



HARBOUR TRUST
SUB BASE PLATYPUS COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
14 OCTOBER 2020

Time: 6:00pm – 7:42pm
Venue: Zoom Video Conferencing

Present

Trent Zimmerman, *Member for North Sydney*
Cr Jilly Gibson, *Mayor North Sydney Council*
Melina Rohan (Representative of Trent Zimmerman)
Ken Williams
Matthew Lorrimer
Neil Schafer
Paul Forward
Romi Hoffenberg
Tammy Dodd
Victoria Black

Apologies

Christopher Stapleton
Phil Burfurd

In Attendance

Mary Darwell, *Executive Director*
Kathryn Roberts, *Director, Marketing & Visitor Experience*
Daniel Sealey, *Director of Planning*
Libby Bennett, *Director of Heritage*
Michael Pender, *Development Advisor*
Rebecca Hill, *Head of Marketing and Engagement*
Rebecca Hage, *Media & Stakeholder Engagement Officer*
Ben Treble, *Program Manager*

MEETING OPENING

1. Executive Director Update

Mary Darwell (MD) acknowledged the Traditional Owners of the land and welcomed the Sub Base Platypus Community Advisory Committee (the Committee).

MD provided the Committee a brief overview of the Federal Budget inclusion of \$40.6m for the Harbour Trust. The funding will support vital safety and remediation works across all sites.

MD provided the Committee an overview of the Exposure Draft Harbour Trust Amendment Bill now on exhibition for community consultation. MD outlined the major changes include:

- Legislative changes for the Harbour Trust to operate as an ongoing entity.
- Changes to Members of the Trust appointment and expertise/ qualification requirements.
- Increased threshold for ministerial approval of contracts from \$1 million to \$5 million.
- Revised provisions relating to the approval of leases and licences.

Consultation remains open until 13 November.

2. CAPITAL PROJECTS: SUB BASE PLATYPUS STAGE 2

Preliminary feedback - Draft Sub Base Platypus Management Plan and Development Application

The Harbour Trust provided the Committee with an overview of the community consultation completed to date, and the feedback received from the exhibition of the Draft Amendment to the Management Plan.

Key comments provided during the request for Preliminary feedback of the Draft Sub Base Platypus Management Plan and Development Application which took place between 29 July 2020 and 14 August 2020, included the desire for green space and improved access to the site, some structures need to be retained for heritage interpretation and improved emphasis on First Nations heritage.

MP presented the timelines associated with Stage 2 project.

The Harbour Trust provided an overview of the next stage of consultation to commence late 2020, identifying three major items will be concurrently exhibited. These items include:

- Exhibition of Draft Sub Base Platypus Management Plan
- Development Application
- EPBC Act Referral

Committee comments on exhibition process:

- *A committee member enquired whether the community consultation will be a legitimate process whilst the Harbour Trust is exhibiting the Stakeholder and Governance Review or whether the Harbour Trust has already decided on a way forward, raising concerns over the timing of consultation within the project plan.*
- *A committee member questioned whether there is a risk of moving ahead with a design before approvals are in place.*
- *Members raised concerns regarding the 'ambitious' timeframe and concurrent community consultation and design development.*
- *Majority of committee are supportive of the exhibition process and timelines including early design work.*

Torpedo Factory Artist Impressions

Michael Pender (MP) provided an overview of the development of the project direction and community consultation.

MP provided detail around the modelling of the preferred option for the Torpedo Factory, using technical rendering artist impressions. MP noted the images used in the presentation are preliminary images and do not reflect the final design of the former Torpedo Factory.

Committee comments on artist impression:

- *Overall the Committee were pleased with the proposed technical rendering and direction of the Torpedo Factory.*
- *The development of the Torpedo Factory will make the site more appealing to visitors and locals.*

- *Pleased with the emphasis on increased green space and concept to interpret the space with First Nations heritage.*
- *The Committee noted that if there is opportunity to connect the green space along the waterfront to Kesterton Park, this would improve access and visitation to the site.*
- *Enquired whether the amount of parking in the Torpedo Factory can be reduced to make way for passive space.*
- *Supportive of solar panelling on the roof of the Torpedo Factory to enhance sustainability across the site.*
- *Given the increased funding, the Committee enquired about interpretation of the Retort House and whether this additional funding will include the coal stores.*

3. Other business – Traffic Management

Kiara Close

The Committee raised concern over traffic management at Kiara Close and the wharf end of High Street.

The Committee noted that visitors do not notice or obey the current signage at the road-way, commenting that the shared pedestrian and car zone poses a safety risk. The Committee also noted tenants at Sub Base Platypus are not aware of the road rules at Kiara Close are providing car park access to visitors. The committee requested the Harbour Trust provide information to tenants.

North Sydney Council has agreed to provide improved signage. This is not yet complete. The North Sydney Council representative noted the Council Traffic Committee will review the issue at its next meeting on 16 October.

High Street

The Committee noted increasing traffic at the end of High Street during the week as well as an overwhelming number of cars at the weekend. Visitors to the site are not aware of the parking in the Torpedo Factory and noted the Harbour Trust could improve signage around the site to indicate the two-hour free parking allocation. This would improve overall traffic management on High Street.

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

	ACTION ITEMS	STATUS	DUE DATE
1.	Harbour Trust to provide tenant with information on road rules / parking access.	Completed	15 October
2.	Harbour Trust to place Sub Base Platypus Torpedo Factory Renewal Project on Public Exhibition	Completed	12 November
3.	Harbour Trust to review signage for Parking in Torpedo Factory	Open	30 November