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Dear Mr Cavallo,

Sydney Ferries carries over 1.5million passengers to/from Darling Harbour per annum. This number is expected to rise significantly as a result of the Barangaroo development.

Sydney Ferries believes that the Barangaroo Concept Plan Amendment (modification no. 4) requires further amendment for the following reasons:-

5.3 Public Domain

The proposed public domain strategy for Barangaroo South is premised on “an active waterfront destination” but it does not include a Ferry Terminal.

5.3.5 External Public Domain

A series of external improvements such as (a) the interface between Barangaroo and King St Wharf and (b) new public piers and wharf projections over the Harbour for the future ferry terminal are envisaged to improve connections between Barangaroo South and the city. Unfortunately they are only envisaged rather than an integral component of the Barangaroo Concept Plan, as these improvements are deemed outside the Concept Plan area.

Sydney Ferries contends that they should be a requirement of the Concept Plan.

5.4 Access and Transport

Sydney Ferries carries over 1.5million passengers to/from Darling Harbour per annum. This number is expected to rise significantly as a result of the Barangaroo development. The Barangaroo Concept Plan Amendment (modification no. 4) requires further amendment, in that it does not consider Ferry Transport as an integral part of its plan.

5.4.3 Public Transport

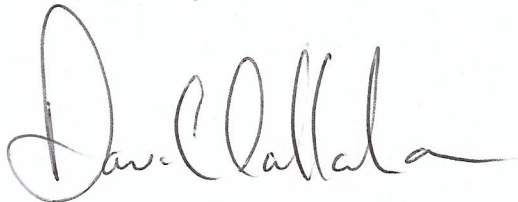
The Concept Plan Modification retains the proposed bus routes and extensions to existing bus routes, envisaged by the approved Concept Plan (as modified).

There have been a number of concepts for extension of the light rail system through the CBD. The Barangaroo Concept Plan Modification suggests that it will strengthen the potential demand for tourists/commuter trips along the western corridor. The plan further suggests that the proposed road layouts and pedestrian facilities are planned to allow for any future construction of a light rail system along Hickson road.

The Barangaroo Concept Plan Amendment (modification no. 4) 5.4.3 Public Transport requires further amendment, in that it does not consider Ferry Transportation as a key component of Public Transport to and from Barangaroo.

On this basis Sydney Ferries urges Lend Lease to incorporate Ferry Wharves and Ferry Transportation as an integral part of their Public Transport Plan.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'David Callahan', with a stylized, flowing script.

David Callahan
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