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PROPOSED TOWERS AN OPPORTUNITY TO COMPLETE DARLING HARBOUR REJUVENATION & BOOST AFFORDABLE HOUSING

City of Sydney Councillor Craig Chung is backing the development of two new towers that will bookend Pyrmont Bridge, stating that it would complete the rejuvenation of Darling Harbour and potentially provide a much-needed boost to affordable housing.

The City of Sydney has written to the Department of Planning objecting to the redevelopment of the Harbourside Shopping Centre and Cockle Bay Wharf.

“By flat-out opposing the developments, the City of Sydney is missing out on lobbying for and working with the applicants to deliver affordable housing in Darling Harbour,” Cr Chung said.

“The proposals provide a vibrant vision for the future of Darling Harbour, but there is also a huge opportunity for these developments to strengthen the fabric of our community.

“I am calling on Mirvac to include affordable housing options into the proposed residential tower that could be handed over to a local non-profit or community housing provider to help alleviate growing homelessness and housing affordability issues in the City”.

The City of Sydney has a target of 7.5% of all housing in the local area will be social housing provided by government and community providers and 7.5% will be affordable housing delivered by not-for-profit or other providers.

“The City’s housing affordability targets are ambitious but incredibly important in ensuring that our City remains accessible to a diverse community”.

Cr Chung also said that the new developments offer an opportunity to complete the rejuvenation of Darling Harbour.

“The City’s opposition to the new towers is symptomatic of the lack of vision that Clover Moore and her team has when it comes to Darling Harbour”, Cr Chung said.

“Assuming that the new developments are sympathetic to any local heritage concerns, and have a minimal effect on existing residents and businesses, we should be giving the green light to exciting opportunities like this.

“The redevelopment of Harbourside and Cockle Bay Wharf is an opportunity to complete the rejuvenation of Darling Harbour, complementing the new International Convention Centre and the under-construction ‘Ribbon’ development that has completely transformed the precinct”.

Cr Chung said that Council should be embracing the developments citing the “huge boost” to jobs and tourism that they would bring.

“We should be welcoming innovation and vision when it comes to the improvement of the City’s precincts, not just applying anti-development blanket bans to every idea that is proposed”, Cr

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Chung said.

Cr Chung said that he urges the City to withdraw its opposition to the developments and to work with the applicants to deliver projects that “work for the current and future residents, businesses and visitors to Darling Harbour”.

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