

Walker Street

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2.1 Plant room justification

Top plant room

The plant room strategy for the proposed scheme is based on the following key principles:

- Lift overrun allows access to each stepped landscaped open space on roof.
- Envelope shown maximized however overrun to approx. RL 228.00 may be sufficient (9m overrun)
- Additional zone follows solar plane assuring no additional overshadowing
- Response to Council's Urban Framework CBD -Vision Document which seeks to maximise landscaped open space (with only 6% being accessible within CBD)
- Reference design places plantrooms on each floor therefore minimizing roof-top plant (note plant zones within each floorplate shown red)
- NLA gain in additional height is less than 800sqm, therefore client advice is that some or all can be deleted.



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Schematic floorplate layout of proposed with plant room location on each floorplate

2.1 Plant room justification

Contextual analysis shows no visual impact in comparison to LEP



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2.2 Visual impact – North View

The images shows a possible dynamic façade showing panoramic lifts and landscaped walls to north minimizing solar heat gain and providing interesting façade treatment without reliance on daylight access.





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2.3 Detailing of Northern Elevation

North Elevation

As previously shown, Reference design shows landscaped zones to north providing access to air and by floor filtration. Panoramic lifts assure dynamic façade treatment with fire protection easily achieved with pyrolytic glass.



Section of proposed scheme highlighting landscaped areas on each floor

Schematic floorplate layout of proposed highlighting landscaped areas floorplate

2.4 Little Walker Setback



Existing Footpath Condition at No.165 (extent of pedestrian public domain shown red



DCP – Podium to Boundary (insufficient public domain with reliance on street for pedestrian movement)



Proposed Envelope (maximizes public domain with minimal impact to amenity already narrow laneway)

2.4 Little Walker Setback



Future footpath condition at No.153 & 157 Walker St based on DCP controls (extent of pedestrian public domain shown red)



DCP – Podium to Boundary (insufficient public domain with reliance on street for pedestrian movement)



Proposed Envelope (maximizes public domain with minimal impact to amenity already narrow laneway)

2.5 Public Realm benefits - Context

The introduction of new Metro station together with a number of key developments either recently completed (100 Mount) or under construction (1 Denison, Victoria Cross, 88 Walker) will substantially transform the existing precinct.

The subject site has an important role in how it ties into the overall precinct and into council vision tor a vibrant and exciting public domain and therefore the through site Link connecting Doris Fitton Park to Metro Station will be a massive improvement for North Sydney CBD.





North Sydney Ground Floor Plan with proposed through site link connecting Doris Fitton Park, 153-157 Walker Street, adjacent buildings and Victoria Cross Station

2.6 Public Realm benefits – Upper Ground Floor

Upper Ground Floor

The adjacent plan depicts how changing the DCP controls would improve the public realm when compared to the DCP controls. The benefits of this gesture to the public domain are as follow:

- Public Open Space Increase (red) = 340 sqm
- Enclosed Public Space (blue) =494 sqm
- 834sqm or 43% of site accessible to public (excl. lobby)
- Retail Activation
- DDA compliant access between streets





Upper Ground Floor plan

2.7 Public Realm benefits

Lower Ground Floor

In addition to the previously stated, the changes the promoted changes to the DCP Controls would massively improve the quality of the public realm on Little Walker Street and therefore community experience with an increased footpath width and an active frontages facing East.



Street Activation
Public open space increase

Lower Ground Floor plan

2.8 Review of Floorplate

The diagrams explain how the amalgamated sites can result in an office tower with floorplates that can have an amount of sunlight comparable to other premium office towers in North Sydney CBD.





2.9 Landscaped Areas

Biophilia

153 – 157 Walker Street will set a new bench mark in a how a commercial tower can facilitate connection to nature North Sydney Residents, the workforce and visitors. The local biodiversity will be supported and celebrated at 153 – 157 Walker Street to create a better, sustainable future for North Sydney where biophilic design principles are employed to create a workplace that goes beyond looking good.



2.10 Access to Sunlight – Little Walker Street (21st June – 9am to 3pm)





2.11 Sky View Factor analysis – Little Walker Street

Methodology – Testing Existing Context

A sky view factor analysis for both the LEP and proposed envelope was undertaken to compare access to sky with the existing North Sydney context.



2.11 Sky View Factor analysis – Little Walker Street

The analysis demonstrates that when comparing the LEP and proposed envelopes with the current North Sydney Context the there is minimal impact on the percentage of visible sky on the points A, B and Cs along Little Walker Street.





Point A - DCP (41.6937%)



Point B – DCP (12.0444%)





Point B – Proposed (11.5088%) Reduction of 0.5356%





LEP Envelope & Context Massing Reduction

> Point A – Proposed (41.4088%) Reduction of 0.2851%

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Point C – DCP (9.8884%)



Point C – Proposed (9.9980%) Reduction of 0.5356%

2.12 Sky View Factor analysis – Little Walker Street

Methodology – Testing Future Envelopes in Context

A sky view factor analysis for both the LEP and proposed envelope was undertaken to compare access to sky with the future envelope North Sydney context.



2.12 Sky View Factor analysis – Little Walker Street

The analysis demonstrates that when comparing the LEP and proposed envelopes with the future North Sydney Context the there is minimal impact on the percentage of visible sky on the points A, B and Cs along Little Walker Street.





Point A – DCP + Future Context (33.7087%)



Point B – DCP + Future Context (8.4377.%)







LEP Envelope & Context Massing increase Massing Reduction

> Point A – Proposal + Future Context (33.6022) Reduction of 0.1065%

Point B – Proposal + Future Context (8.2192%) Reduction of 0.2185%

Point C – Proposed + Future Context (6.1728%) Reduction of 0.0804%

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Point C – DCP + Future Context (6.0924%)

