

# News release



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## **NSW Government Architect hired to review Double Bay proposal**

The NSW Government Architect has been engaged to review a redevelopment proposal for the former Stamford Plaza Hotel in Double Bay.

The NSW Department of Planning said that Mr Peter Mould would undertake an expert review of the redevelopment plans and provide a written report to the Department.

Richard Pearson, the Department's Deputy Director-General (Development Assessment and Systems Performance), said Mr Mould's engagement would provide additional independent scrutiny of the plans.

"We are very happy that Mr Mould, who has some 30 years' experience as an architect and urban designer and as Government Architect is a champion of good design outcomes, has agreed to take on this role," Mr Pearson said.

The Department is in receipt of a development proposal for a mixed use hotel, retail and residential development at the former hotel site at 33 Cross Street, Double Bay.

These plans were publicly exhibited for an extended period over seven weeks between April and June 2009 and attracted significant community interest.

The proponent, Architectus on behalf of the Ashington Group, is currently preparing a preferred project report in response to issues raised in submissions and by the Department.

This report, once received, will be made publicly-available on the Department's website and referred to Mr Mould for his review.

In his review of the report, Mr Mould has specifically been requested to review:

- The suitability of the proposal having regard to the immediate, local (Double Bay Commercial Centre) and wider contexts;
- The amenity impacts arising from the proposed building form, in particular the effect on views, solar access and privacy;

- Whether the proposal achieves the optimum redistribution of the existing gross floor area of the site; and
- The design quality of the proposal.

Mr Mould has also been asked to advise what changes, if any, should be made to the preferred development option in order to manage any impacts on its surroundings and the amenity of adjacent developments and the public domain.

Mr Mould has also been asked to consult and consider the views of Woollahra Council as part of his review.

The proposed redevelopment includes a 66-room hotel, 39 apartments, 1,375 square metres of retail area with a public piazza and basement parking for 107 vehicles.

### **About Peter Mould:**

Peter Mould is the NSW Government Architect and General Manager of the Government Architect's Office.

He has 30 years experience in the design, documentation and construction of architecture and urban design works.

He is Deputy Chair of the Central Sydney Planning Committee, a member of the NSW Heritage Council and chairs the Design Review Panels for the Sydney Olympic Park, Sydney Harbour Foreshore, Sydney Metro and Transport Infrastructure Development Corporation.

He is also a member of the Design Review Panels for Centennial Park and the Roads and Traffic Authority.

### **More information:**

The NSW Government Architect's Office - <http://www.govarch.dpws.nsw.gov.au/>

The development proposal - [http://majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au/index.pl?action=view\\_job&job\\_id=2578](http://majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au/index.pl?action=view_job&job_id=2578)