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I strongly object to the proposed development on the current fish market site. The government has promised a world class harbourside precinct to open up Blackwattle Bay and Sydney Harbour to Sydneysiders and visitors, both Australian and tourists from around the world.

This proposal is the opposite of a world-beating wall of tower blocks blocking off views of the harbour from its surrounds, and only benefitting developers and current owners of private properties along Bank Street with windfall profits from the sale of their land.

The objections of 2400 submissions are in large part expressions of anger that the government could contemplate building a wall of towers of apartments for rich people on our precious harbour foreshore, instead of creating a world class showpiece and tourist attraction, including a wider walkway, green open space, and indigenous gardens, designs and interpretations. This is an ideal site for a First Nations Cultural Centre, where local Aboriginal people fished and gathered shellfish for millennia before white settlement.

It should also provide some public housing, as there is a desperate need for this in all new developments. It will be surprising if apartments in high-rise towers will be attractive so close to the emissions from the Anzac Bridge and increased traffic around the new fish market.

The revision of the proposal with its slight reduction in the height of the towers, is tokenistic at best, a cynical disregard for what the people of Sydney want and need.