2. DEVELOPMENT LAND AND ITS CONTEXT

2.1 The Project Site

The subject land referred to as Nos. 2-20 Parramatta Road and II-I3 Columbia Lane located as shown at Figures I and 2 preceding, has a Real Property Description as follows:-

Lot 9	-	in Deposited Plan 68910	- Lhuede
Lot 8	-	in Deposited Plan 60261	- Lhuede
Lot I	-	in Deposited Plan 523775	- Lhuede
Lot I	-	in Deposited Plan 437118	- Lhuede
Lot 2	-	in Deposited Plan 635483	- Lhuede
Lot I	-	in Deposited Plan 814227	- Lhuede
Lot 5	-	in Deposited Plan 261926	- Hai Phong
Lot I	-	in Deposited Plan 124584	- Kennards
Lots A&B	-	in Deposited Plan 171468	- Kennards
Lot 4	-	in Deposited Plan 261926	- Lhuede

The land is burdened by several encumbrances, including rights-of-carriageway, drainage easements and electricity easements. It also includes certain Council-owned public roadway land which does not have Title (known as Columbia and Railway Lanes), on which no buildings are proposed and which will remain public land. See survey drawings at Annexure 2. [It is noted that the N-S proposed road 9(a) land shown on the composite zoning map at Figure 5 overpage passes through existing buildings and does not respect existing cadastre nor ownership patterns].

The Columbia Precinct site has:

- □ major frontage to Parramatta Road of some 310 metres on the site's northern side of the site
- □ irregular frontage of some 230 metres to SRA land on its east/south-eastern side
- □ irregular frontage of some 350 metres to the electricity substation and stormwater channel to the south and south-western side of the site

□ I15 metre boundary with residential and commercial buildings to the western side, leading back to Parramatta Road.

Total site area (excluding public roadway) is some <u>29,666</u> square metres, in the following ownership or related entity (see Figure 3 earlier):-

David Lhuede Pty Ltd - 16,530m²

Kennards Self-Storage Pty Ltd - 9,084m²

Hai Phong Properties Pty Ltd - 4,052m²

Total - 29,666m²

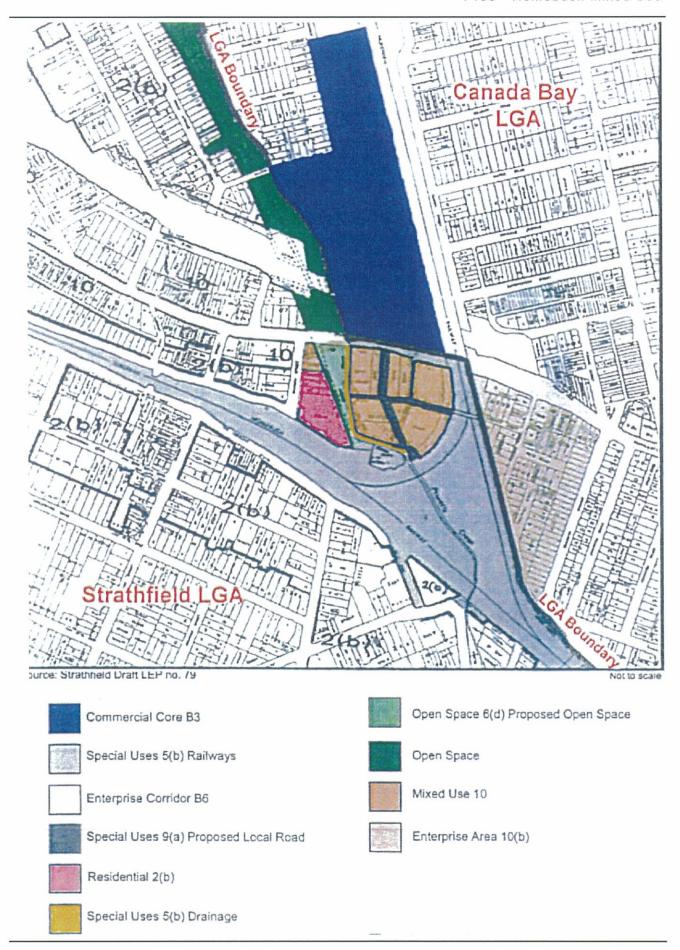
Strathfield Council (roads) - 2213m² (est.)

The Land and its Improvements

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The project land is largely level, falling only some 2 metres from north to south and 2-3 metres from east to west (also falling about 2 metres towards the east along the eastern section of Parramatta Road frontage to proceed eastwards beneath the railway bridge). The land is almost wholly developed and sealed (see aerial photography at Figure 2) mostly with buildings and otherwise with pavement. Existing buildings are primarily large floorplate older substantial warehouse-style structures of one to three storeys, dominated by the Kennards Self Storage building in the land's north-eastern corner. The site is used for a variety of purposes in addition to self-storage, including archive storage, automotive mechanical and smash repairs, car storage, warehousing, car sales yards, and vacant floorspace. Further detail on the background to the site's use can be found in the comprehensive heritage report prepared by Noel Bell Ridley-Smith + Partners and forming part of this Environmental Assessment.

Total building floorspace on the land today is estimated by Mayoh Architects at some 32,600 square metres GFA, representing an existing Floor Space Ratio (excluding publicowned land and stormwater channel) at over one to one. No building has any particular redeeming architectural appearance, (see photographs at end of chapter), none is considered to possess any heritage significance, and none is listed as such. With the exception of Kennards' large masonry building fronting Parramatta Road, all of the



Zoning of Surrounding Land

Columbia Precinct buildings are either near or beyond their physical and commercial life, and are therefore for all intents and purposes effectively obsolescent.

2.3 Site Access

All access to the subject lands is obtained either directly off Parramatta Road or from Columbia and Railway Lanes, both public roads, which also provide the only public road access through to the RailCorp land to the south-east bounded by existing railway lines. Those roads can remain in public ownership if Council wishes.

2.4 Local Context

The map over page shows the site within its localised context, illustrating:
the dominant east-west elements of the highway and M4 motorway

the proximity of Homebush Station to the south-west

the Powells Creek open space corridor heading off to the north-west towards

Sydney Olympic Park, also offering the opportunity to be extended south down
the western part of the subject land

the east-west and north-south rail lines adjacent the Precinct lands

the RailCorp maintenance land to the south-east and the adjacent electricity substation

- □ Bakehouse Quarter north across the highway and M4 motorway
- the strong banding of commercial activities east and west of the subject land along the Parramatta Road corridor
- □ the ample separation from residential flat buildings constructed in the vicinity of the site
- □ the greater separation from any lower-density residential areas nearby.

The further maps following, show that information in somewhat greater detail, in particular the extent of residential flat development occurring in the area, in Canada Bay as well as Strathfield Local Government Areas, reflecting the area's strong locational attributes and its excellent proximity to public transport services.



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ARTERIAL ROAD & MOTORWAY TRAIN STATION ---- RAILINE

EXISTING MIXED COMMERCIAL AREA PARKLANDS / RECREATION

SCHOOL

Concord Road

McDonald College

POWELL'S CREEK RESERVE CORRIDOR

NEIGHBOURING LOW-DENSITY RESIDENTIAL

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Proposed Bakehouse Quarter Expansion Area (Part 3A State Significance Project)

BAKEHOUSE QUARTER MIXED USE COMMERCIAL PRECINCT

SUBJECT

..... Homebush Boys High School

Strathfield Triangle Redevelopment Area

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Strathfield Station Line Interchange

400m RADIUS

State Rail Land (Maintenance & Operasions Facilities)

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RESIDENTIAL / MIXED-USE RESIDENTIAL SITE PERIMETER

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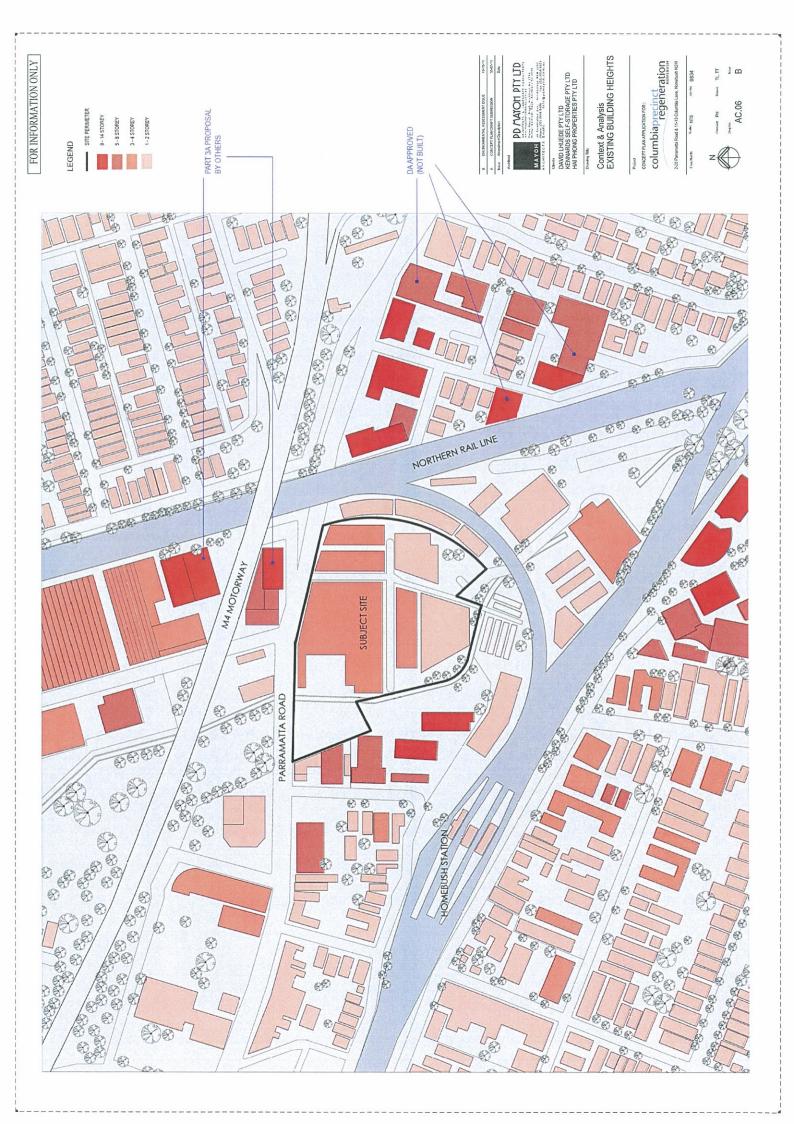
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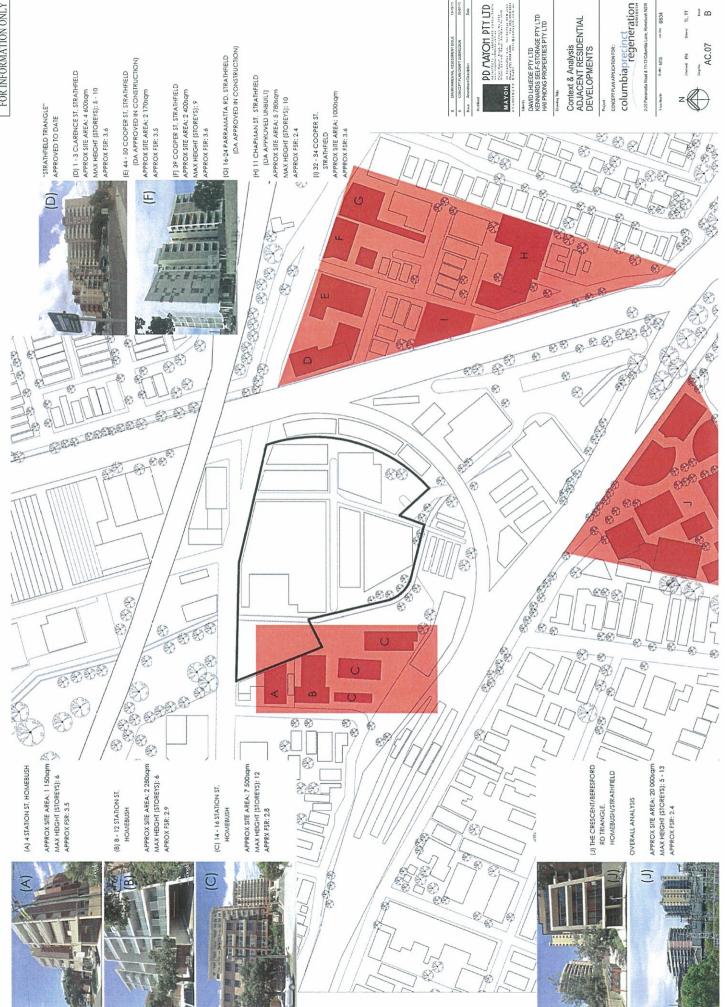
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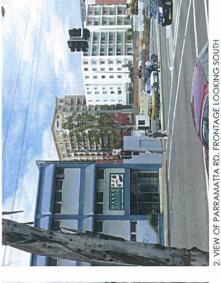




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1. VIEW OF PARRAMATTA RD. FRONTAGE LOOKING SOUTH - WEST





3. VIEW LOOKING SOUTH-EAST FROM PARRAMATTA RD



6. VIEW FROM PUBLIC LANE LOOKING EAST

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5. VIEW FROM COLUMBIA LANE LOOKING NORTH

4. VIEW FROM STORMWATER CHANNEL LOOKING SOUTH



8. VIEW LOOKING NORTH-EAST OVER COLUMBIA LANE

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7. VIEW LOOKING SOUTH ALONG COLUMBIA LANE



1. VIEW LOOKING SOUTH FROM SOUTHERN EDGE OF SITE



2. VIEW LOOKING EAST FROM STATION ST. OF ADJACENT RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT





6. VIEW LOOKING NORTH-EAST FROM HOMEBUSH STATION TO SITE

4. VIEW FROM SOUTHERN END OF COLUMBIA LN. INTO RAILWAY LAND

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8. VIEW LOOKING NORTH TO POWELL'S CREEK RESERVE LAND



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2.5 Site Conditions

As noted in Part F of the Executive Summary, WSP Environmental has prepared an EA Report on their Preliminary Contamination and Geotechnical Investigations for Columbia Precinct to cover Item #16 in the Director-General's EA Requirement found at Attachment B at the rear of this Report. Designed to address the suitability of the site's soil, groundwater and geotechnical attributes for the proposed mixed-use development, a number of investigations were undertaken and a range of findings derived. More detailed work will be required, in particular for the development of a Remedial Action Plan, as detailed in the WSP report. The key conclusion of their preliminary study is that (their opinion is) "...that the contamination and geotechnical condition of the site represents a low risk to the proposed residential and commercial redevelopment..." and that "...the site is suitable for the proposed use, subject to the results of further detailed testing outlined above, and the development and implementation of the Remediation Action Plan." This would also be guaranteed by Consent condition.