

Director General
Department of Planning and Infrastructure
GPO Box 39
Sydney NSW 2001

4 April 2014

Attention: Michael File, Director Urban Renewal

Dear Mr File,

**SUBMISSION ON THE REVIEW OF PLANNING CONTROLS FOR NEWCASTLE CITY CENTRE IN
RELATION TO THE SACRED HEART PRECINCT**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed planning controls for the Newcastle City Centre and supplement our earlier submissions to the Draft Newcastle Urban Renewal Precinct. Our submission is enclosed for your consideration.

This submission includes a response to the issues and comments raised in the Department's memo to us on 29 August 2013, and provides further explanation regarding the development potential for the site.

We believe that detailed master planning is required for the site, and that this level of design and investigation is appropriately undertaken to prepare the Special Area/ Key Precincts DCP provisions. A similar approach was proposed in the Draft Strategy for the Wickham and Honeysuckle precincts.

Detailed master planning should not hold back the strategic considerations of the role of the site to support the Newcastle West Precinct, emerging western CBD, or to provide a green open space within the city centre. These opportunities cannot be pursued without changes to the Draft Strategy and amendments to the Newcastle LEP.

We therefore look forward to your consideration of our submission, and we would welcome the opportunity to answer any questions that you have arising from that review. We would appreciate the opportunity to meet with you to discuss the details of this submission and response to the matters previously raised by the Department for this site. Garry Fielding, Senior Consultation will be in contact with you to arrange a suitable time for this meeting.

Yours Sincerely,



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