

## Photo survey of the surrounding precinct

EDH is located on the north western edge of the Sydney Central Business District. It is bounded by Sydney Harbour to the west and north; to the east by the historic precinct of Millers Point (at its northern end), Walsh Bay, The Rocks and the Sydney Harbour bridge approach; and to the south by Darling Harbour, King Street Wharf and a range of new development dominated by CBD commercial tenants. The site has a 1.4 kilometre harbour foreshore frontage, with an eastern street frontage to Hickson Road. **Figure 1** shows an aerial view of the site.



**Figure 1** – Aerial photograph of the site

Existing development in the vicinity of the site is mixed, including residential, commercial, retail, community, recreation and entertainment uses. A brief description of development surrounding the site and site photographs follow.

## To the north/north east

Directly to the north of the site is Sydney Harbour. Waverton and Berrys Bay are visible across Sydney Harbour to the north. To the north east of the site is the historic Millers Point Precinct. Millers Point contains predominantly residential uses with small scale commercial, some retail and recreational space. The majority of the buildings are low rise row houses, bond stores and more recent high rise residential buildings. Most of the low rise houses are owned by the NSW Department of Housing.



**Figure 2** – Historic terrace houses in Merriman Terrace to the north east of the site



**Figure 3** – View north east from the site to Sydney Harbour Bridge and heritage buildings of Millers Point



**Figure 4** – View to the north of the site across Sydney Harbour to Waverton and Berrys Bay

## To the west

The entire 1.4 km western boundary of the site is bounded by Sydney Harbour. Views across the water to Balmain and the inner western suburbs of Sydney are available from the site.



**Figure 5** – View to the west from the site across to Balmain

## To the east

To the east of the site is Hickson Road, which is bounded in parts by a large sandstone sea wall. There is a significant change in topography to the east, with development beyond Hickson Road at a much higher level than the site. **Figure 6** below, shows residential terraces on High Street (to the east of Hickson Road) overlooking Hickson Road and the site. Beyond Hickson Road and High Street are Observatory Hill, The Rocks and Circular Quay.

Towards the south of Hickson Road, south of the sandstone sea wall there is commercial development along the site's eastern boundary in adapted heritage buildings and new high rise construction (The Bond). New high rise residential development is located further south east of the site (south of the Western Distributor). Sydney CBD is located to the east of the site.



**Figure 6** – High Street Terraces overlooking Hickson Road, the eastern boundary of the site



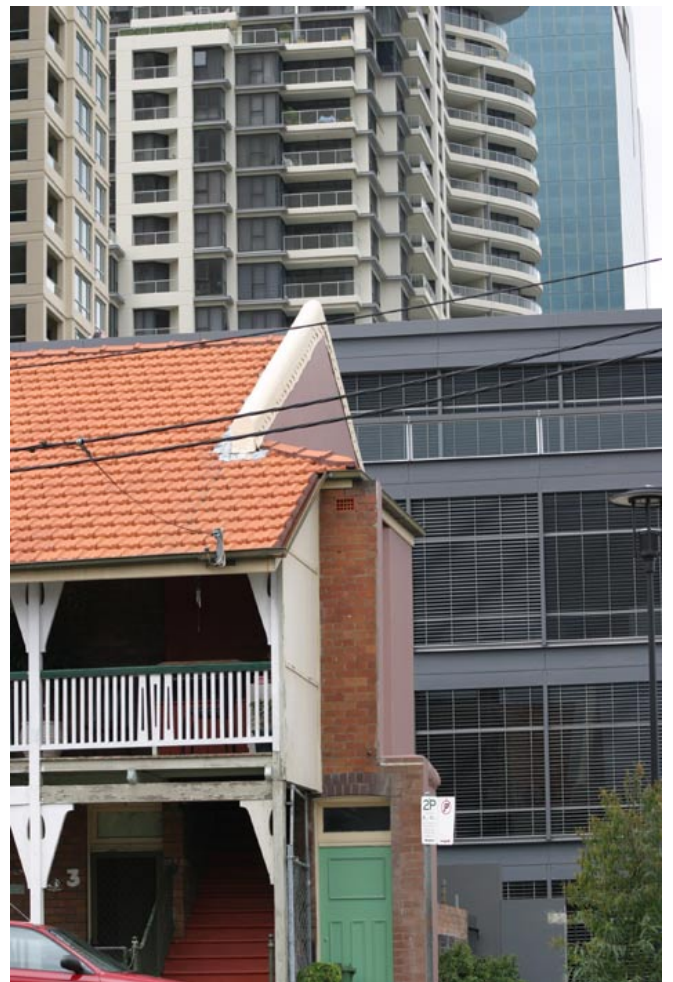
**Figure 7** – High Street Terraces overlook the eastern boundary of the site



**Figure 8** – Residential buildings overlooking south eastern boundary of the site



**Figure 9** – High rise residential and commercial heritage to the east of the site, along Hickson Road



**Figure 10** – Kent and High Street development mix with Hickson Road commercial development

## To the south

To the south of the site is King Street Wharf and Darling Harbour. Darling Harbour was redeveloped in the 1980s to provide an entertainment, recreation and retail precinct adjacent to the central City areas. The waters of Darling Harbour extend up through Cockle Bay and King Street Wharf to the site. King Street Wharf was developed in the late 1990s with the final stages of the development currently under construction. It is a mixed use residential, commercial and retail precinct fronting a waterside promenade. The site joins directly to King Street Wharf on its southern boundary.



**Figure 11** – Mixed use development on King Street Wharf



**Figure 12** – Commercial development in King Street Wharf