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Dear John,

**634-652 HIGH STREET & 87-91 UNION ROAD PENRITH:
DESIGN EXCELLENCE COMPETITION – STAGE 1 (BUILDINGS 1 & 2)**

We write regarding the Design Excellence Competition for 634-652 High Street & 87-91 Union Road, Penrith.

We confirm we were members of the Competition Jury who unanimously awarded the Design Excellence Competition to SJB and Architect Prineas in November 2017. The Jury agreed that SJB and Architect Prineas' schemes achieved the highest level of consistency with the Design Brief and demonstrated the ability to achieve Design Excellence.

SJB and Architect Prineas were the preferred architectural team for both the FSR 6:1 and 3:1 schemes.

Since November 2017, the Jury has been involved in ongoing design review following completion of the Design Competition. Following four (4) design review presentations with SJB & Architect Prineas detailing the design development of the schemes, we consider:

- The DA for stage 1 (Buildings 1 & 2) maintains the key architectural and urban design principals that were established as part of the Design Excellence Competition winning scheme;
- Design progression which includes a change to the new road location is equivalent to the design excellence qualities of the original competition scheme;
- That the height and mass designed within the Stage 1 scheme is appropriate in response to the masterplan context of the new road and ensures separated and individual buildings to provide greater amenity and quality design;
- That Stage 1 design appropriately considers the surrounding context and environment;
- There is flexibility in the masterplan to allow for FSR 3:1 or 6:1 options for the remainder in the site in the future;

We endorse the SJB & Architect Prineas proposal for Stage 1 for lodgement of the Development Application as demonstration of Design Excellence.

We request and recommend the members of this Jury maintain reviews of the design progression following lodgement of the DA at critical milestones.

Yours sincerely,



Dillon Kombumerri –
Government Architect NSW
Representative and Chair



Bob Nation –
Toga Representative and
Independent Architect



Brett Newbold –
Penrith Design Review Panel and
Urban Design Expert