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13 Dec 08	<p>I have gone to your website and tried putting this into your comments area and found there was not enough space. Sorry.</p> <p>I am quoting direct from your website, The Development page. "The proposal does not seek any additional floor space above the existing amount provided on site. Rather an alternative configuration is that will result in better urban design and built form."</p> <p>I feel this is a trick statement as you do not talk about actual height of the new building required to keep to the existing floor space. Very clever. Granting this DA will allow others to do the same and turn Double Bay into Surfers Paradise. And lets face it, anyone who has been there will tell you that the streets are cold and dark with no natural light due to the buildings. So while your proposal deals with light and space on the inside and on the development land, no discussion has been made about how it affects the area surrounding the development. As the first generation of working immigrants, I am one of many who can inform you that not all residents of Sydney's Eastern Suburbs are rich. Your "high end" hotel and apartments and new "high end" retail shows that you have not done enough research. Having lived local to Double Bay including living in Double Bay, I have seen it go through a lot of changes and "high end" doesn't work anymore. This is apparent with the opening of a "seven eleven" type store just a few doors down from you & of course Double Bay Warehouse. Look at all the empty shops and the stores that are left. Yes, there are still a number of "high end" stores but no where near as many as there once was and a lot of these stores run lots of not seasonal sales to turn stock. Double Bay is not Double Pay anymore.</p> <p>Your proposal, whilst the concept is terrific, is only going to shut the locals out. The proposal will only appeal to the wealthy tourist (god bless their tourist dollar) who don't stay long and don't return often enough and the few rich Sydney siders. In fact you will lose the local dollar for your stores and really, are there anymore high end brands that want to be presented in Double Bay that aren't already presented in Westfield Bondi Junction. In fact, I try not to shop at Westfield, I don't like the shiny atmosphere. I try to shop at Double Bay when I can because of the village environment. An atmosphere that your proposal will reduce.</p> <p>I am sorry but this is really a letter of objection to your proposal and I hope that all the Government bodies that have now been introduced into this DA Application will not approve the proposal.</p> <p>I can be contacted by return email anytime.</p>
19 Dec 08	<p>To Whom it Concerns,</p> <p>I assume that knowing the local community is vehemently opposed to this scandalous development you have thought it prudent to slip "community consultation" in on the days a vast majority of local residents are still on holidays as schools have not resumed. This makes a mockery of any "community consultation" and is indicative of the complete disregard these developers have for residents. This project in no way enhances Double Bay and your propaganda pamphlet's photographic images are laughable. Why on earth didn't you show a picture of the "world class vision" of the 14 floor towers?</p>
22 Dec 08	<p>My mother recently purchased 23 William street, Double Bay which is to the north of your proposed development.</p> <p>Accordingly, I would like to be kept informed of the proposal, Community Forum Sessions and any determination made by Minister Kenneally.</p> <p>Would you kindly send me Newsletters by e-mail to this address, including any past issues. Thanking you,</p>



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14 Jan 09	<p>Dear Ashington people,</p> <p>In reply to your brochure.</p> <p>Your concept is very nice and I am all for it, but the 2 towers are too high and completely out of character with the rest of the Double Bay buildings. Come down 5 stories and I will support it.</p>
14 Jan 09	<p>Sir, I regard your latest glossy brochure as deceitful and misleading:</p> <p>A.by superimposing the image against the Bondi Junction skyline and the apartment block inside the Edgecliff hill. The Bondi look is the very thing we do not want in Double Bay.</p> <p>B. The apartment/high rise appears to be totally glass.</p> <p>C You mention 9 storeys above the podium-actually 14 stories above street level. My family as long term residents remain totally opposed to your gross over development</p>
24 Jan 09	<p>As a long time resident and a founding member of the Double Bay Residents Association, I was extremely disappointed with the design of your proposed development. I am NOT against development in the Bay. In fact, I welcome it. I am a journalist, who at the time, advocated the building of the Ritz Carlton Hotel. Unless the Bay (read Council) adopts a modernisation and reasonable expansion plan for the area, its cache as a prestigious shopping centre will die.</p> <p>I have watched so many businesses close over the years. So many people have lost money simply because the rents are too high. You can't blame owners trying to get a fair return on their investment and this is where the Council could get involved by giving the Bay concessional rates due to its special heritage and tourism value. But that's another story.</p> <p>I would like to see the Double Bay School go and the flat open land turned into free parking. I would also like the height restrictions eased in many streets - they are only stalling the inevitable by retaining the status quo.</p> <p>Now, my criticism of your design rests mainly on the single leaflet that arrived in my mailbox. It shows those very treacherous and dangerous European-style cobblestones in your piazza - a recipe for litigation. I can name at least six people who have brought action already in the Bay because of uneven ground - and this is on relatively flat surfaces!</p> <p>I just couldn't believe that any architect/developer would construct in the year 2009, a duplicate of those 1960 dog boxes fronting onto your unimaginative fountain. This flimsy, pre-fab affair is a prime example of why developers get a bad press. It's not what is the best we can do, but what can we get away with. Back to the drawing board!</p> <p>There are many other suggestions I could put forward, but I'll leave those until I have seen the scale model.</p>
29 Jan 09	<p>Unwelcome Unightly Unsympathetic Unethical Uninterested in how many peoples' views are damaged</p>
3 Feb 09	<p>Please Let me know details of the community consultation sessions. I would like to register. Many thanks</p>