

Dear Mr Green

I have read the article which appeared in the Sydney Morning Herald on Thursday 11 March and write to object to the proposed Sydney Trains commercial advertising signs in Sussex Street. While the overhead passage is necessary to make access to Barangaroo feasible, it is essential that the structure remain as invisible as possible in order not to detract from the overall streetscape and the several heritage vistas which remain there.

Advertising in discrete rail corridors beside suburban railway lines is one thing, but just because Sydney trains owns the footbridge does not mean it can be used as a revenue raising billboard which would detract from the overall amenity of the area.

The proposed commercial advertising signs would:

- clutter the streetscape
- poison the main pedestrian entrance to Barangaroo and anywhere else they appear
- adversely impact on the adjacent State Heritage listed Sussex Hotel building
- be just 7 metres from a residential apartment in the same building envelope as the Sussex Hotel
- destroy the aesthetic lines of the bridge itself
- destroy the magnificent view of Sussex Street from the bridge
- be disrespectful of the original indigenous inhabitants of this area, as well as the memory of so many workers who laboured on what was once The Hungry Mile.

Yours sincerely

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