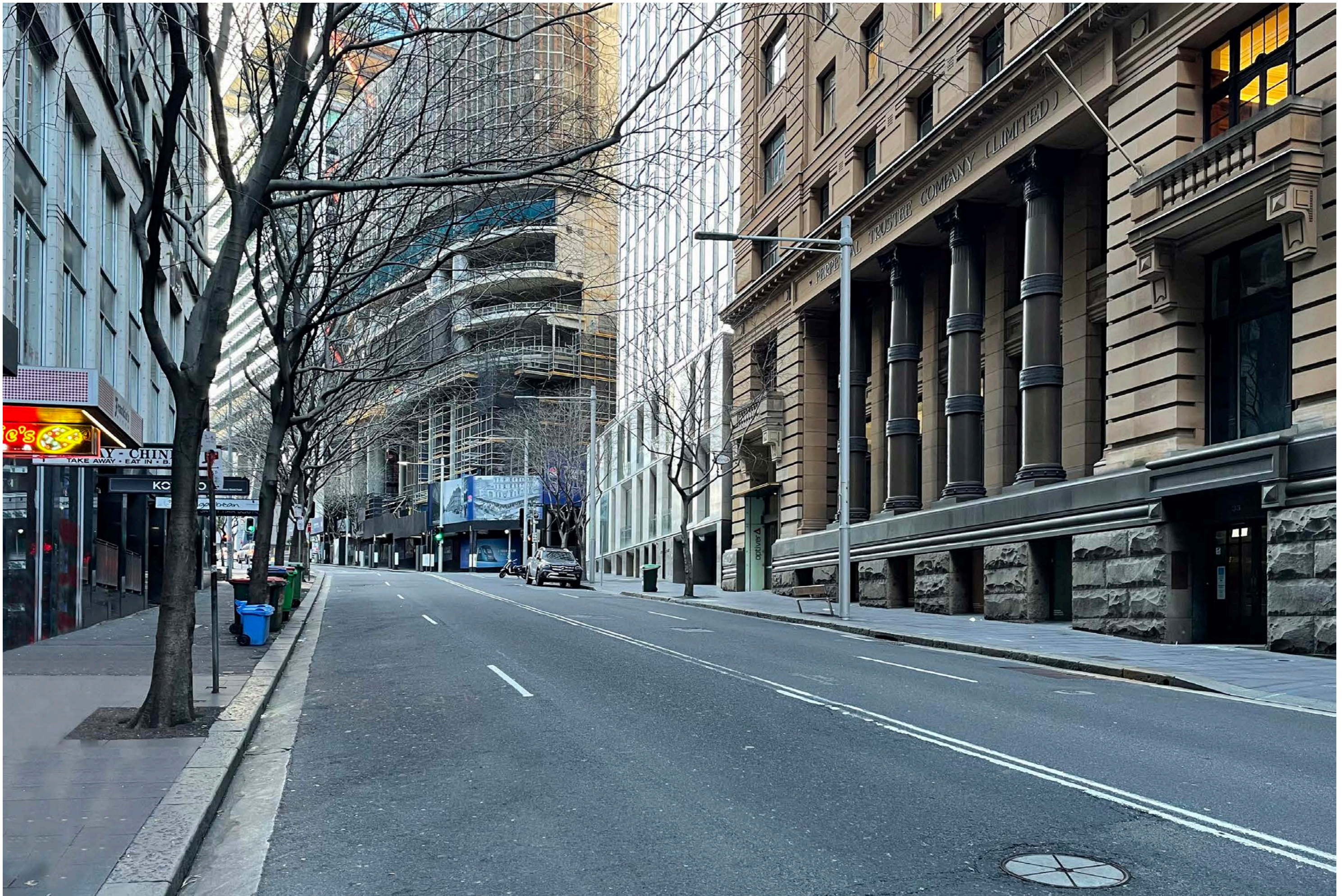
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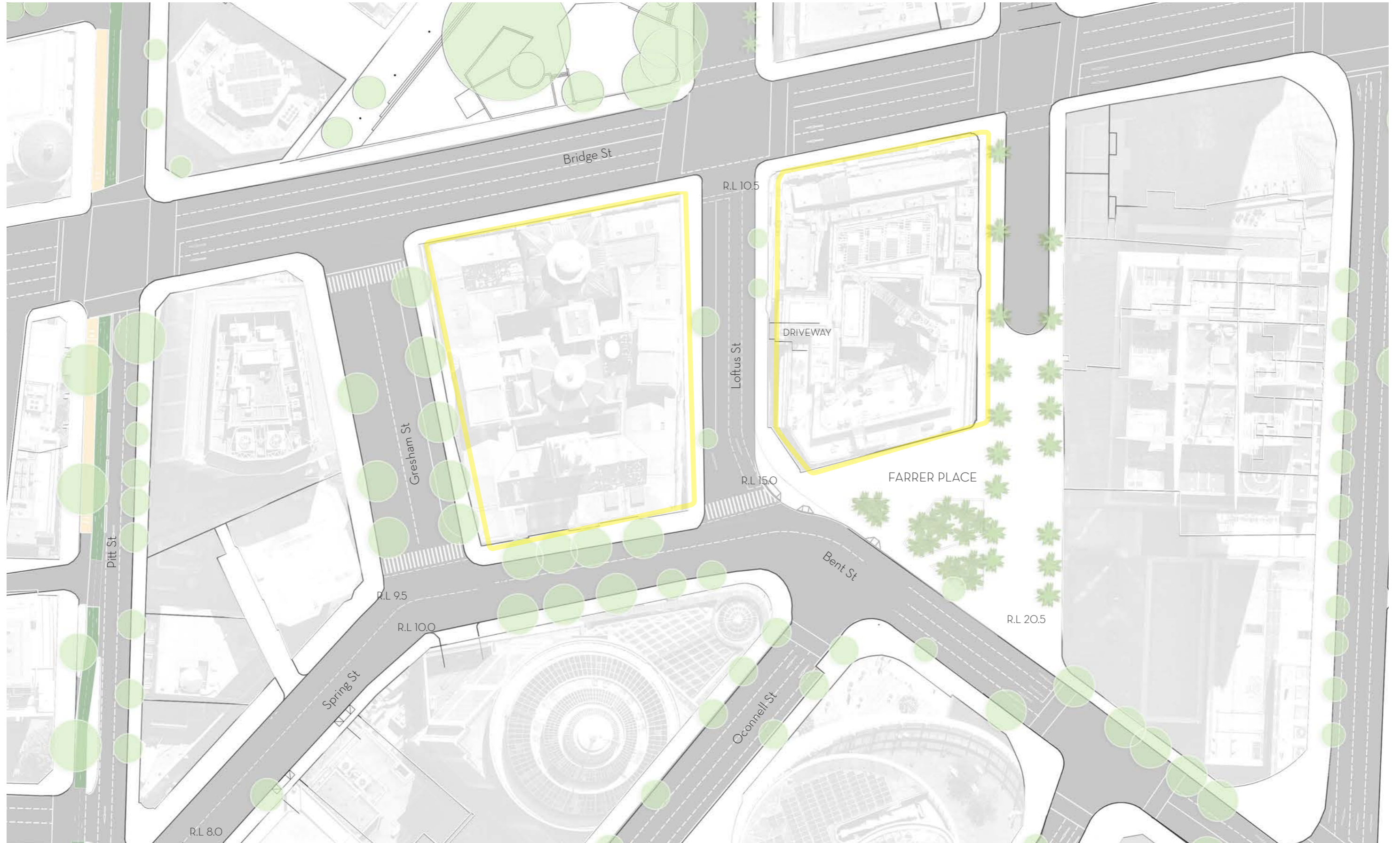
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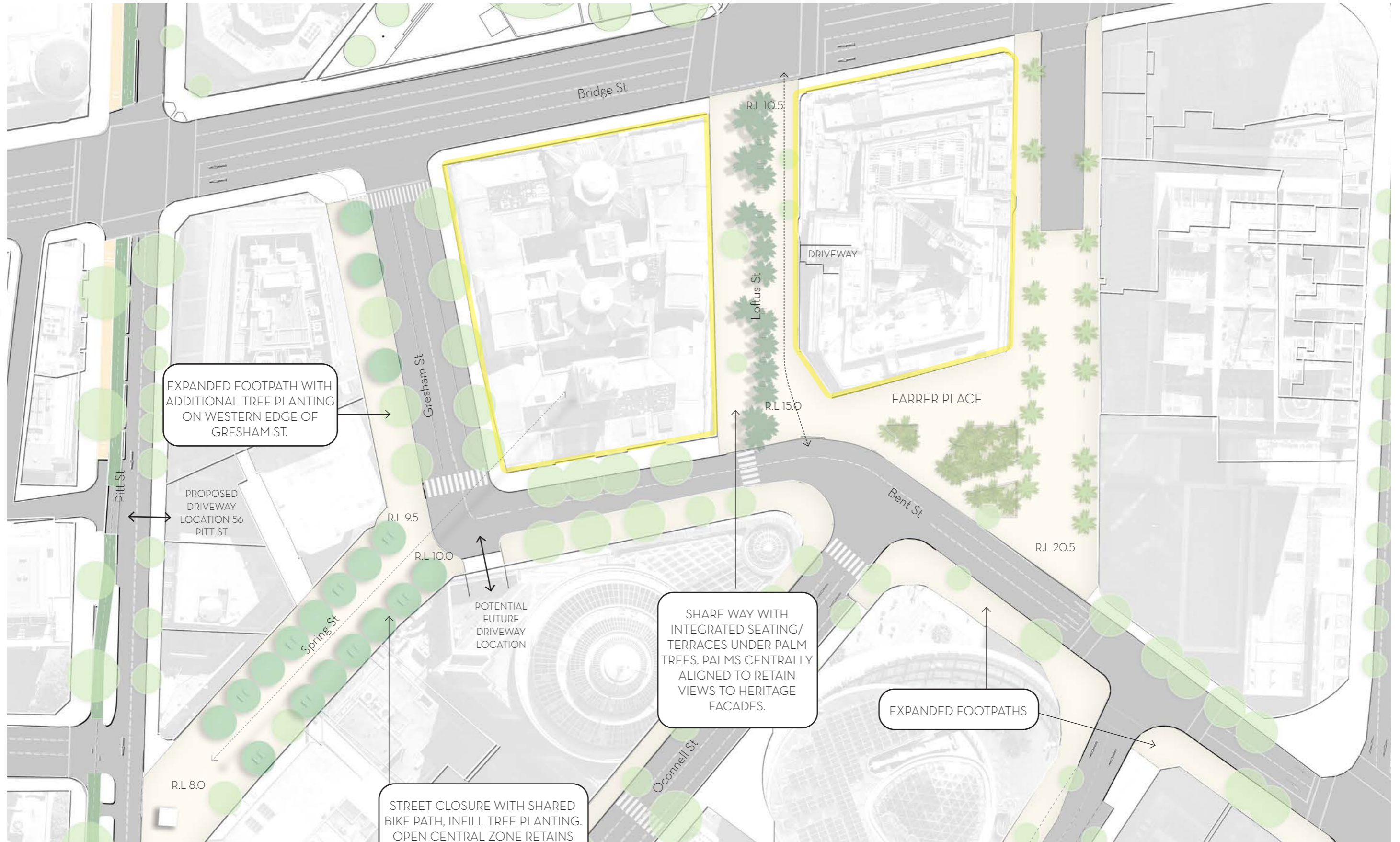
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HUNTER STREET PRECINCT: NORTH

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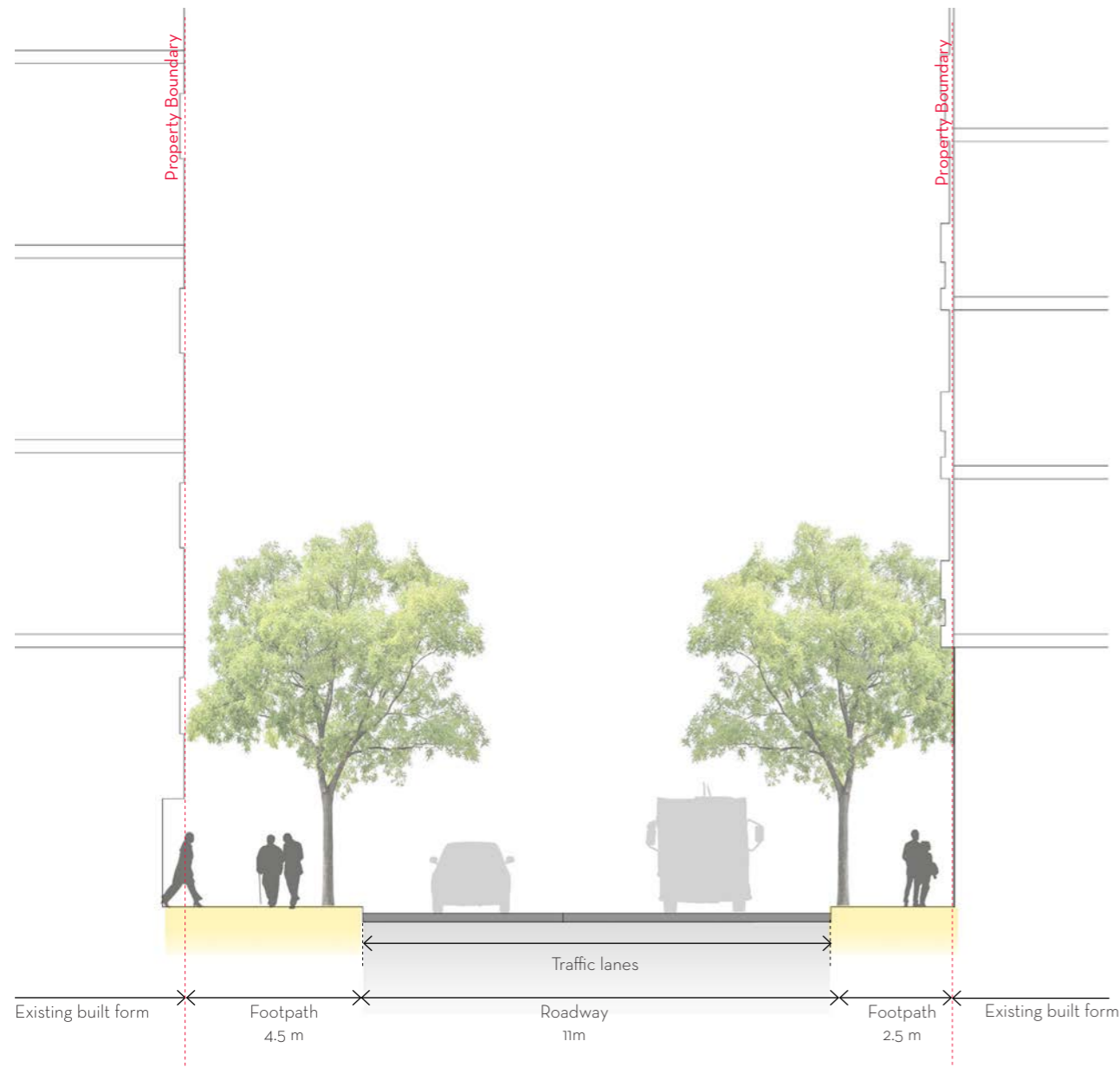
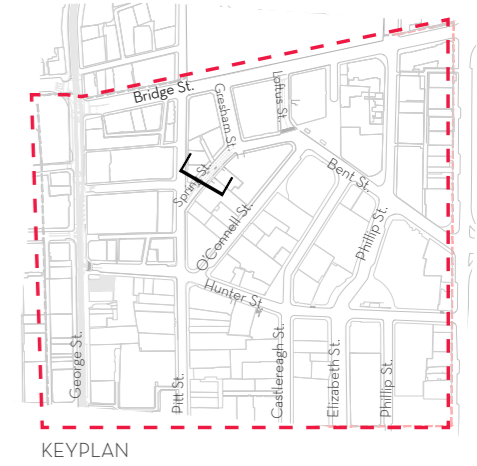
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HUNTER STREET PRECINCT: NORTH

SPRING STREET



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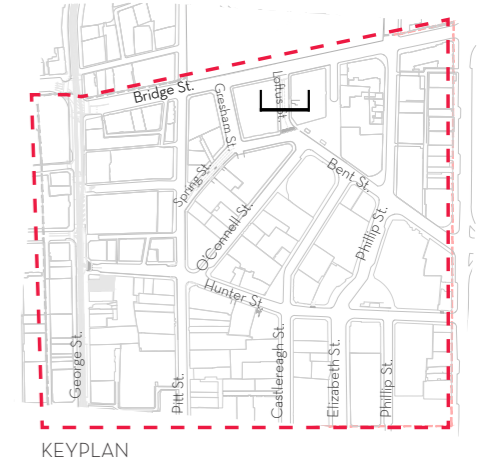
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SPRING STREET: BEFORE AND AFTER

Shareway with no direct driveway access.
Avenue of low shade trees frames views to heritage clock.
Capacity for temporary seating/ outdoor dining at night.

HUNTER STREET PRECINCT: NORTH LOFTUS STREET



HUNTER STREET PRECINCT: NORTH



LOFTUS STREET : BEFORE AND AFTER

Shareway with raised threshold for driveway access to the Sandstones.
Centrally located line of palms links to Loftus St North, creates a slow zone/ rest area
and retains views to the heritage facades.