



North Sydney Commerce Centre 177-199 Pacific Highway North Sydney

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Envelope Studies Definitions

The following envelope studies for the site at 177-199 Pacific Highway can be defined through the following keypoints:

Achievable Envelope

An achievable envelope is best defined as an envelope that is technically achievable but largely disfunctional due to an unsuitable core location, non rectilinear and a floorplate of less than 1200sqm.

Functional Envelope

A functional envelope is best defined as a building where the resultant floorplates with a suitable core achieves a minimum of 1200sqm rectilinear floorplates.

Equinoxes

Our investigations of overshadowing at the Spring and Autumn equinoxes result in impacts that are not identical at these times of the year.

In each case the envelope studies show the extent of overshadowing in it's worst case scenario to best highlight the impacts on the respective Special Areas.

Critical Day

Our investigations of overshadowing throughout

the year highlight a particular day where the overshadowing impacts are the largest. This is referred to as the 'critical day'.

Worst Case

The study of the period of affectation on the critical day to determine the 'worst case' scenario.

Average Case

The study of affectation at the midpoint of affectation between the longest period of affectation and when the Special Area is no longer impacted by overshadowing.





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Overshadowing of Don Bank Museum Special Area

Study 1.

Achievable building envelope for no overshadowing to Don Bank Museum Special Area at equinoxes with stepped form to maximise GFA. Autumn Equinox, 21st March @10am

>Max Ht: RL 175.2 (Top of plant Level 26) >Achievable GFA: 35,270sqm (Loss of 9,500sqm)

Resultant envelope is achievable but largely disfunctional





Study 1A.

Achievable Building Envelope for no overshadowing to Don Bank Museum Special Area throughout the year with stepped form to maximise GFA. Critical Day, 17th May @10am

>Max Ht: RL 153.0 (Top of plant Level 20) >Achievable GFA: 25,845sqm (Loss of 18,925sqm)

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Overshadowing of Don Bank Museum Special Area

Study 2. Functional building envelope for no overshadowing to Don Bank Museum Special Area at equinoxes Autumn Equinox, 21st March @10am

>Max Ht: RL 164.1 (Top of plant Level 23) >Achievable GFA: 31,490sqm (Loss of 13,280sqm)

Note Functional envelope includes provision for: 1. Core

2. Regular, rectilinear floorplates

3. Minimum floorplate (1200sqm)

Resultant envelope is functional but not economic



Study 2A. Functional Building Envelope for no overshadowing to Don Bank Museum Special Area throughout the year Critical Day, 17th May @10am

>Max Ht: RL 146.5 (Top of plant Level 18) >Achievable GFA: 23,235sqm (Loss of 21,535sqm)

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Overshadowing of Miller Street Special Area

Study 3.

Achievable building envelope for no overshadowing to Miller Street Special Area at Equinoxes with stepped form to maximise GFA. Spring Equinox, 23rd September @2pm

>Max Ht: RL 175.2 (Top of plant Level 26) >Achievable GFA: 35,725sqm (Loss of 9,045sqm)

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Study 3A.

Achievable Building Envelope for no overshadowing to Miller Street Special Area throughout the year with stepped form to maximise GFA. Critical Day, 28th August @2pm

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Study 4.

Functional building envelope for no overshadowing to Miller Street Special Area at equinoxes Spring Equinox, 23rd September @2pm

>Max Ht: RL 167.8 (Top of plant Level 24) >Achievable GFA: 33,770sqm (Loss of 11,000sqm)

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3. Minimum floorplate (1200sqm)

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Study 4A. Functional Building Envelope for no overshadowing to Miller Street Special Area throughout the year. Critical Day, 28th August @2pm

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Study 5.

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Height Bulk & Scale

West Elevation

In response to following issue raised:

2. Height, Bulk and Scale.

The envelope of the upper levels of the proposed building will be visually prominent when viewed from the east and west at the edges of the North Sydney City Centre. Further envelope designs for the upper levels of the building should be prepared demonstrating a reduction to bulk and scale, as seen from the east and west, and, the introduction of greater articulation to the upper levels and skyline of the envelope



Current Proposal

The proposed envelope is comprised of three distinct articulated mass.

1. Projected volume on Pacific Hwy over the low-rise tower

2. Low-rise tower form setback from Pacific Hwy.

3. Plant area.



Preferred project elevation

The proposed envelope could be further articulated to reduce bulk and scale. This could be achieved in the following:

1. Reduced width of the projected volume on Pacific Hwy to create a more slender vertical expression of the tower form.

2. Introduce an additional element of articulation e.g slipped form, to further 'break-down' the mass of the envelope.

3. Low-rise tower form setback from Pacific Hwy.

4. Plant area and upper level setback.





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East Elevation

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Current Proposal

The proposed envelope is comprised of series articulated masses which have been derived from a combination of site geometry and also by avoiding overshadowing at the Winter Solstice.

- 1. Projected volumes to rear of site
- 2. General tower form.
- 3. Extracted volume set back to avoid overshadowing
- of Miller St Special Area.
- 4. Plant area.



Preferred project elevation

The proposed envelope could be further articulated to reduce bulk and scale. This could be achieved in the following:

1.Slipped form expression to reduce the bulk at the top of the building.

2. Introduce additional vertical articulation to create a more slender tower form.

3. Extracted volume set back to avoid overshadowing of Miller St Special Area.

4. Plant area and upper level facade articulation.



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Building Form

Projection along Pacific Highway

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3. Building Form

The proposed building envelope is inconsistent with Council's setback controls on the Pacific Highway alignment of the site. Further options should be provided and should include options for the design and appearance of Level 10 soffit as seen from the public domain.



Projection along Pacific Highway

The proposed projection massing along the Pacific highway boundary could be articulated in a number of ways:

1. Articulated form

- 2. Expressed structure
- 3. Floating Skirt
- 4. Recessed floor for articulation of form





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Appearance

Level 10 Soffit

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Level 10 Soffit-Materials

The appearance of the soffit to the proposed projected massing along the Pacific highway boundary could be expressed in a number of ways:

1. Aluminum cladding (high gloss for reflective quality)

2. Stainless steel

- 3. Perforated metal
- 4. Off form concrete finish- high quality

5. Steel rods