

Agenda: Urban Planning Committee

Date: Monday 10 October 2016

Time: *6.00pm*

Outline of Meeting Protocol & Procedure:

- The Chairperson will call the Meeting to order and ask the Committee/Staff to present apologies or late correspondence.
- The Chairperson will commence the Order of Business as shown in the Index to the Agenda.
- At the beginning of each item the Chairperson will ask whether a member(s) of the public wish to address the Committee.
- If person(s) wish to address the Committee, they are allowed four (4) minutes in which to do so. Please direct comments to the issues at hand.
- If there are persons representing both sides of a matter (eg applicant/objector), the person(s) against the recommendation speak first.
- At the conclusion of the allotted four (4) minutes, the speaker resumes his/her seat and takes no further part in the debate unless specifically called to do so by the Chairperson.
- If there is more than one (1) person wishing to address the Committee from the same side of the debate, the Chairperson will request that where possible a spokesperson be nominated to represent the parties.
- The Chairperson has the discretion whether to continue to accept speakers from the floor.
- After considering any submissions the Committee will debate the matter (if necessary), and arrive at a recommendation (R items which proceed to Full Council) or a resolution (D items for which the Committee has delegated authority).

Recommendation only to the Full Council:

- Such matters as are specified in Section 377 of the Local Government Act and within the ambit of the Committee considerations.
- Broad strategic matters, such as:-
 - Town Planning Objectives; and
 - major planning initiatives.
- Matters not within the specified functions of the Committee.
- Matters requiring supplementary votes to Budget.
- Urban Design Plans and Guidelines.
- Planning Proposals and Local Environment Plans.
- Residential and Commercial Development Control Plans.
- Rezoning applications.
- Heritage Conservation Controls.
- Commercial Centres Beautification Plans of Management.
- Matters requiring the expenditure of moneys and in respect of which no Council vote has been made.
- Matters reserved by individual Councillors in accordance with any Council policy on "safeguards" and substantive changes.

Delegated Authority:

- To require such investigations, reports or actions as considered necessary in respect of matters contained within the Business Agendas (and as may be limited by specific Council resolutions).
- Confirmation of the Minutes of its Meetings.
- Any other matter falling within the responsibility of the Urban Planning Committee and not restricted by the Local Government Act or required to be a Recommendation to Full Council as listed above.
- Statutory reviews of Council's Delivery Program and Operational Plan.

Committee Membership: 7 Councillors

The quorum for a Committee meeting is 4 Councillors.

Quorum:

Woollahra Municipal Council

Notice of Meeting

6 October 2016

To:	Her Worship th	e Mayor, Councillor To	ni Zeltzer ex-officio
	Councillors	Katherine O'Regan	(Chair)
		Ted Bennett	(Deputy Chair)
		Luise Elsing	
		James Keulemans	
		Matthew Robertson	
		Jeff Zulman	

Dear Councillors

Urban Planning Committee – 10 October 2016

In accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993, I request your attendance at Council's **Urban Planning Committee** meeting to be held in the **Thornton Room (Committee Room)**, **536 New South Head Road, Double Bay, on Monday 10 October 2016 at 6.00pm.**

Gary James General Manager

Meeting Agenda

Item	Subject P	age
1.	Leave of Absence and Apologies	
	Note: Leave of absence has previously been granted to	
	• Councillor Jeff Zulman for the period from 15 August 2016 to 14 November 20)16
2.	Late Correspondence	
3.	Declarations of Interest	
	Items to be Decided by this Committee using its Delegated Authority	

D1 Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on 26 September 2016 - 16/139582......7

Items to be Submitted to the Council for Decision with Recommendations from this Committee

R1	Revised planning proposal for 374 and 376-382 New South Head Road.
	Double Bay (SC2873) - 16/134983

Item No:	D1 Delegated to Committee
Subject:	CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 26 SEPTEMBER 2016
Author:	Sue O'Connor, Secretarial Support - Governance
File No:	16/139582
Reason for Report:	The Minutes of the Urban Planning Committee of 26 September 2016 were previously circulated. In accordance with the guidelines for Committees' operations it is now necessary that those Minutes be formally taken as read and confirmed.

Recommendation:

That the Minutes of the Urban Planning Committee Meeting of 26 September 2016 be taken as read and confirmed.

Item No:	R1 Recommendation to Council
Subject:	REVISED PLANNING PROPOSAL FOR 374 AND 376-382 NEW SOUTH HEAD ROAD. DOUBLE BAY (SC2873)
Author:	Brendan Metcalfe, Strategic Planner
Approvers:	Anne White, Acting Team Leader - Strategic Planning
	Chris Bluett, Manager - Strategic Planning
	Allan Coker, Director - Planning & Development
File No:	16/134983
Reason for Report:	To resubmit the planning proposal for 374 and 376-382 New South Head
	Road, Double Bay.
	To recommend the deferral of the revised planning proposal until the review of planning controls for Double Bay is complete.

Recommendation:

That consideration of the revised planning proposal for 374 and 376-382 New South Head Road, Double Bay, as reported to the Urban Planning Committee of 23 May 2016, remain deferred until the review of planning controls in the Double Bay Centre is complete.

1. Background:

In June 2015 a request for a planning proposal (hereafter called the original planning proposal) related to the land at 374 and 376-382 New South Head Road, Double Bay (the site) was submitted to Council by Eeles Trelease Pty Ltd Architects in association with Tony Moody, Consultant Planner and Hill Thalis Architecture + Urban Planning Pty Ltd on behalf of the owner Fivex Pty Ltd. The original planning proposal facilitated a seven storey mixed use development this site which comprises Lot B in DP 162458 and Lot 11 in DP 608859.

The site is located in Double Bay at the western corner of New South Head Road and Knox Street, as shown below in Figure 1: *Local area map*. An aerial of the site is shown in Figure 2.



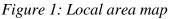




Figure 2: Aerial

The original planning proposal was to amend the height and floor space ratio (FSR) controls applying to the site under Woollahra Local Environmental Plan 2014 (Woollahra LEP 2014) by:

- Increasing the maximum FSR from 2.5:1 to 5:1 on 374 New South Head Road
- Increasing the maximum FSR from 3:1 to 5:1 on 376-382 New South Head Road
- Increasing the maximum building height from 14.7m (4 storeys) to 26m (7 storeys) over the site.

On 2 November 2015 the Urban Planning Committee (UPC) considered a report on the original planning proposal. The staff recommendation did not support the planning proposal because it:

- sought height and floor space ratio controls that are inconsistent with the strategic review of controls in the Double Bay Centre being carried out by the Council,
- was inconsistent with the desired future character of the Double Bay Centre that is defined by objectives and development standards in Woollahra Local Environmental Plan 2014 and Chapter D5 Double Bay Centre of the Woollahra Development Control Plan 2015,
- would facilitate development that would have unacceptable shadowing impacts to the south side of New South Head Road,
- results in a building envelope which is inconsistent with building separation distances for 5 to 8 storey apartment development identified in the Apartment Design Guide (Department of Planning and Environment 2015) which supports State Environmental Planning Policy 65 Apartment Design Quality (SEPP 65).

The UPC recommended that a decision on the planning proposal be deferred. At the Council meeting of 16 November 2015 Council considered the UPC recommendation and resolved:

That a decision on the planning proposal for 374 and 376-382 New South Head Road, Double Bay be DEFERRED until March 2016, in order to allow sufficient time for the Hill PDA report to be considered fully by Council and for further discussion to take place between Council Officers and the Applicant.

2. Hill PDA report and the review of planning controls in the Double Bay Centre

On 7 September 2015 the UPC considered a report on the Double Bay Economic Feasibility Study (the Study) prepared by Hill PDA. Hill PDA recommended that Council consider a review of the planning controls to permit an FSR of between 3:1 and 3.5:1. The appropriate FSR, within this range, would be dependent on urban design testing and other environmental considerations. On 28 September 2015 Council resolved in part:

B. THAT a further report be presented to the Urban Planning Committee, no later than the end of March 2016, containing the review of the planning controls to the Double Bay Centre, which is based on the recommendations and policy options presented to the Urban Planning Committee by Hill PDA Consulting on 7 September 2015.

Based on Hill PDA's recommendations, Council's planning and urban design staff have been assessing the appropriateness of increasing the FSR controls in Double Bay to between 3:1 and 3.5:1. This has involved a fine-grain urban design review of the whole centre. The review has modelled building envelopes on a block by block basis to assess the built form implications, as some areas, locations or sites may be more suitable for increased FSRs.

On 29 March 2016 staff briefed the Mayor and UPC councillors on potential building envelope options which would accommodate an increased FSR. In response to councillor feedback the 3D modelling was further refined and additional options were prepared.

On 26 April 2016 the UPC considered a report on a communication and engagement strategy for the Double Bay Economic Feasibility Study. At the Council meeting of 9 May 2016 Council resolved:

- A. That a community engagement program, generally as set out in part 4 of the report to the Urban Planning Committee on 26 April 2016, be adopted.
- B. That proposed urban development options for the Double Bay Commercial Centre be the principal subject of the community engagement program, which will include a community impact statement and the options be presented to a future meeting of the Urban Planning Committee in the form of 3D simulation models.
- C. That the residents of Double Bay be given the opportunity to comment on the Hill PDA recommendations and policy options by the end of June 2016, including the opportunity to put forward expert material and alternative recommendations. The staff report to be provided to Council shall include a review of any such comment, material and alternative recommendations.
- D. That Council endorse the urban development options, for the purpose of community engagement, prior to commencing the community engagement program.

In response to part C of this resolution, the HillPDA economic study was placed on public exhibition from 25 May 2016 to 30 June 2016. On 8 August the UPC considered a report on the public exhibition and at the Council meeting of 22 August 2016 Council resolved:

- A. THAT Council note the report to the Urban Planning Committee of 8 August 2016 about the submissions which were received in response to the exhibition of the Hill PDA Double Bay Economic Feasibility Study July 2015.
- B. THAT Council continue with the process it has adopted in relation to the review of the planning controls for the Double Bay commercial centre. The review is to be focussed on increasing the vitality and life of the centre and on increasing housing opportunities and housing choice within the centre without compromising village character and urban amenity.
- C. THAT a fine grained urban design analysis and urban design options be undertaken to achieve increased housing opportunities and housing choice within the centre and continue to be informed by the Hill PDA report. Particular emphasis is to be placed on mixed housing that will enable a younger demographic to enter the Double Bay market.
- D. THAT urban design options, illustrated by 3D visualisation tools, be presented to the Double Bay Working Party for review and consideration prior to referral to the Urban Planning Committee.
- E. THAT all submitters be thanked for their submissions and advised of the Council's decision and next steps, including the community engagement process.
- F. The Recommendations above recognise that:
 - *a)* There is no current proposal to change bulk and height controls by 20%-40%.
 - b) The Hill PDA report recognises that its recommendations to increase FSR will need to be tested from urban design, environmental and amenity perspectives.
 - c) Options for changing height and bulk controls have not been presented by Hill PDA or by staff to Council.
 - *d)* Council has not decided that a further 1,000 people should live in 50m2 apartments in Double Bay but it is an option under investigation.
 - *e)* Any changes to height and bulk controls will be presented to Council prior to commencing a community engagement process.

In response to part D of this resolution, staff presented the 3D urban design options to the Double Bay Working Party on the 6 September 2016.

Having considered the feedback from the Double Bay Working Party members, the next steps are for staff to finalise the building envelopes and report the review of the planning controls to an UPC meeting. It is anticipated that this report will be available in the near future.

3. Revised planning proposal

On 1 March 2016 the proponent submitted a revised planning proposal request (**Annexure 1**) for the site (hereafter called the revised planning proposal) which sought a maximum building height of 23.5m and a maximum FSR of 4.5:1. On 15 March 2016 staff wrote to the proponent and advised that in light of Council's resolution from 16 November 2015, the assessment of any planning proposal for the site should be deferred until the review of the planning controls for Double Bay has been completed. Staff also requested that further documentation be submitted to support the revised planning proposal.

The final documentation for the revised planning proposal was submitted on 27 April 2016. The revised planning proposal seeks to amend the height and FSR controls applying to the site under Woollahra LEP 2014 by:

- Increasing the maximum FSR from 2.5:1 to 4.5:1 on 374 New South Head Road
- Increasing the maximum FSR from 3:1 to 4.5:1 on 376-382 New South Head Road
- Increasing the maximum building height from 14.7m (4 storeys) to 23.5m (6 storeys) over the site.

On 23 May 2016 the UPC considered a report on the revised planning proposal where staff, again, recommended deferring consideration until the review of planning controls in Double Bay was complete. The UPC adopted this recommendation and at the Council meeting of 14 June 2016 Council resolved:

That consideration of the revised planning proposal for 374 and 376-382 New South Head Road, Double Bay as reported to the Urban Planning Committee of 23 May 2016 be deferred until the review of planning controls in the Double Bay Centre is complete.

On 12 August 2016 the proponent submitted revised shadow diagrams (**Annexure 2**) and formally submitted a community attitude survey conducted by Kato Holdings (**Annexure 3**). On 26 September 2016 Council adopted the following Notice of Motion:

That the Council refer the revised Planning Proposal for 374 and 376-382 New South Head Road, Double Bay to the next Urban Planning Committee.

Although the work on the Double Bay planning controls is nearing completion, it is premature to provide a recommendation on the merit of the site-specific planning control changes and the revised planning proposal. Any planning controls changes should be considered in the context of the review of the whole of the Double Bay commercial centre.

We recommend that the revised planning proposal not be determined until:

- Proposals for the planning control review for the whole of the Double Bay commercial centre have been endorsed by Council for the purpose of community engagement
- The community engagement process, as resolved by Council on 9/5/16, is completed, and
- Council has prepared revised planning controls for the Double Bay Centre.

We recommend this approach because:

- We are well advanced with our strategic review of FSR and height controls for the whole commercial centre
- Council has resolved that proposals for change should be the subject of community engagement (additional to the minimum statutory consultation) before decisions are made
- A decision to proceed with this site specific proposal could be seen to pre-empt strategic decisions which are yet to be made about future planning controls for the centre
- This site specific planning proposal should be informed by the outcome of our strategic review and community engagement.

4. Conclusion

A revised planning proposal request for 374 and 376-382 New South Head Road, Double Bay has been received, which seeks to amend the planning controls applying to the site under Woollahra LEP 2014 by:

- Increasing the maximum FSR to 4.5:1
- Increasing the maximum building height to 23.5m (6 storeys).

We are currently finalising urban design options to inform the review of planning controls in the Double Bay Centre, and a report is being prepared for a future meeting of the UPC. As the urban design options have not been endorsed by Council nor have they been subject to a community engagement process, it is premature to provide a recommendation on the site-specific planning proposal.

We recommend that consideration of the revised planning proposal remains deferred until the review of the planning controls for the whole of the Double Bay commercial centre has been completed.

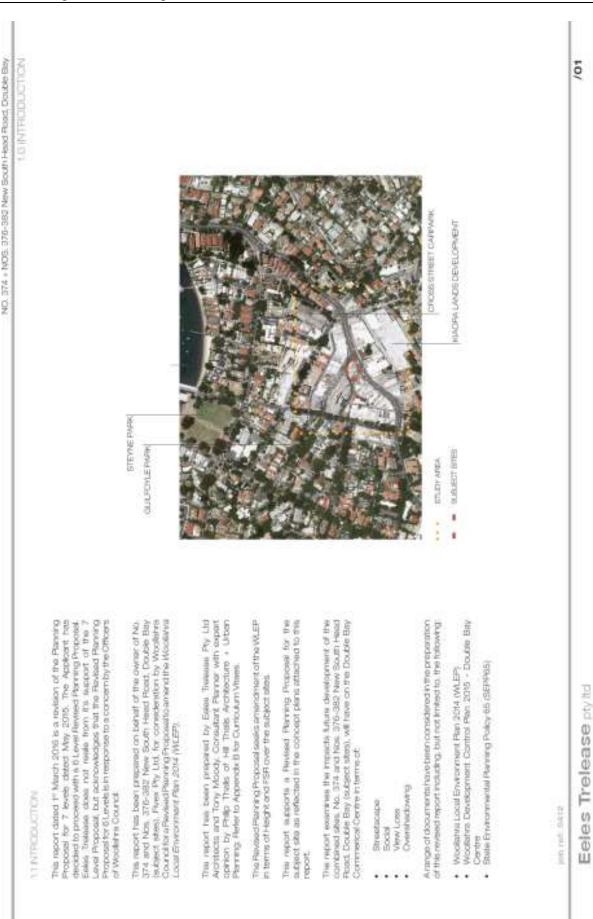
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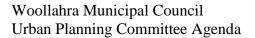
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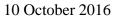


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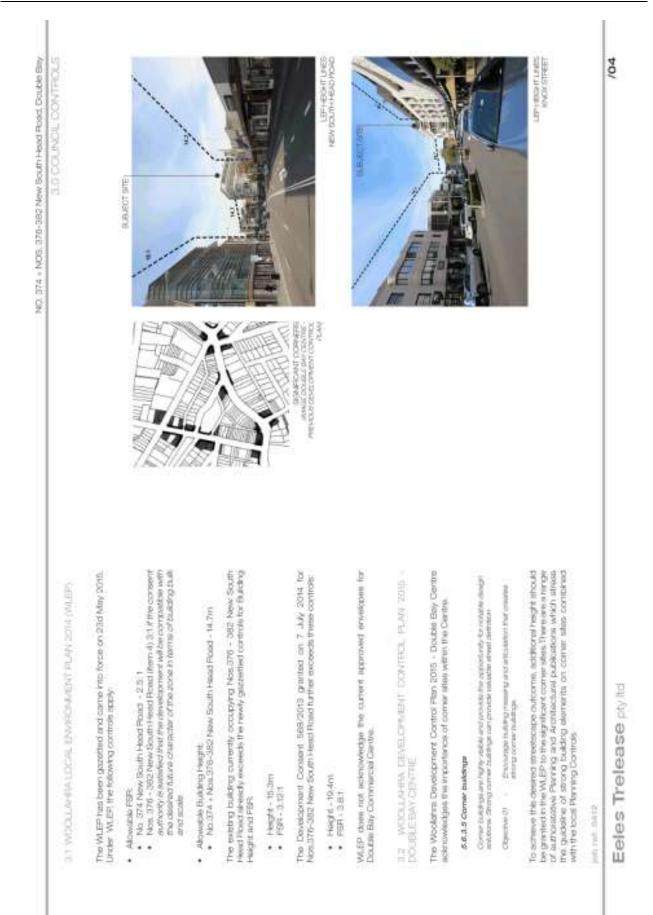
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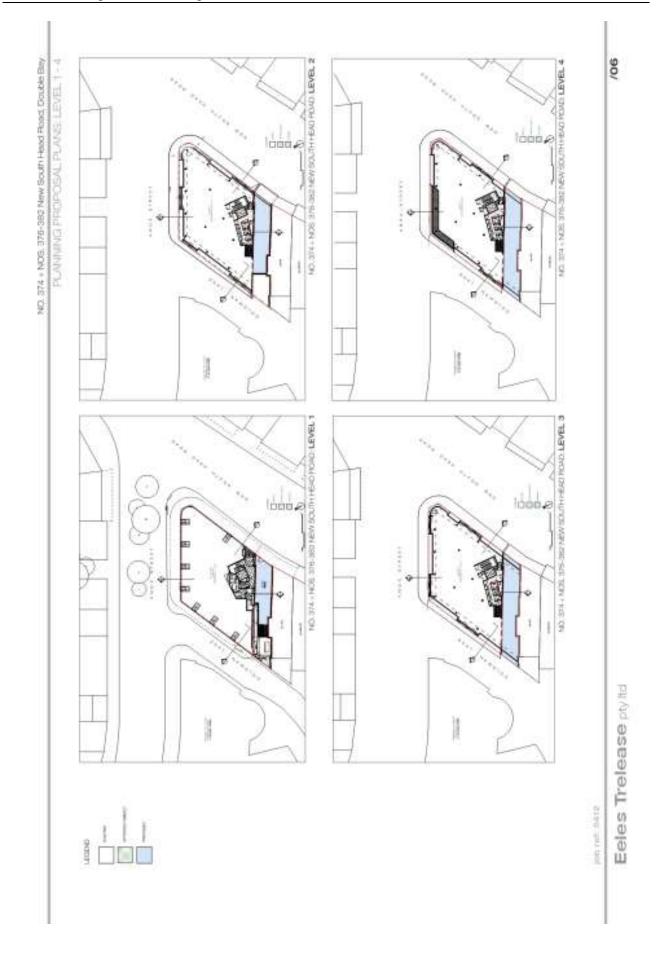
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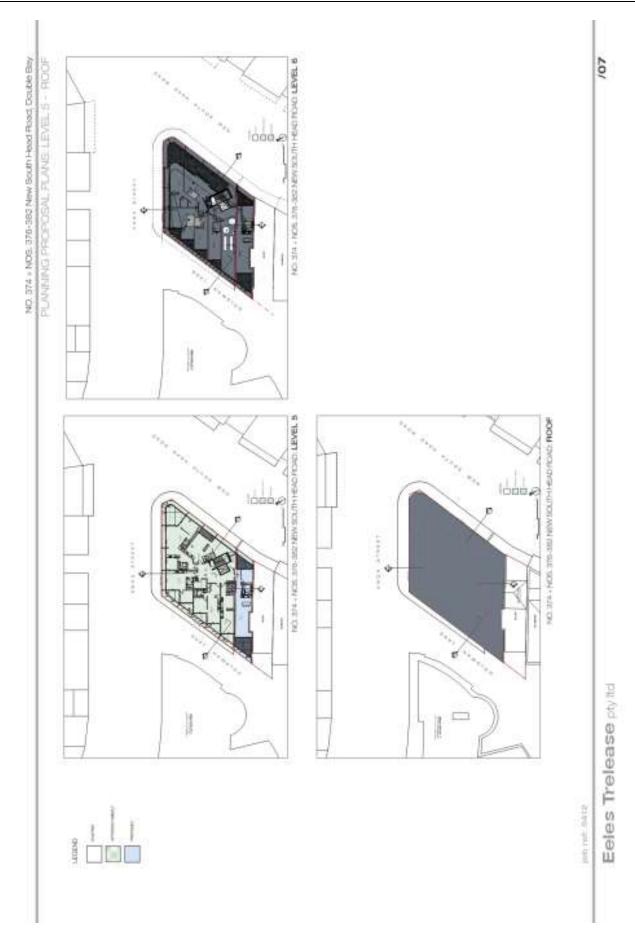
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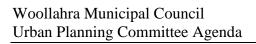
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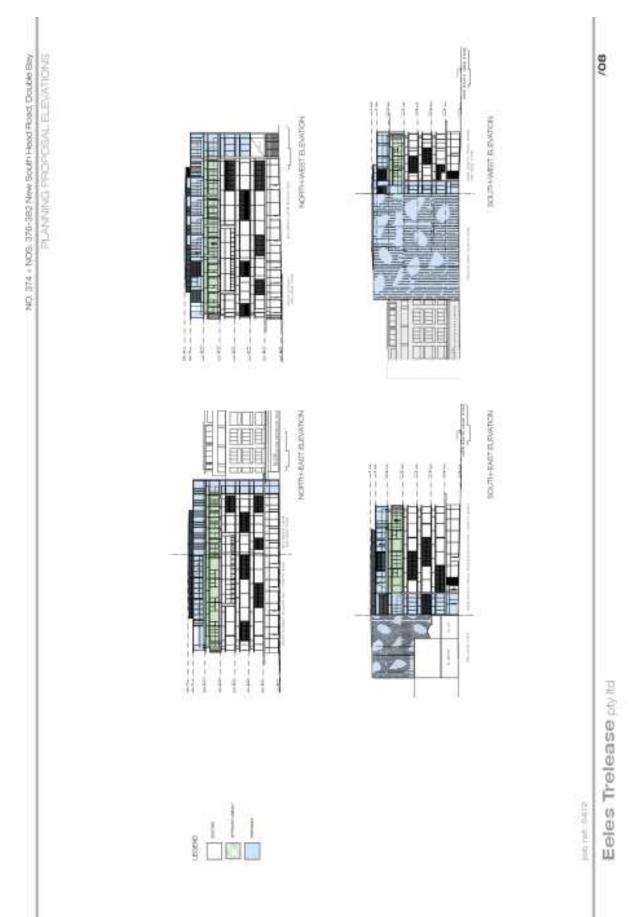
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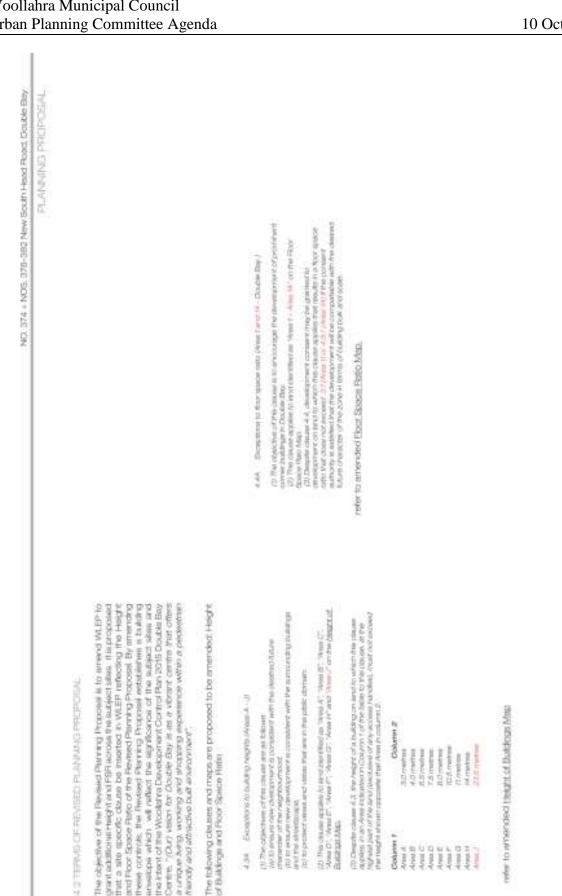
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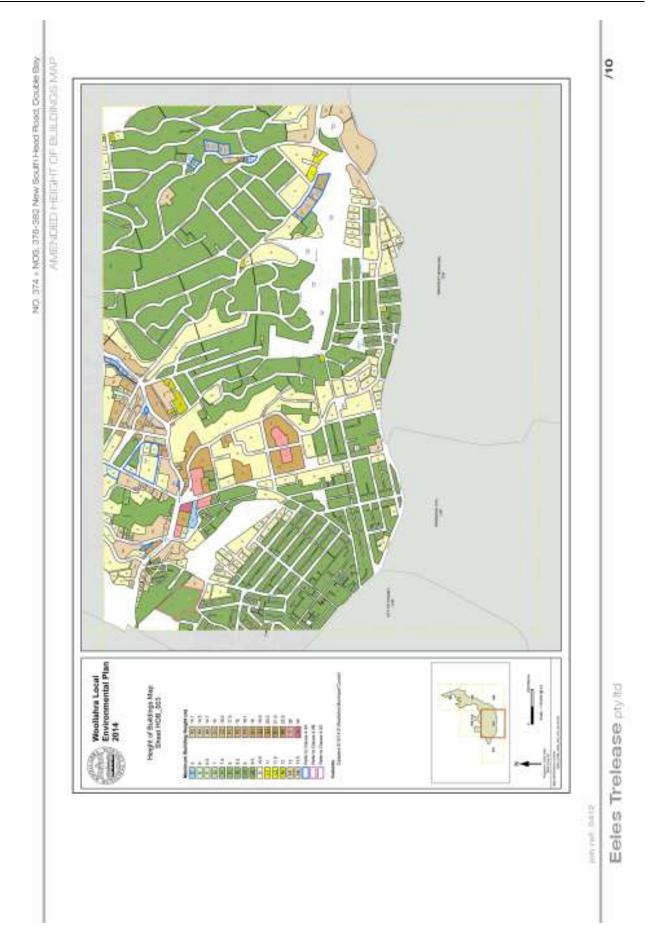
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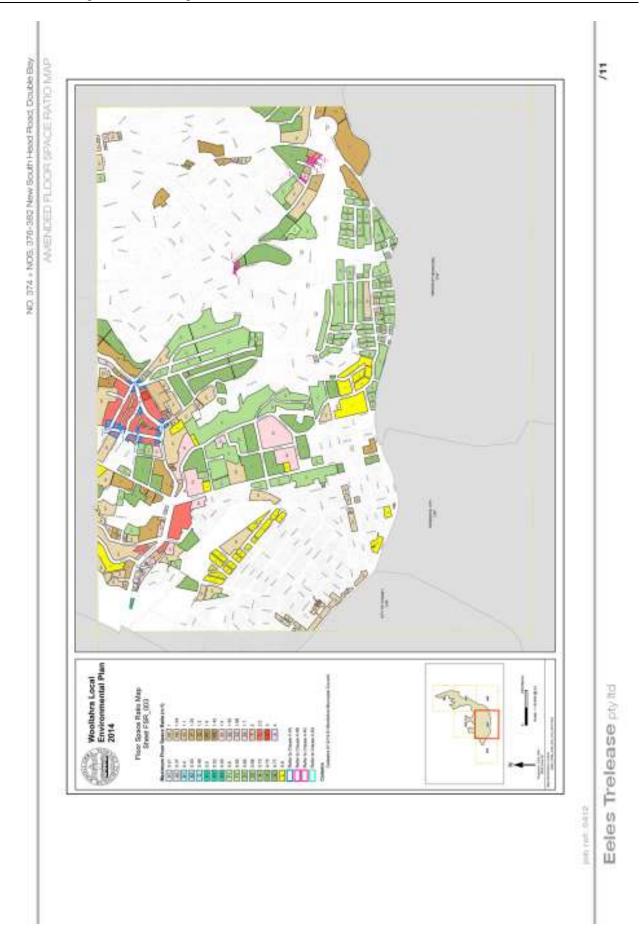
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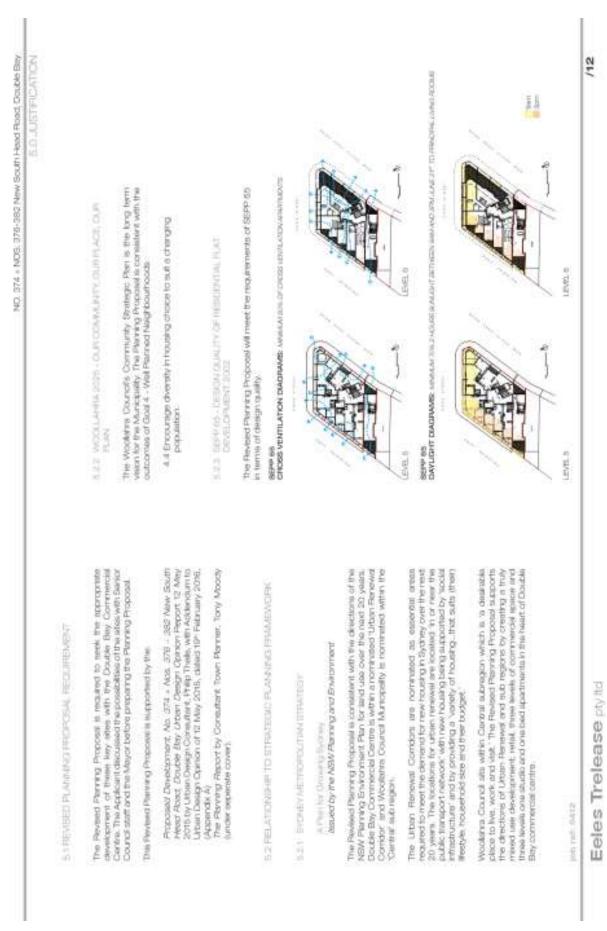
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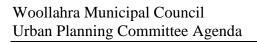
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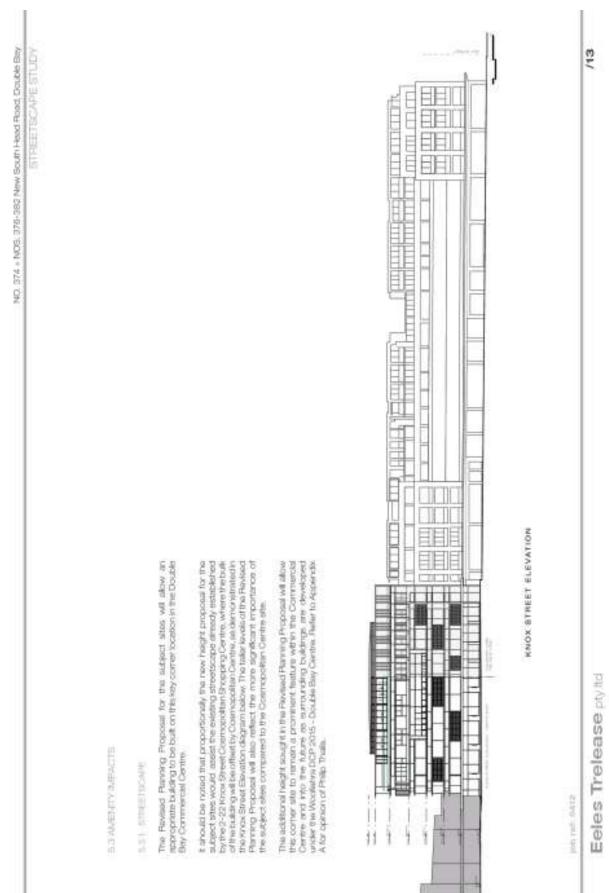






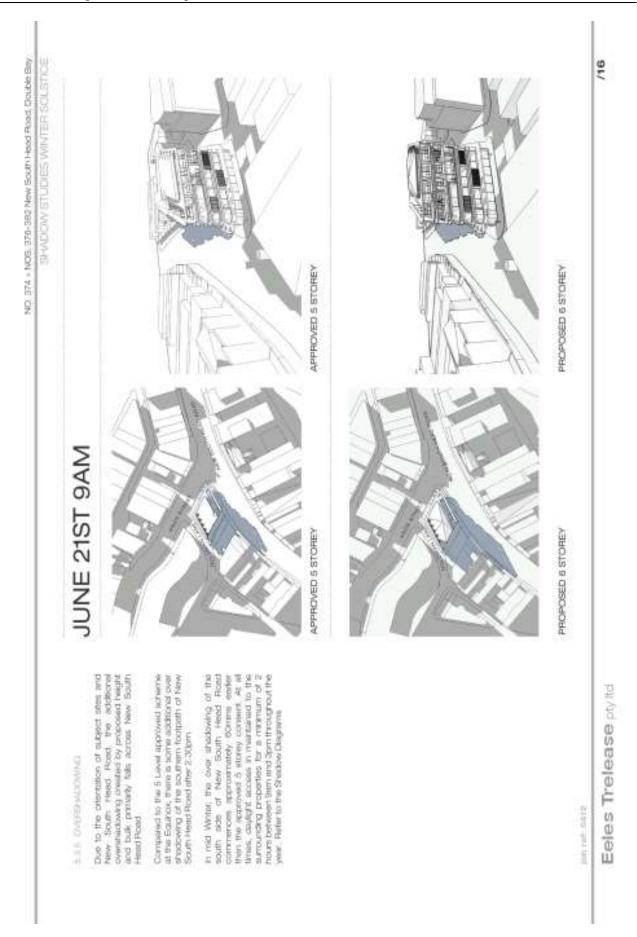
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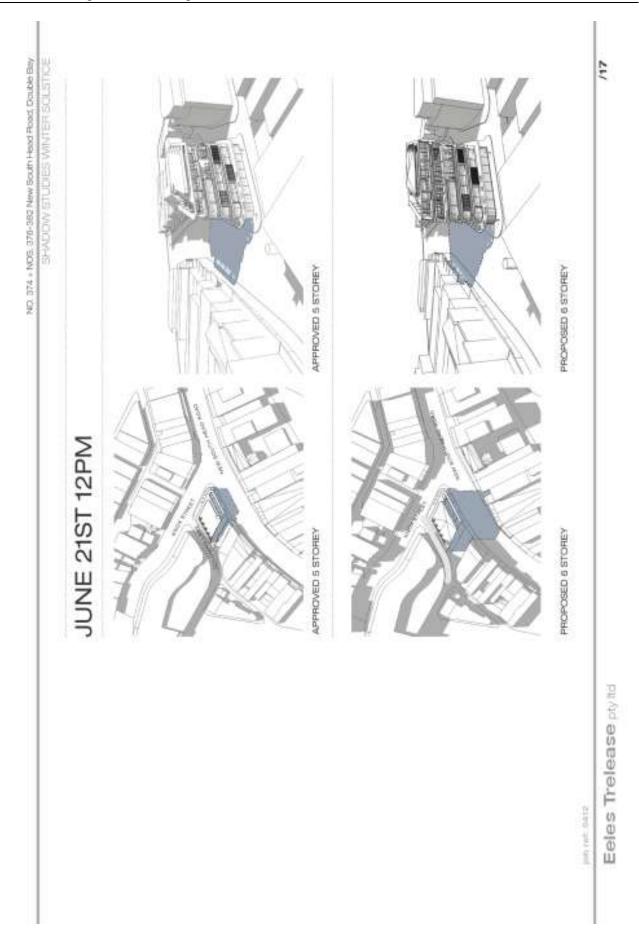


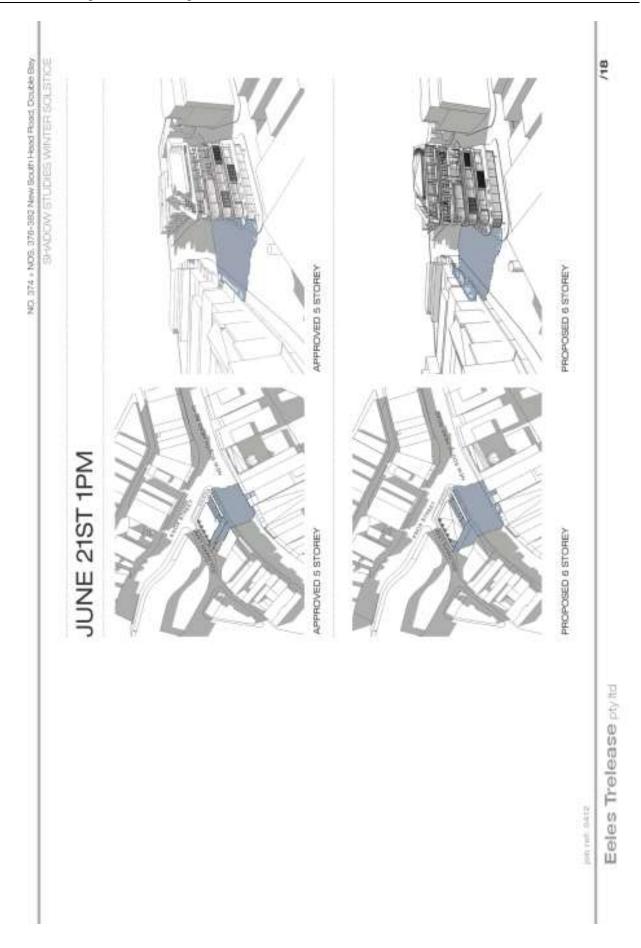


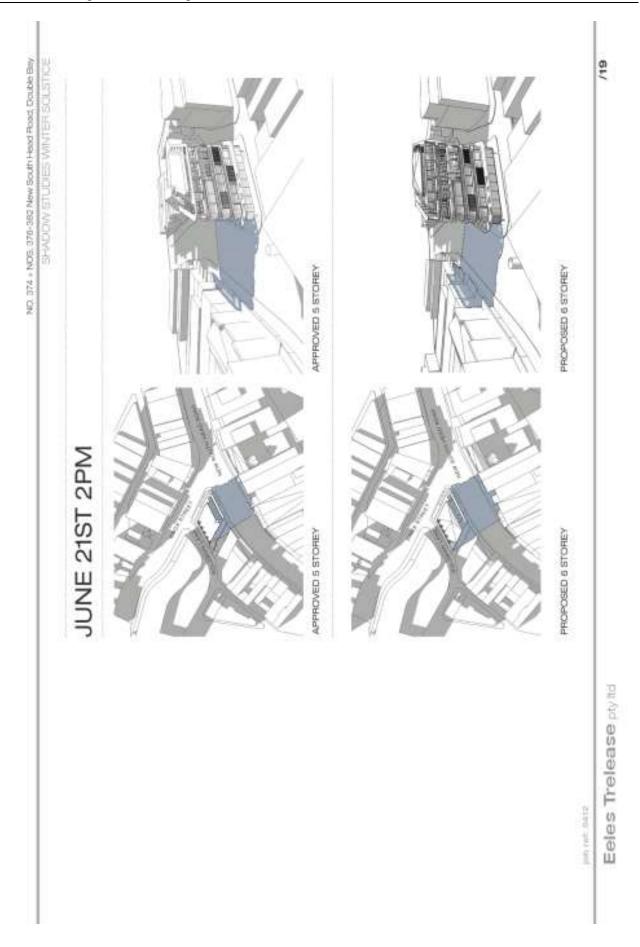


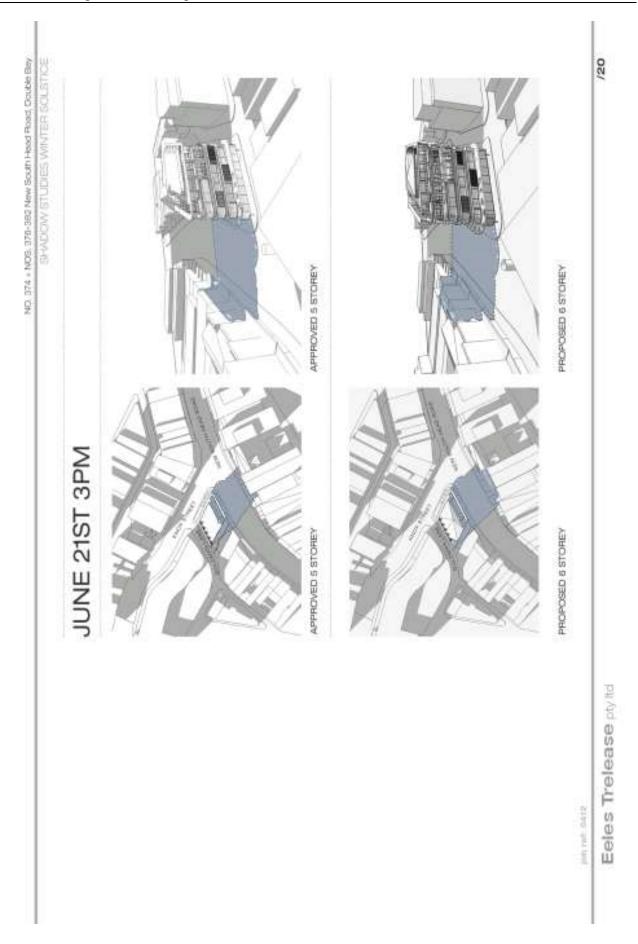


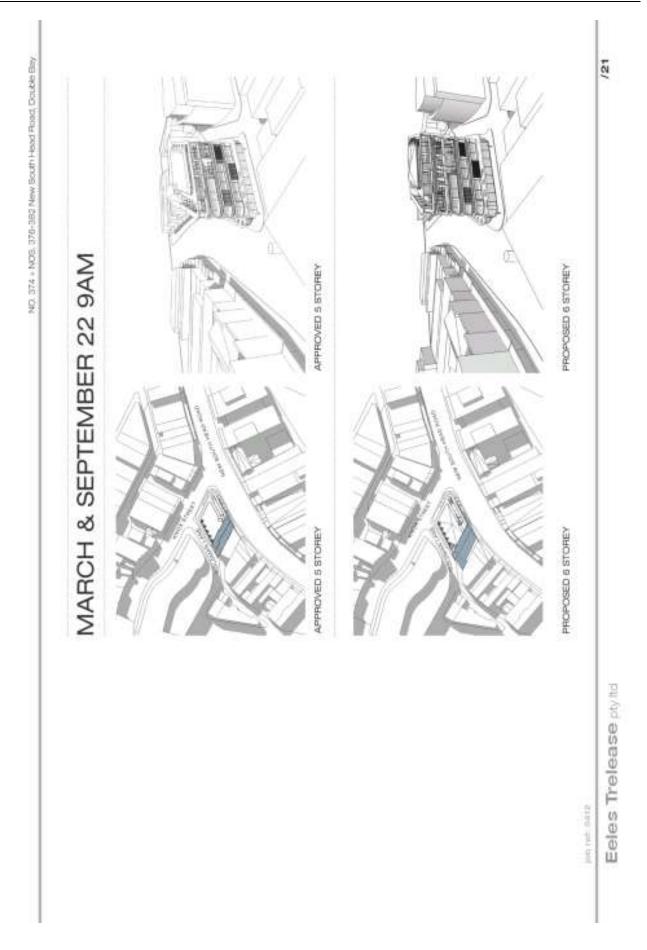


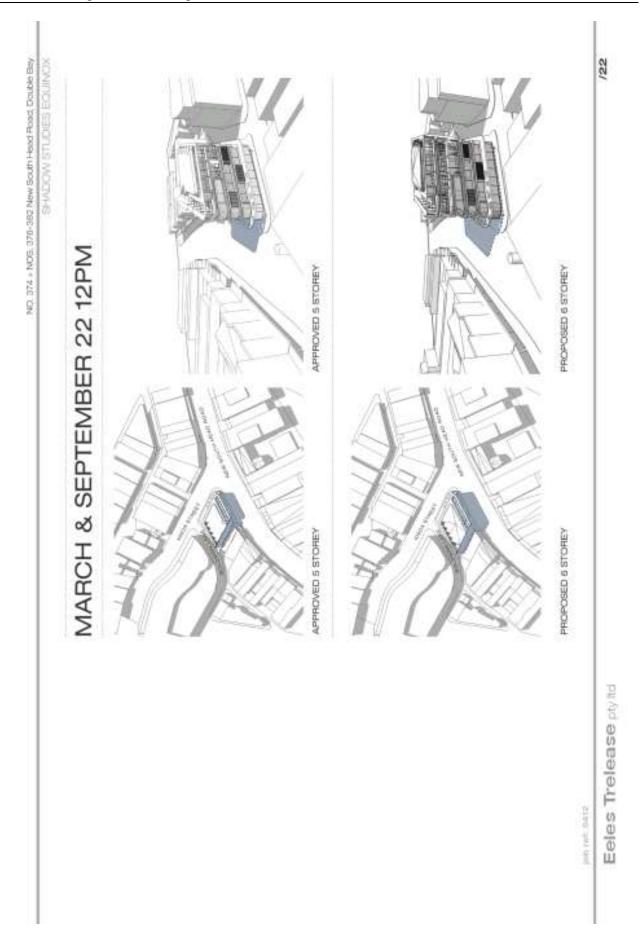


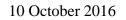


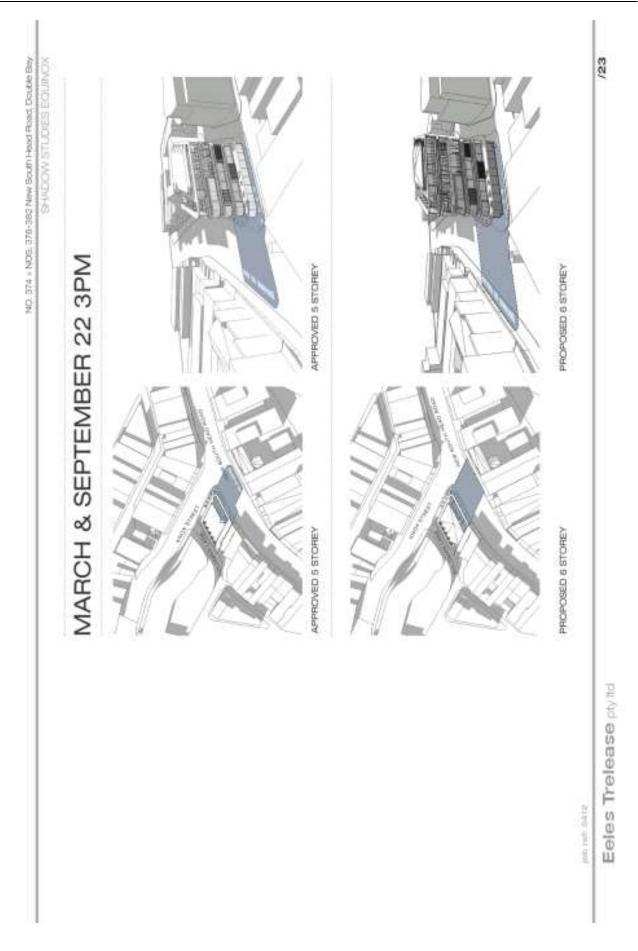


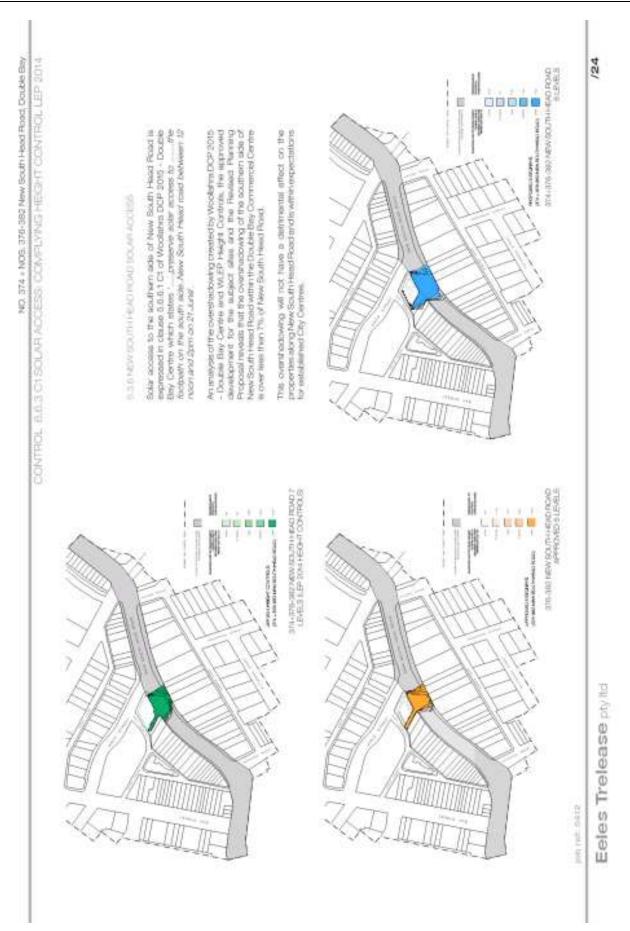


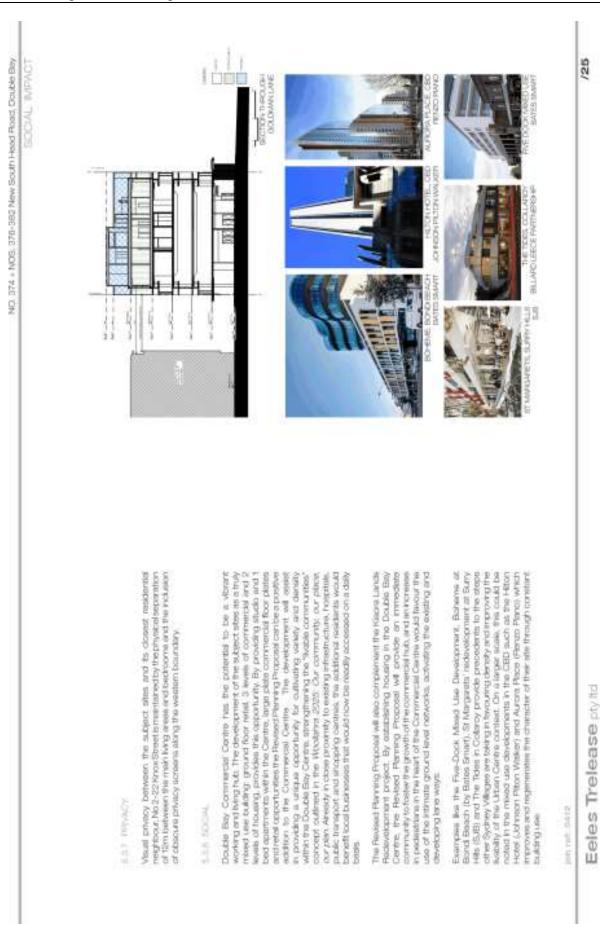


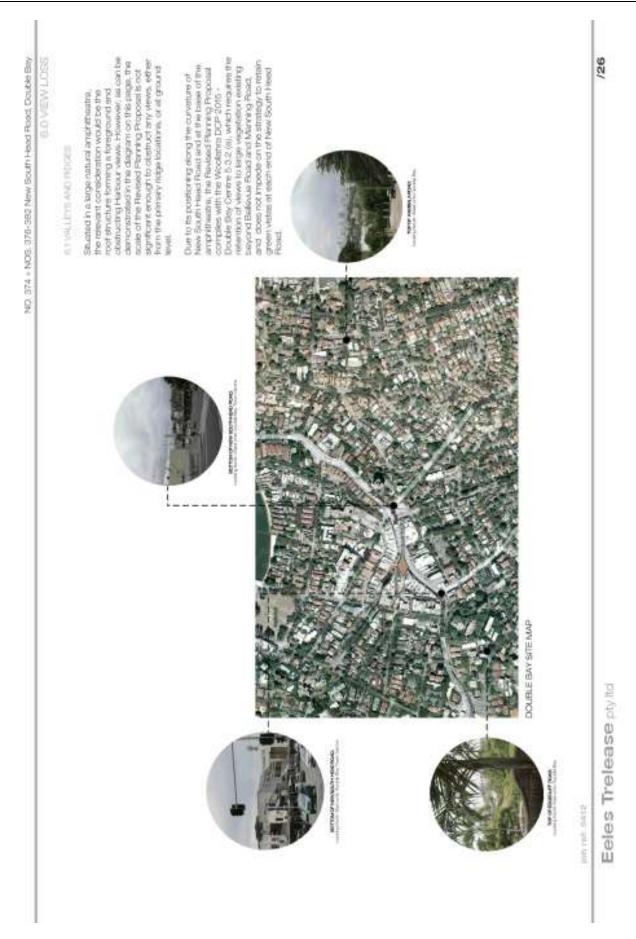


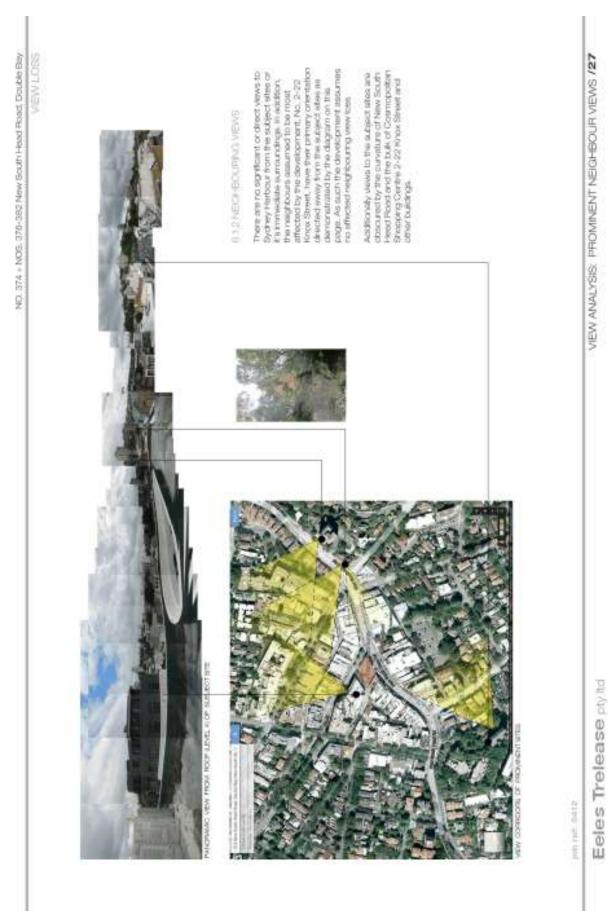












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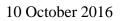
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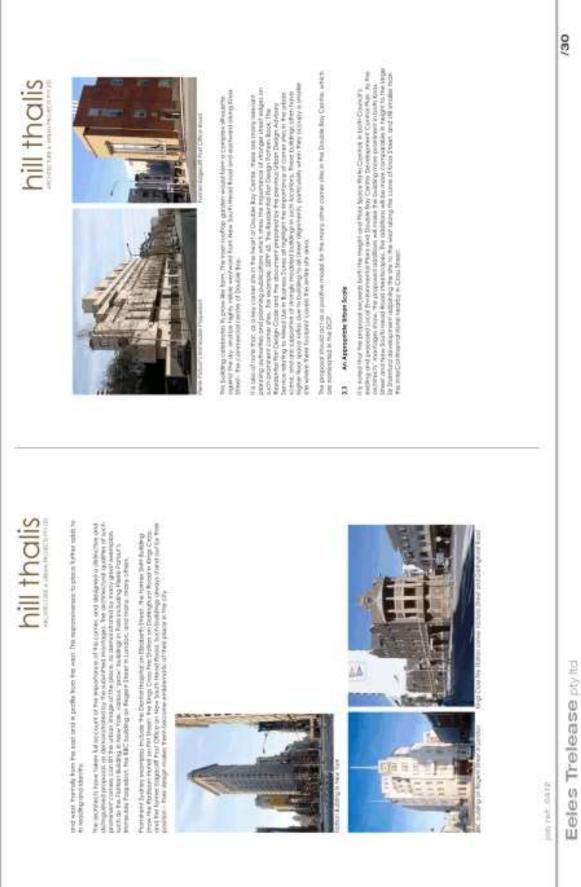
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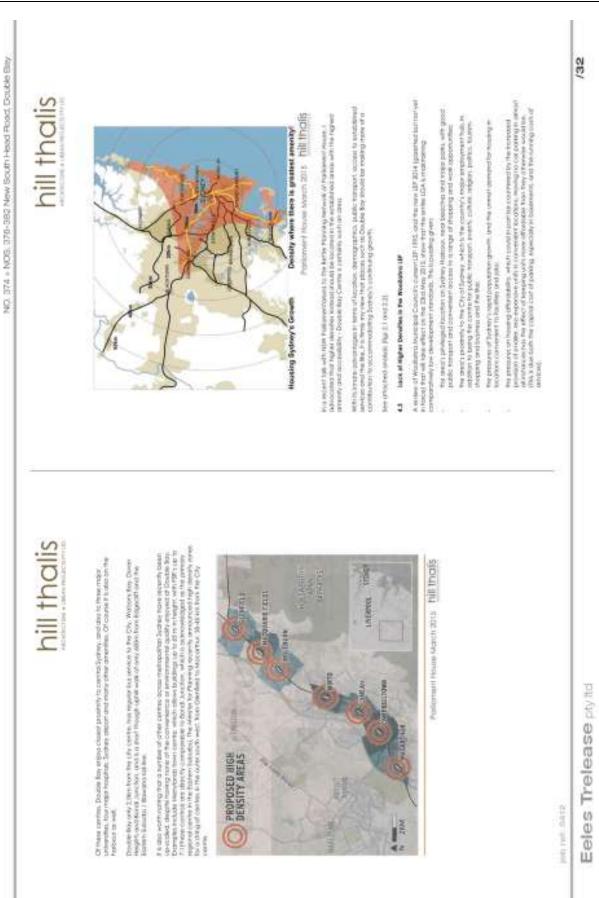


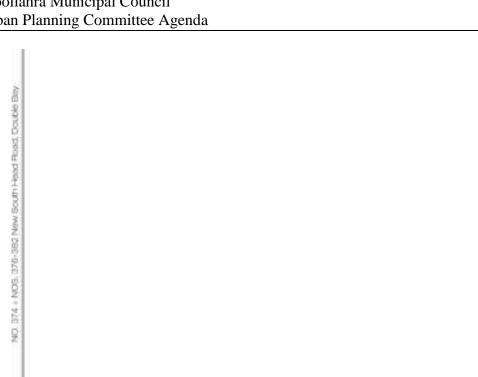
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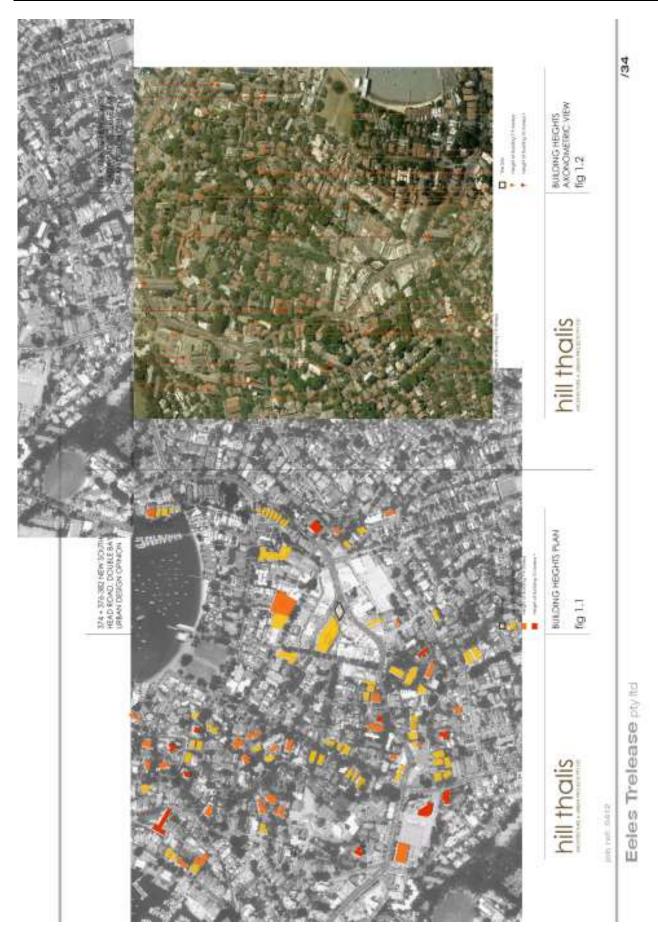


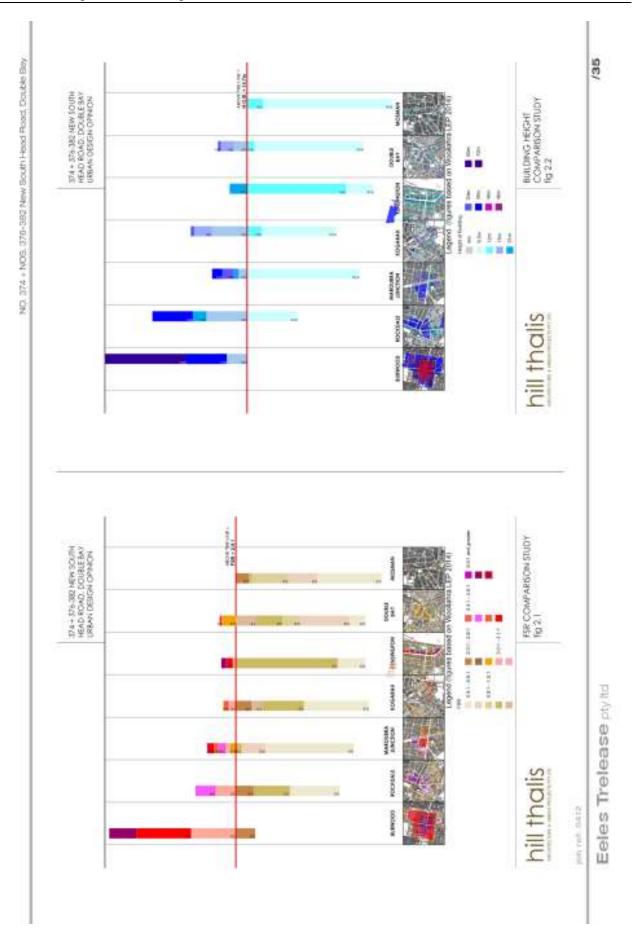
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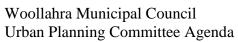
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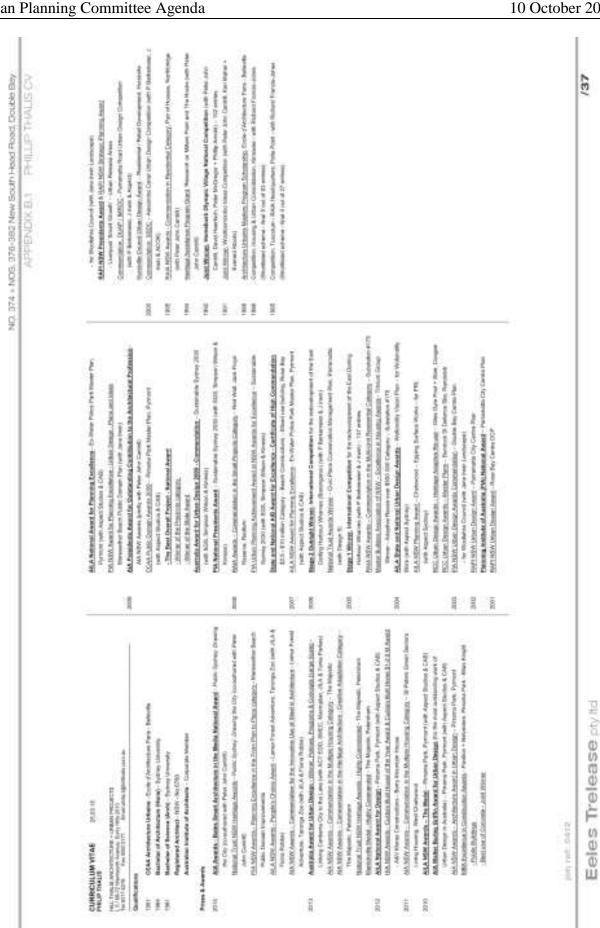
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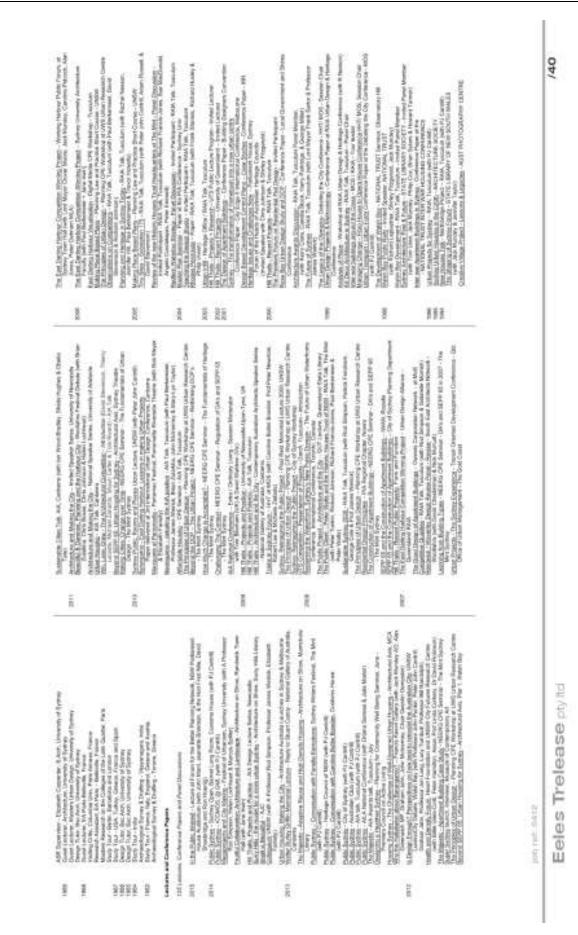


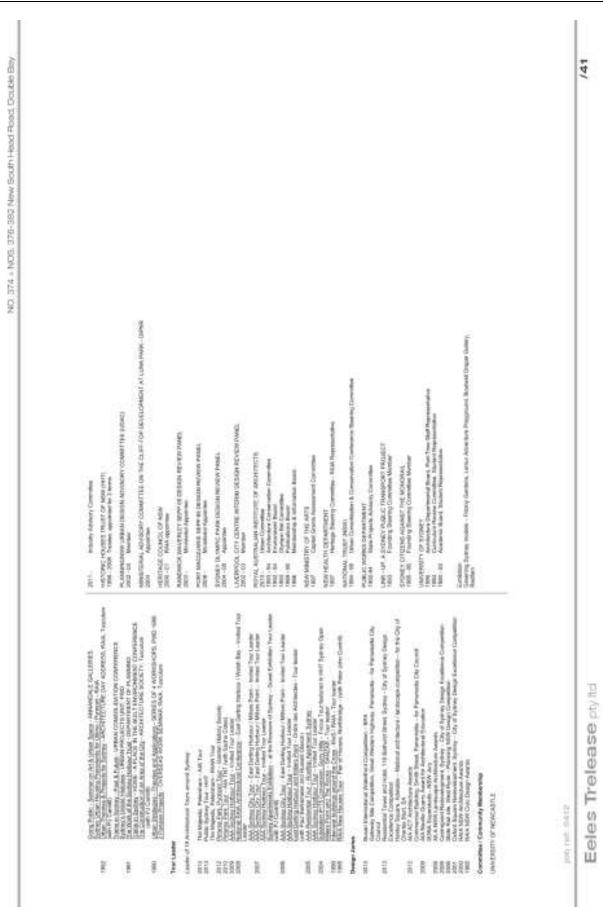


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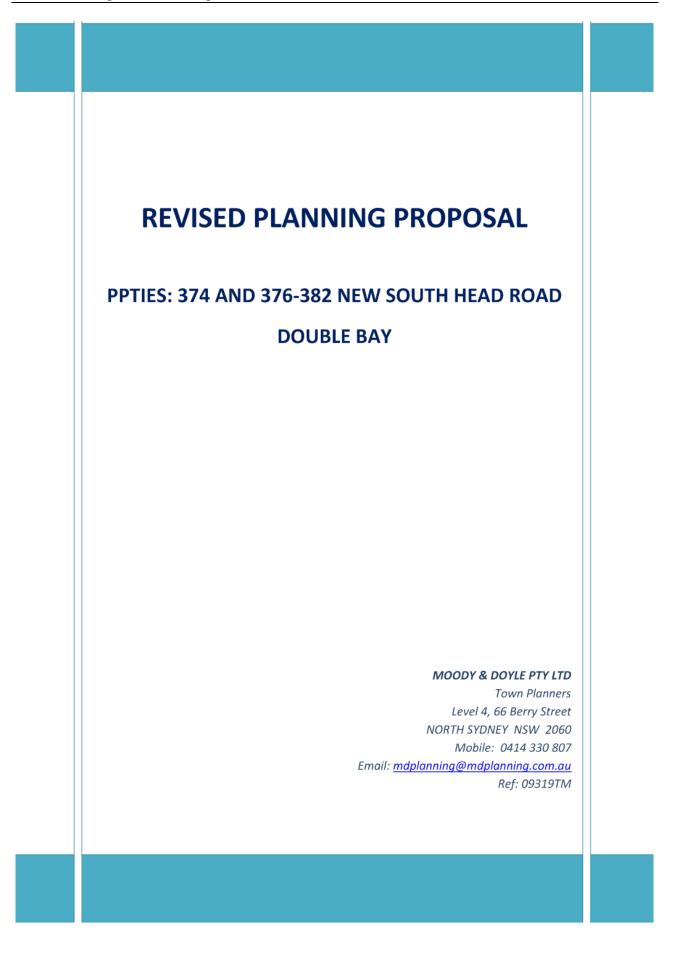
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1.0 INTRODUCTION, SUBJECT SITE AND ADJOINING LOCALITY

The subject site is known as 374 and 376-382 New South Head Road, Double Bay.

The subject site is at the intersection of Knox Street and New South Head Road, Double Bay within the Double Bay Town Centre.

Erected on that part of the subject site known as 376-382 New South Head Road is an existing 4 storey commercial building.

I note that Woollahra Council (Council) has already approved an additional 5th storey on the existing building. This approved 5th storey has not yet been constructed, but the Development Consent is still active.

As noted by Mr Philip Thalis, Architect and Urban Design Consultant the "site is an irregularly shaped parallelogram, with 3 street frontages."

By any measure, the subject site is one of the most important sites within the Double Bay Town Centre from a Planning and Urban Design perspective for a number of reasons including, but not limited to, the following;

- The subject site fronts New South Head Road which is a main Arterial Road within Sydney's road hierarchy.
- The subject site has a triple frontage to 3 roads.

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- The subject site is on a prominent corner site.
- The subject site is located approximately in the centre of the main commercial strip fronting New South Head Road.

Due to the abovementioned features of the subject site, I consider that the subject site demonstrates somewhat unique positive features which are not readily evident in the great majority of other Business zoned land within the Double Bay Town Centre. In other words, a decision to support the current Revised Planning Proposal for the subject site would <u>not</u> result in a 'precedence' to justify a similar Planning Proposal on the great majority of properties in the Double Bay Town Centre. There would be only a very limited number of similar corner sites fronting New South Head Road in the Double Bay Town Centre. Accordingly, support for the current Revised Planning Proposal would not "*open the floodgates*" for a multitude of similar proposals as Council can legitimately argue that the great majority of adjoining properties do not exhibit similar features as the subject site.

Not only does the subject site demonstrate somewhat unique features, it can be fairly said that the Double Bay Town Centre also demonstrates positive features. On this point, I note the following previous comments from Eeles Trelease, Architects:

"The Double Bay Commercial Centre is well serviced by buses along New South Head Road, Edgecliff Train Station, a 15min walk from the commercial centre and ferries from Double Bay Wharf... 7min walk from the subject site is open green space, Steyne Park which has a large playing field, playground and access to the Harbour and Double Bay Ferry Wharf, Guilfoyle Park on Bay Street provides a quiet sitting place within the centre... The subject precinct therefore enjoys a very high amenity."

In other words, both the subject site and the Double Bay Town Centre itself have positive Urban Design and Planning merits.

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2.0 REVISED PLANNING PROPOSAL

I note that an **Original** Planning Proposal was previously lodged with Council which sought to amend the Planning Controls of Council to *"lift the scale from a 4 to a 7 storey height"* (in the words of Philip Thalis). The 3 additional stories (comprising the approved 5th level and proposed 2 additional levels) had been proposed to comprise future residential units. The retail and commercial tenancies on the lower floor were to be retained and *"extend laterally into the 374 New South Head Road site"* (in the words of Philip Thalis).

I fully supported the Original Planning Proposal and I noted that the Original Planning Proposal was also supported by the following experts;

- Philip Thalis, Architect and Urban Designer. A report on the Original Proposal had been prepared by Philip Thalis who is an acknowledged eminent expert in Urban Design and Architecture. In fact, Philip Thalis is a co-author of the Double Bay Development Control Plan (Double Bay DCP) which was adopted by Council and has been in place over a number of years. The Double Bay DCP received an Urban Design Award from the Planning Institute of Australia. In support of the current Revised Planning Proposal, Philip Thalis has prepared a document entitled "Addendum to Urban Design Opinion of 12 May 2015".
- Eeles Trelease, Architects. A report on the Original Planning Proposal had been prepared by Eeles Trelease which is an eminent firm of Architects who were the Architects for the existing building. By any measure, the design of the existing building has made a very positive contribution to the Double Bay Town Centre and the existing building has also been the subject of numerous awards for its high Architectural, Energy Efficiency and Planning elements. In support of the current Revised Planning Proposal, Eeles Trelease has prepared a further report including a document entitled "*Revised Planning Proposal Matrix*".

Following discussions with Council's Officers, the Applicant agreed to lodge this Revised Planning Proposal which now seeks to amend the Planning Controls of Council to permit a 6 storey development on the subject site. Thus, the current Revised Planning Proposal

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represents an increase in only 1 storey above the Council approved 5 th storey (not ye						

constructed) on the subject site.

For the reasons outlined in this document, I support the Revised Planning Proposal. A significant portion of the following document replicates my comments contained in my previous report in support of the Original Planning Proposal.

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3.0 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO WOOLLAHRA LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN 2014 (WLEP 2014)

The Revised Planning Proposal seeks a site specific clause under WLEP 2014 which would reflect the proposed 6 storey development on the subject site.

It is a common provision under various Environmental Planning Instruments to provide Site Specific Planning Controls due to the unique nature of individual properties.

If Council ultimately expresses support for the proposed 6 storey development, it is proposed to amend WLEP 2014 to have a site specific clause contained therein reflecting the height and floor space ratio of the proposed 6 storey development. Discussions can be held with Council Officers to formulate a new clause to reflect the proposed 6 storey development.

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4.0 POINTS IN SUPPORT OF THE REVISED PLANNING PROPOSAL

In support of the Original Planning Proposal, there had been comprehensive reports prepared by Philip Thalis and Eeles Trelease. Accordingly, I had considered that it was unnecessary to provide an extensive Planning Report in support of the Original Planning Proposal in circumstances where the various Urban Design, Traffic, Parking and Planning considerations arising under the Original Planning Proposal had already been canvassed in the reports of Philip Thalis and Eeles Trelease.

For the reasons outlined in my Planning Report in support of the Original Proposal, I had considered that the proposed 7 storey development on the subject site was most reasonable.

I also professionally support the current Revised Planning Proposal for a 6 storey development on the subject site.

Briefly, I strongly consider that the Revised Planning Proposal is eminently reasonable and is worthy of support of Council and the Minister for Planning for a range of reasons including, but not limited to, the following;

- As noted by Philip Thalis, the subject site has unique characteristics, being a "key Corner Site of Double Bay Town Centre". Approval of the Revised Planning Proposal for the subject site would not constitute a precedence for approving increased densities elsewhere in the Town Centre due to the fact that the subject site has site-specific attributes not evidenced in the significant majority of the remaining properties in the Town Centre.
- I note that Philip Thalis previously supported the Original Planning Proposal for a 7 storey development on the subject site by way of an advice dated 12 May, 2015. Recently, Philip Thalis has prepared a document entitled "Addendum to Urban Design Opinion of 12 May 2015", in support of the Revised Planning Proposal. In his Addendum, Mr Thalis concludes as follows:

"Given the Architectural and Urban Design merit embodied in the proposal, appropriate to the site and locality, I recommend that Woollahra Council favourably

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consider this Planning Proposal application".

I fully agree with the comments of Philip Thalis.

- Support for the Revised Planning Proposal would not, in any way, compromise any long term strategic planning reviews/studies for the Double Bay Town Centre due to the fact that the subject site has somewhat unique features which are not evidenced in the great majority of adjoining properties in the Double Bay Town Centre. In other words, support for the current Revised Planning Proposal would not "open the floodgates" for numerous similar Planning Proposals.
- The subject site has unique locational attributes for the reasons outlined in the reports of Philip Thalis and Eeles Trelease. Furthermore, Double Bay Town Centre also has positive locational attributes.
- The introduction of additional housing in the Double Bay Town Centre is a highly desirable Planning outcome as it will encourage increased vitality in the Town Centre and encouragement for retail and other uses.
- As noted by Philip Thalis and Eeles Trelease in their reports on the Original Planning Proposal, the subject site *"occupies the most visually prominent corner location in Double Bay... the site has long been nominated in the DCP as a prominent corner that requires a strong architectural response."* In his report, Philip Thalis notes numerous corner sites in Sydney and overseas wherein strong buildings have been erected to reflect the corner site characteristics. On this point, Philip Thalis also states that *"there are many relevant Planning authorities and Planning publications which stress the importance of stronger street edges on such prominent corner sites."* In fact, these Planning publications encourage stronger corner buildings by way of increased height and floor space ratio bonuses.
- The Urban Planning Committee (UPC) of Council recently considered a report entitled "Double Bay Economic Feasibility Study" prepared by Hill PDA Consulting, which, in effect, recommends increased development yield for properties within the Double Bay Town Centre to encourage increased growth. At its meeting held on Monday 7 September, 2015, Council's UPC resolved, inter alia, that "a further report be presented to the Urban Planning Committee... which is based on the recommendations and policy options presented to the urban Planning Committee

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by Hill PDA Consulting on 7 September, 2015." On this point, it should be noted that Hill PDA is a consulting firm which was appointed by Council itself. Clearly, Hill PDA and Council's UPC support increased development yields in the Double Bay Town Centre to encourage growth.

- Council, over a number of recent years, has allowed variation of its Planning
 Controls, particularly in relation to Height and FSR Standards, over properties which
 do <u>not</u> have the same unique positive attributes as the subject site. For example,
 Council supported increased Height and FSR bonuses on the adjoining development
 site at 2 Knox Street, Double Bay and also the Kiaora Lands redevelopment site (in
 which Council was a part owner). Neither of these development sites are strong
 corner sites, nonetheless, Council resolved to grant them additional bonuses. The
 past Council decisions are not intended to be a criticism of Council. I merely raise
 these decisions to demonstrate that the subject site has even stronger justification
 for increased yields.
- The Revised Planning Proposal contemplates increased housing in the proposed additional level and such housing would add to the vitality and economic impetus to the Town Centre.
- The future proposed units in the additional level would add to the diversity of housing stock, particularly as the units would not have carparking facilities due primarily to the high level of public transport to the subject site and the Town Centre generally. By not requiring on-site carparking, the proposed units would have a purchase price less than is evident in the great majority of home units with carparking facilities in the immediate locality. Accordingly, the proposed units would be sold to a wider range of the housing market because its purchase price would be lower than if the units had car parking facilities.
- In terms of potential amenity impacts, the following points are noted;
 - i. On the issue of Visual Appearance, the report of Eeles Trelease strongly commends the design of the proposed 6 storey building.
 - In terms of Privacy Impact, appropriate measures can be provided to ensure no unreasonable Privacy Impact.

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- iii. In terms of Overshadowing Impact, the current Double Bay Town Centre DCP raises an issue of potential overshadowing onto the public footpath on the southern side of New South Head Road. The Shadow Diagrams prepared by Eeles Trelease in support of the Revised Planning Proposal evidence the fact that the extent and duration of potential overshadowing onto the adjoining public footpath to the south would be very limited in terms of its length of shadow and the time of shadow. On this point, I note that the Revised Planning Proposal reduces the overshadowing onto the opposite public footpath compared to the Original Planning Proposal for 7 storeys. Furthermore, I note that WLEP 2014 has increased the maximum allowable Height Standard for the properties on the northern side of New South Head Road (including the subject site) up to 14.5 metres. The Shadow Diagrams indicate that future buildings built on the northern side of New South Head Road up to a height of 14.5 metres would increase the overshadowing onto the public footpath on the southern side of New South Head Road. In other words, WLEP 2014 by its increased Height Standard has accepted the fact that the public footpath on the southern side of New South Head Road will be overshadowed in the future.
- iv. In terms of View Loss, the report of Eeles Trelease in relation to the Original Planning Proposal for 7 storeys assessed this potential impact and found that there would be no unreasonable View Loss. The Revised Planning Proposal for 6 storeys further reduces any potential View Loss.

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5.0 RESPONSE TO POINTS RAISED BY COUNCIL OFFICERS

At a meeting with Council Officers to discuss the Original Planning Proposal for a 7 storey development, a number of points were raised for discussion purposes. The points discussed at the abovementioned meeting and my responses are provided below. Equivalent responses can be provided to the Revised Planning Proposal for 6 storeys.

• Compatibility of proposed 7 storeys height with remainder of Double Bay Town Centre.

Response

In terms of the test of "compatibility", I considered that the proposed 7 storeys height foreshadowed under the Planning Proposal would be eminently reasonable for the following reasons;

- Adopting the Planning Principle of the Land and Environment Court relating to "compatibility," it is generally accepted that "buildings can exist together in harmony without having the same density, scale or appearance, though as a difference in these attributes increases, harmony is harder to achieve."
 Furthermore, the Court has advised that there are 2 questions to be asked.
 Firstly, are the physical impacts on surrounding developments acceptable? Secondly, is the proposal's appearance in harmony with the buildings around it and the character of the street?
- In terms of physical impacts, I consider that there will not be unreasonable impacts on adjoining properties for the reasons outlined in the reports of Philip Thalis, Eeles Trelease and this Planning Report.
- The appearance of a 7 storey development would be consistent with the architectural appearance of the existing building in terms of its main features and materials of construction.
- When one undertakes the test of compatibility, one must place significant weight on the likely future built form on adjoining properties based on Council's Planning Controls. On this point, I particularly note the fact that many of the adjoining buildings are considerably underdeveloped compared to the bulk,

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scale and height of future buildings contemplated under Council's Planning Controls.

- I also wish to reiterate the advice of Philip Thalis that there are authoritative publications which endorse the principle that corner sites require strong corner buildings above the prevailing Planning Controls.
- Due to the somewhat unique characteristics of the subject site, the foreshadowed 7 storey building reflects the unique characteristics of the site.

My abovementioned grounds in support of the previously proposed 7 storeys development equally apply to the proposed 6 storey development under the Revised Planning Proposal.

 Precedent impact of Planning Proposal on long term strategic Planning reviews/studies.

Response

For the reasons outlined in this report, approval of the current Planning Proposal would not result in a "precedent" to justify similar proposals on the great majority of properties in the Double Bay Town Centre. There would only be a very limited number of similar sites fronting New South Head Road. I consider that the subject site demonstrates somewhat unique positive features which are not readily evident in the great majority of other Business zoned land within the Double Bay Town Centre. Accordingly, support for the current Planning Proposal would not "open the flood gates" for a multitude of similar Planning Proposals.

My abovementioned grounds in support of the previously proposed 7 storeys development equally apply to the proposed 6 storey development under the current Revised Planning Proposal.

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• Adequacy of setbacks to adjoining "Cosmopolitan" development.

Response

The issue of SEPP 65 would be the subject of further assessment under a future Development Application, but the following points should be noted;

- i. There is an intervening laneway which provides spatial separation between the subject site and the adjoining 'Cosmopolitan' development.
- ii. The issue of Privacy Impact, which is a relevant consideration under SEPP 65, can be resolved by appropriate privacy measures.
- iii. The issue of Overshadowing Impact is resolved in favour of the proposal given that adjoining units will still retain a level of sun in excess of Council's Planning Controls.
- iv. The issue of Loss of Views is resolved in favour of the proposal given my inspection of the adjoining top floor unit in the adjoining 'Cosmopolitan' development. My inspection revealed that this adjoining unit enjoys expansive north facing views which would not be impacted by the proposal.
- Overshadowing of Council footpath on southern side of New South Head Road.

Response

For the reasons outlined in my report in relation to the Original Planning Proposal for 7 storeys, I had considered that there will not be unreasonable Overshadowing Impact on the public footpath on the southern side of New South Head Road arising from the Original Planning Proposal for 7 storeys.

The Revised Planning Proposal for 6 storeys would further reduce any Overshadowing Impact on the public footpath on the southern side of New South Head Road.

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6.0 CONCLUSION

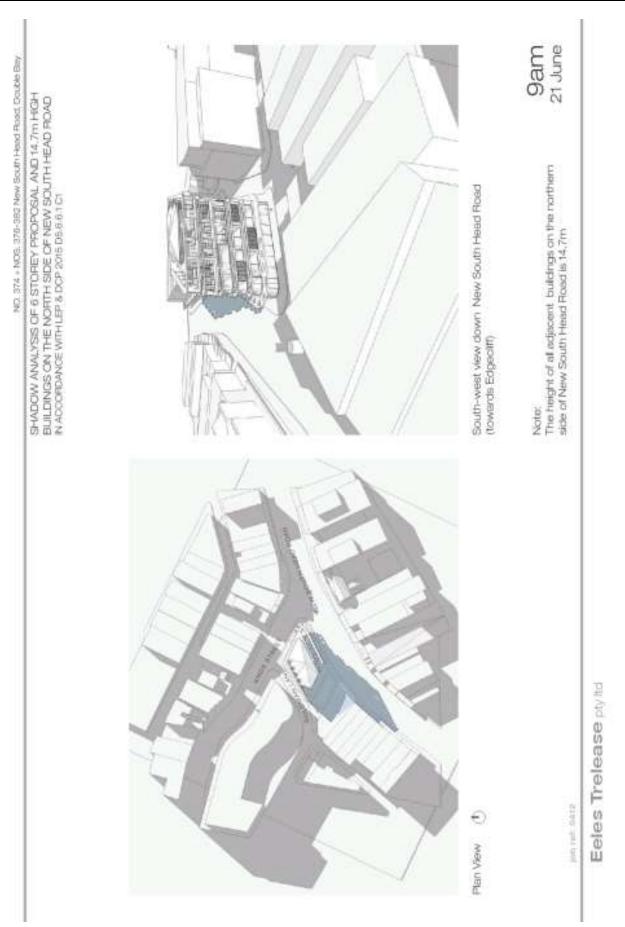
For the reasons outlined in the reports of Philip Thalis, Eeles Trelease and this Planning Report, I consider that the Revised Planning Proposal is to be commended and is worthy of support of Council and the Minister for Planning.

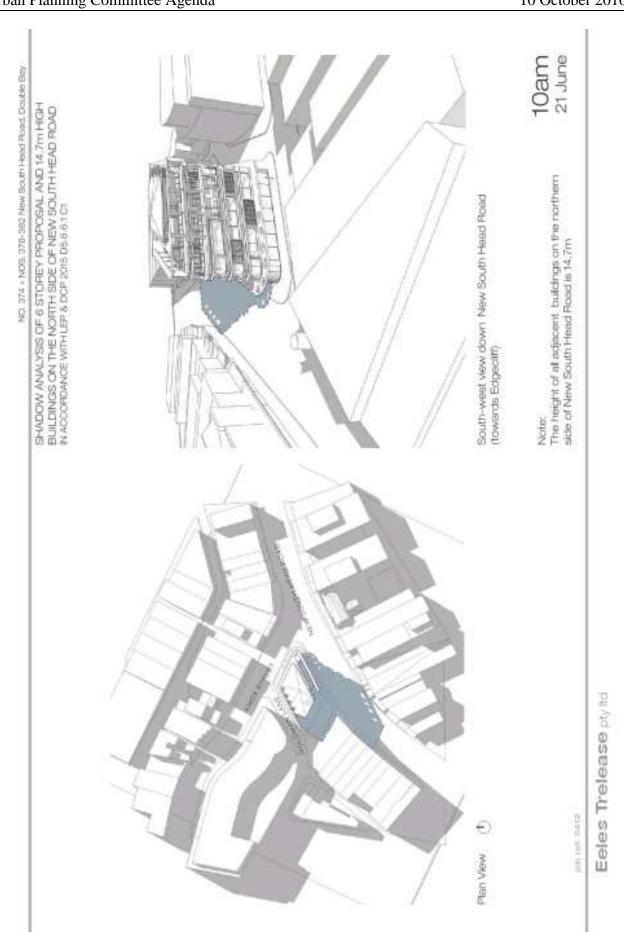
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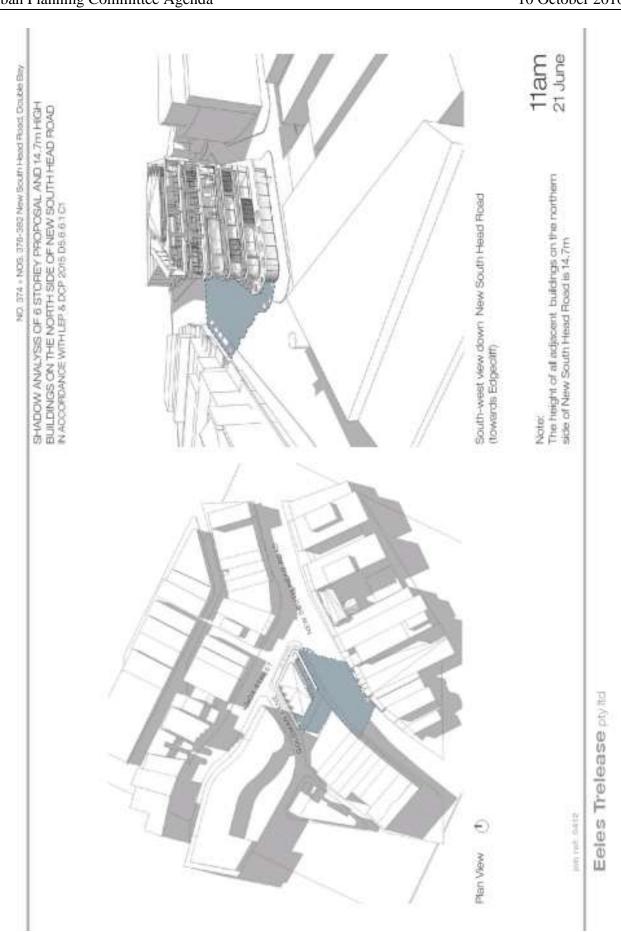
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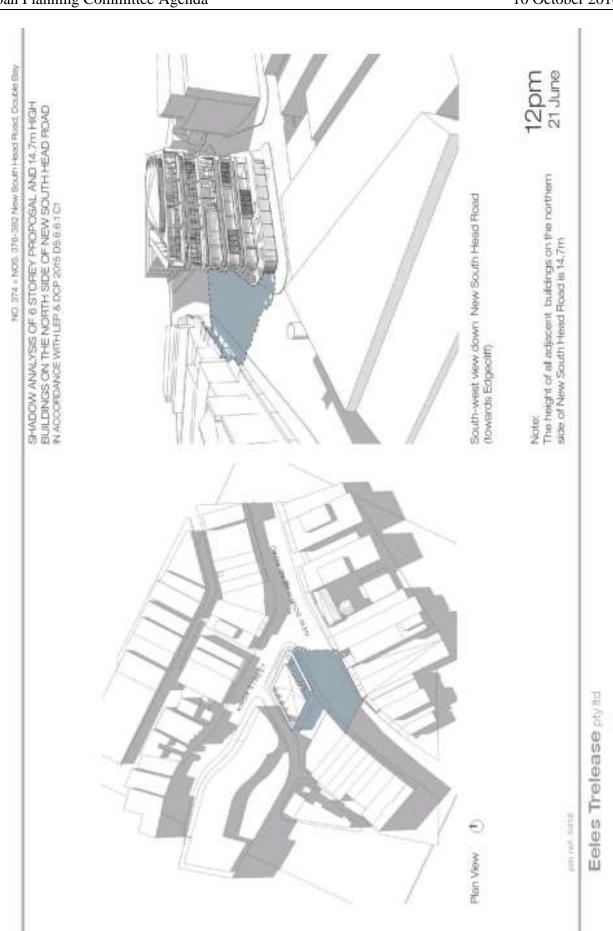
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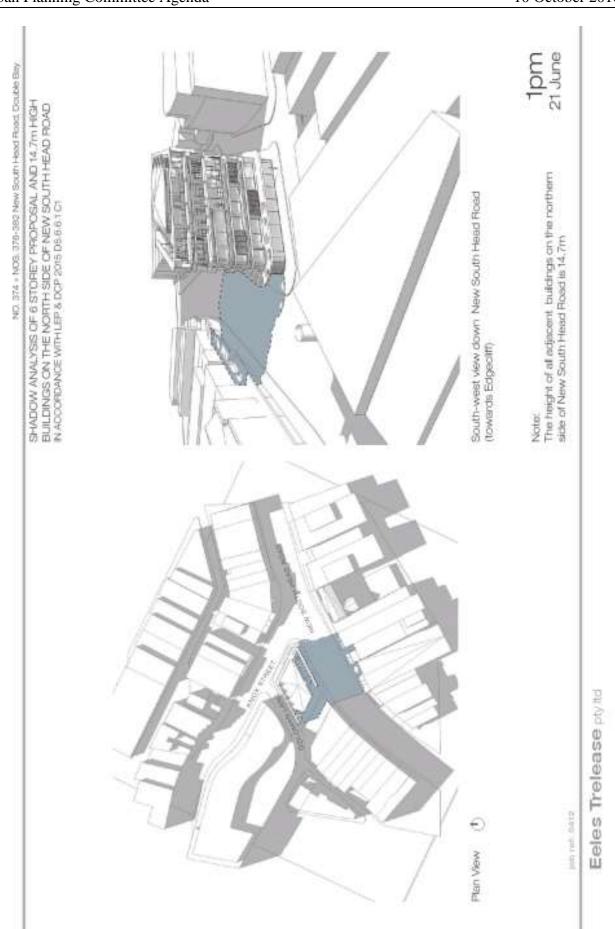
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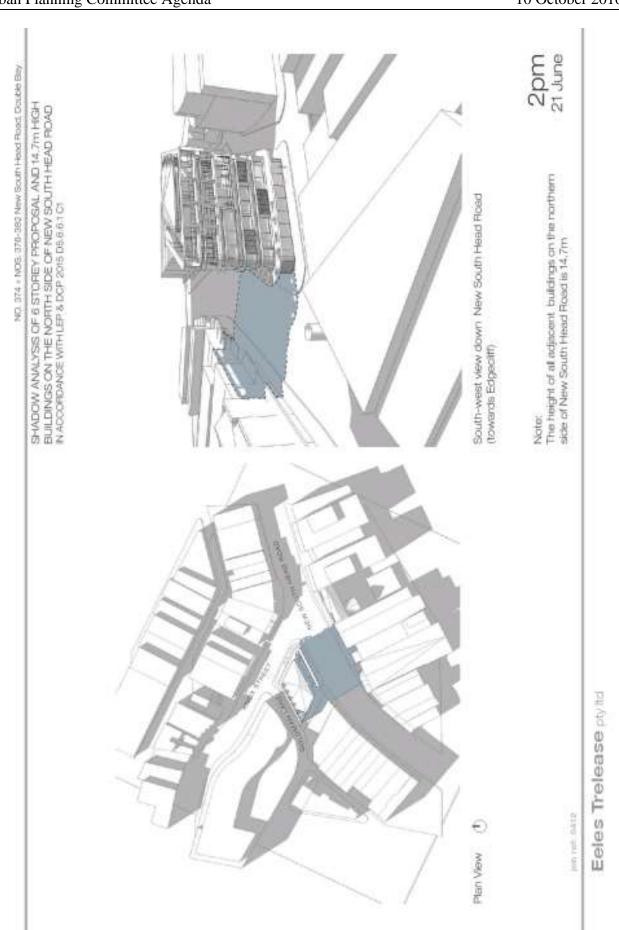


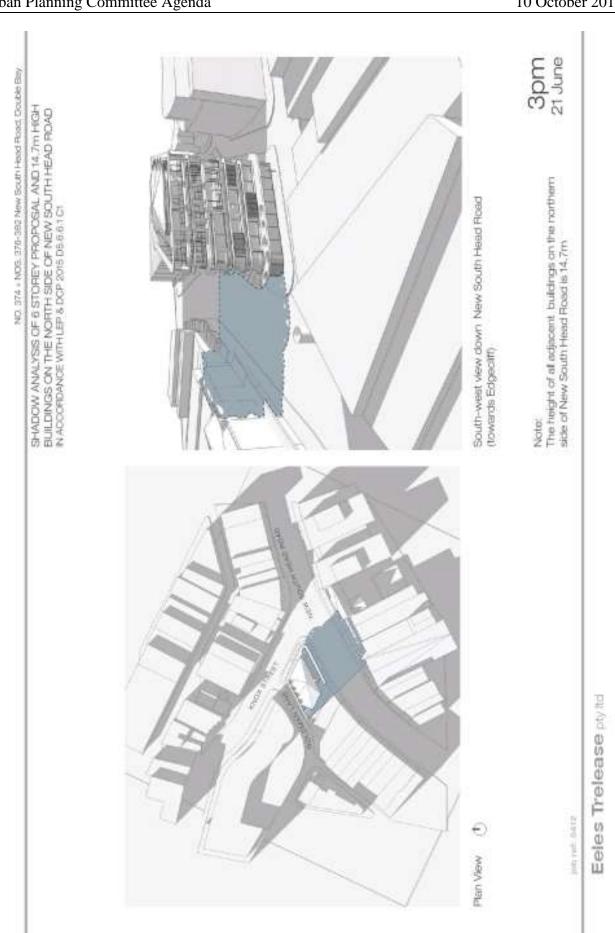


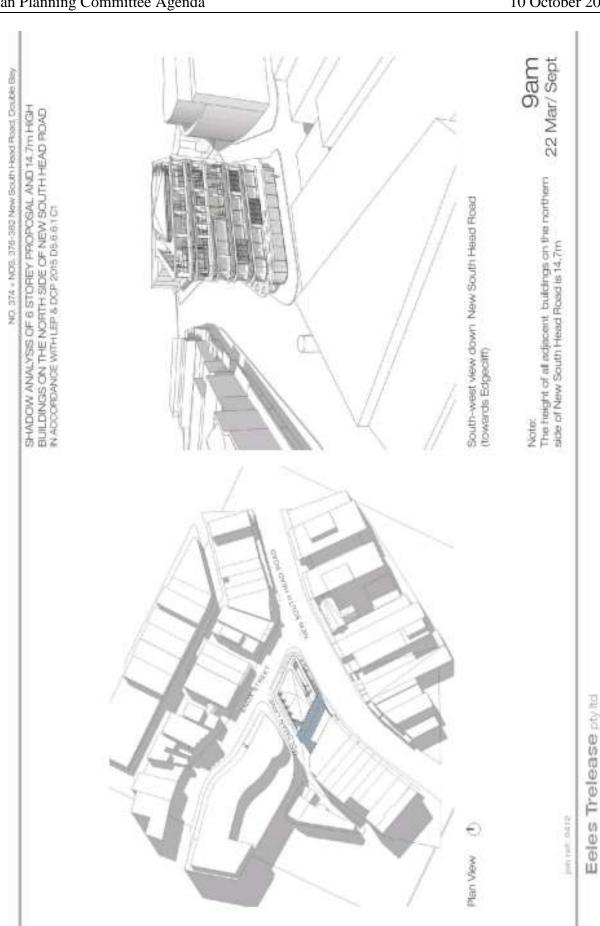


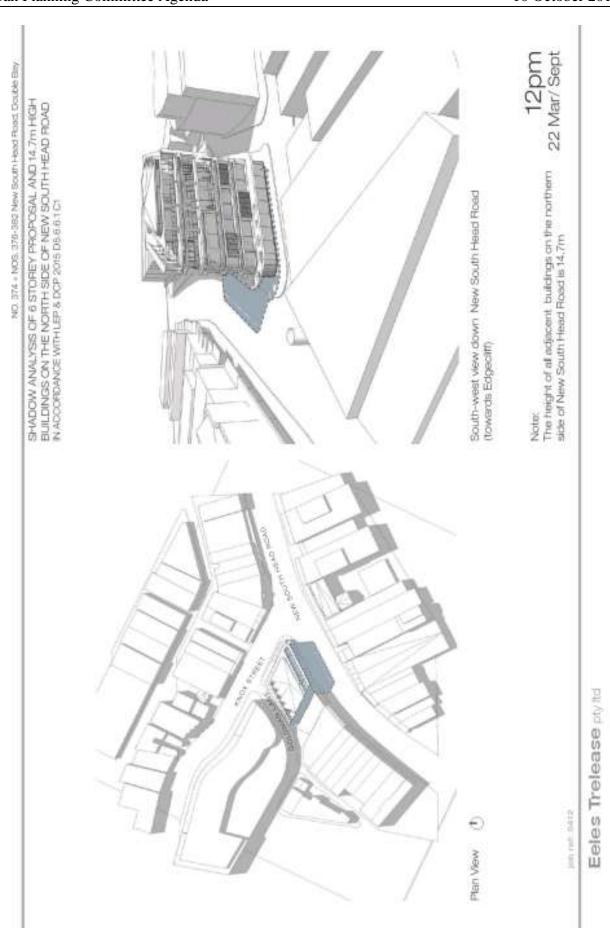




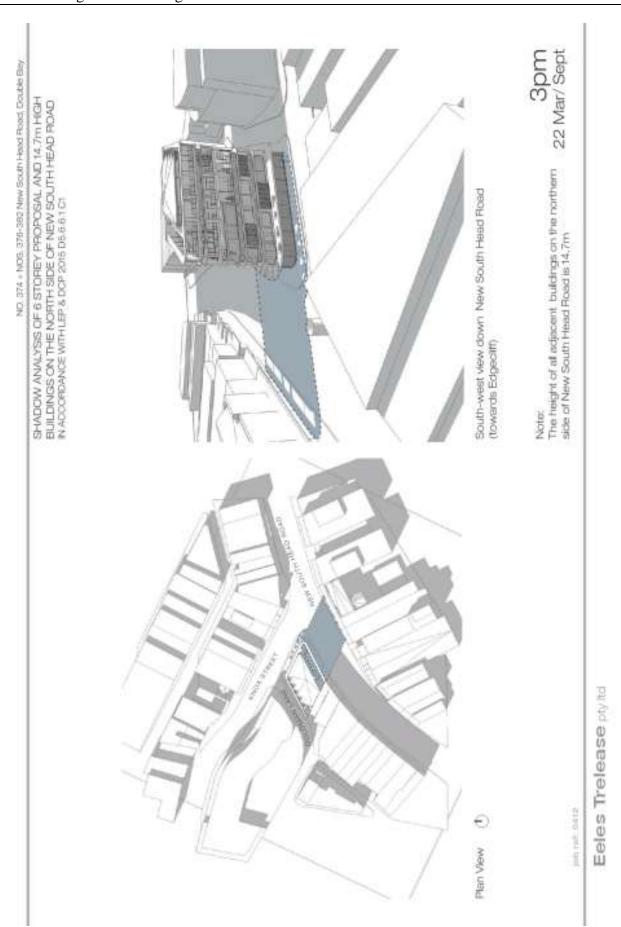


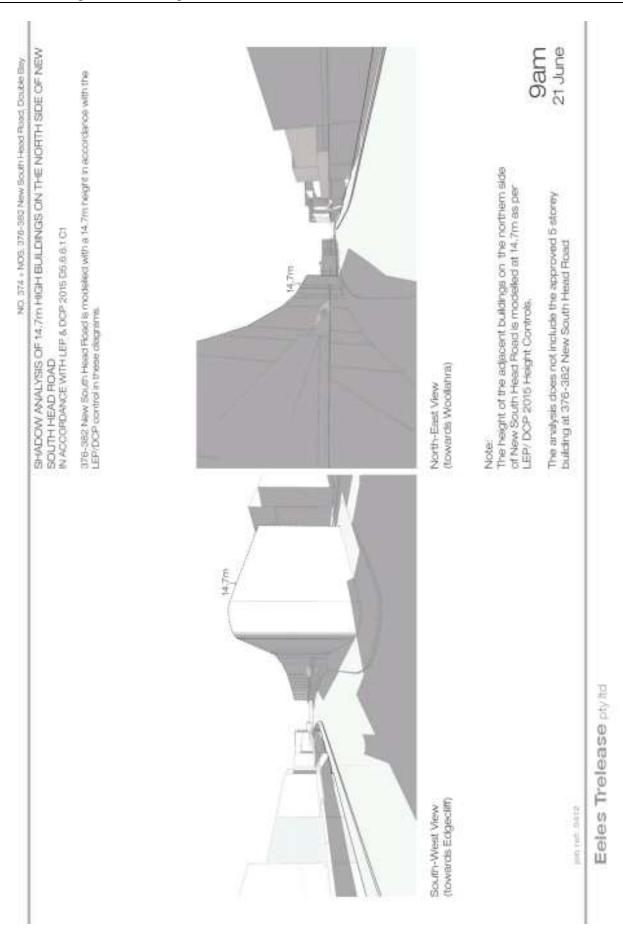


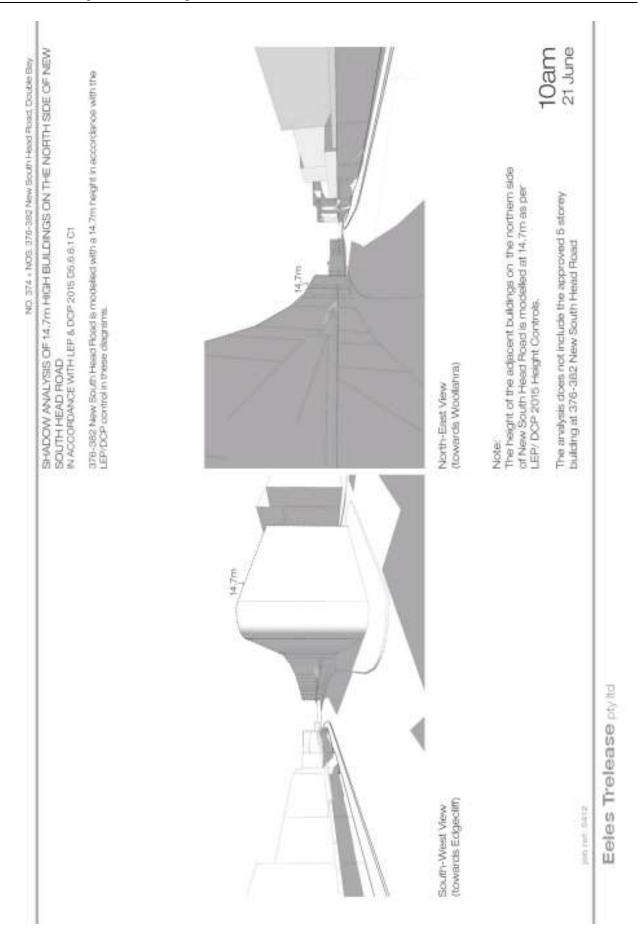


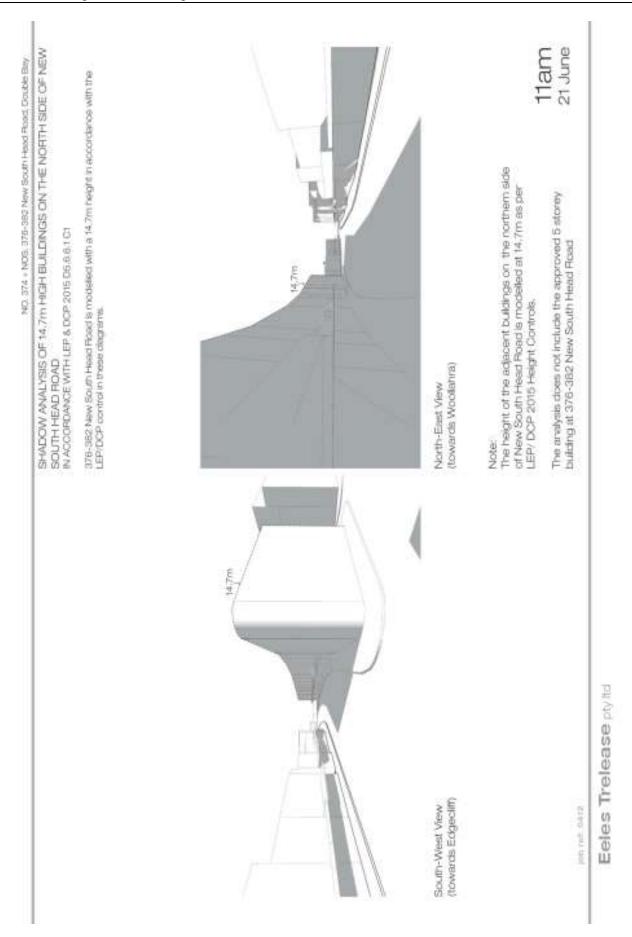


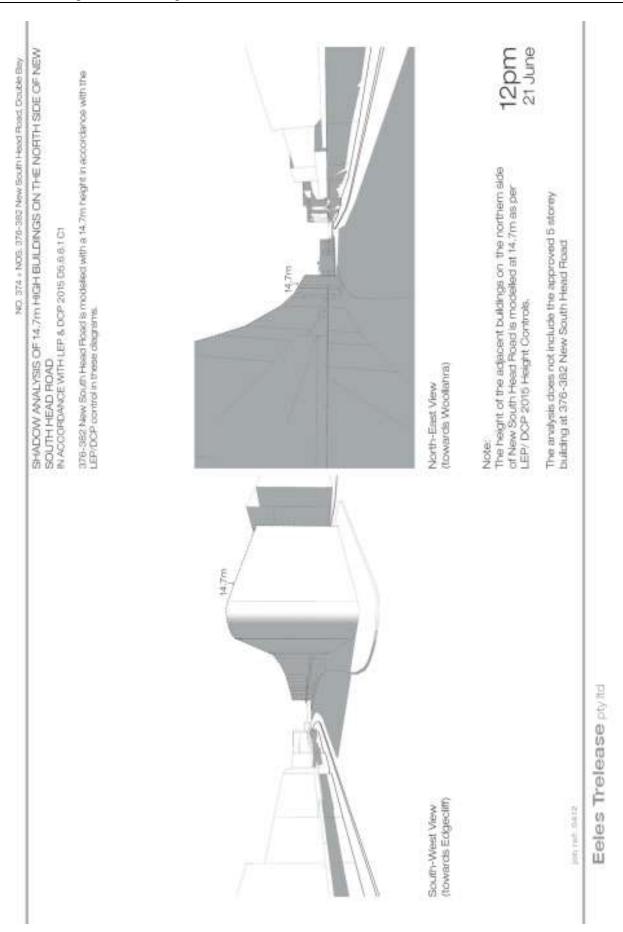
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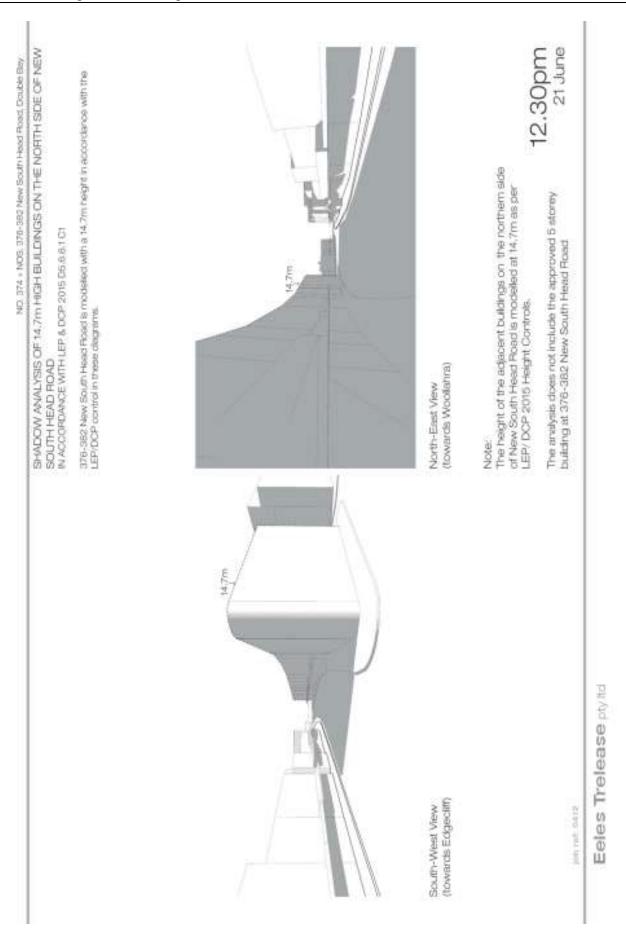


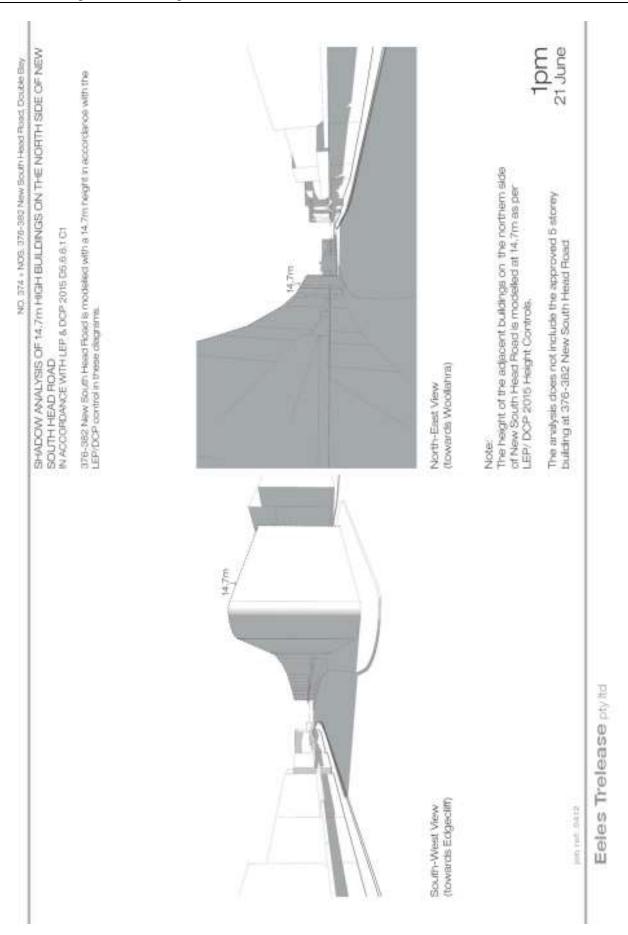


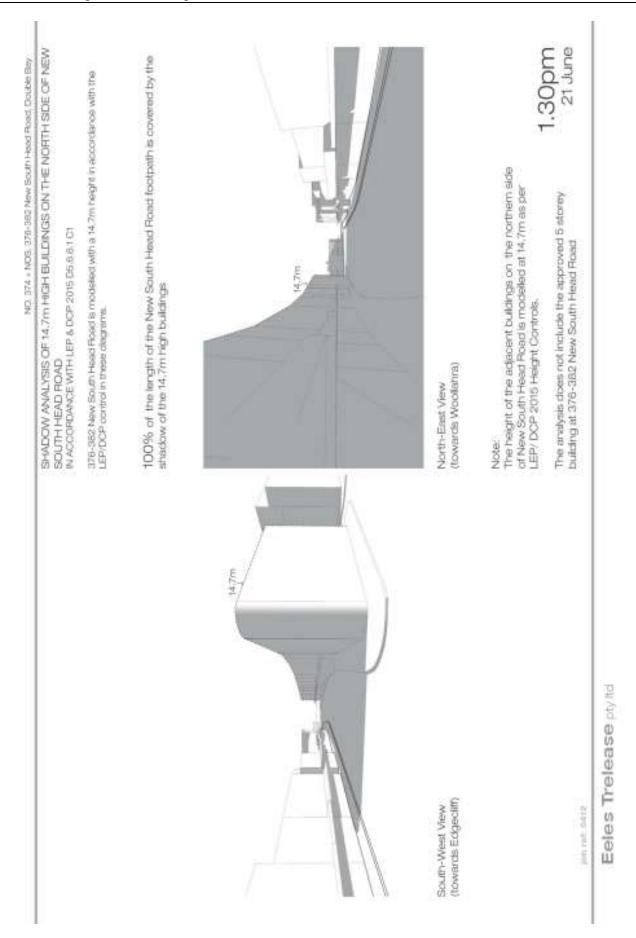


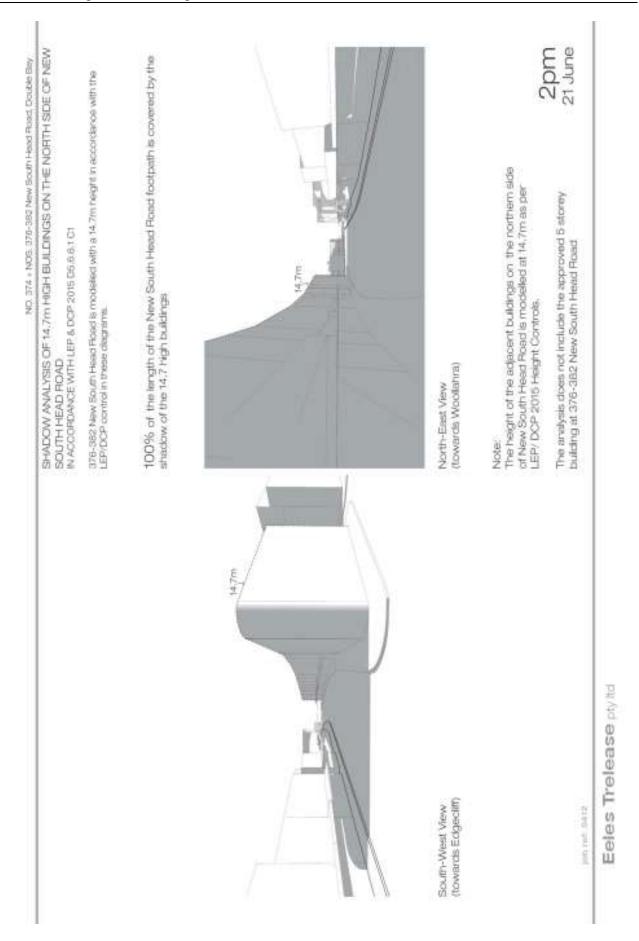


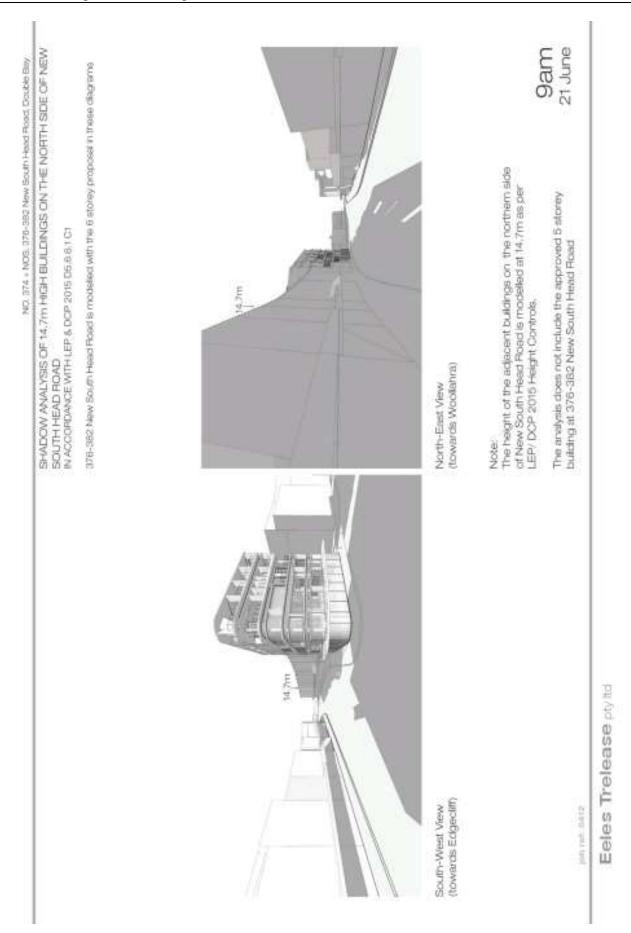


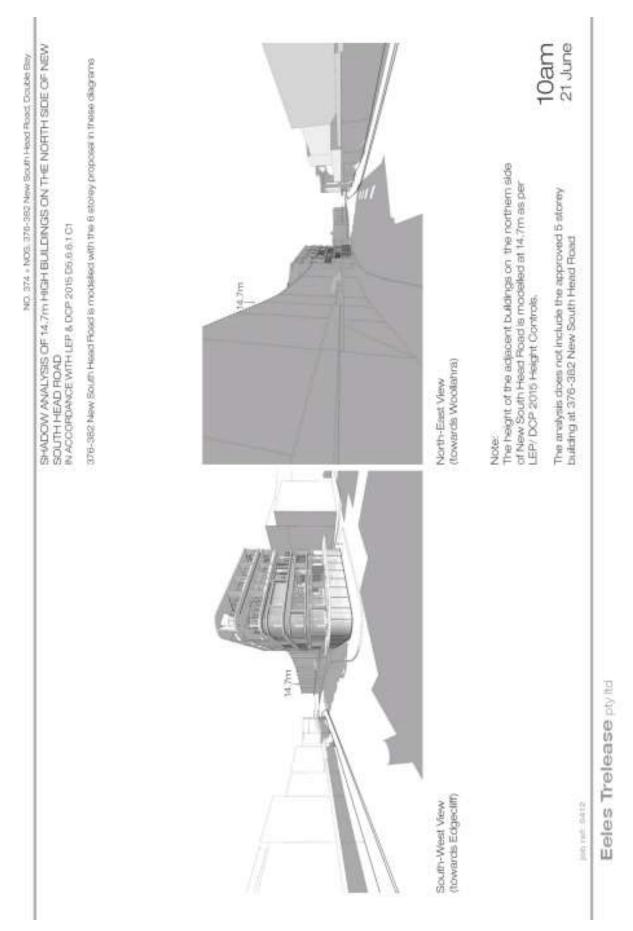


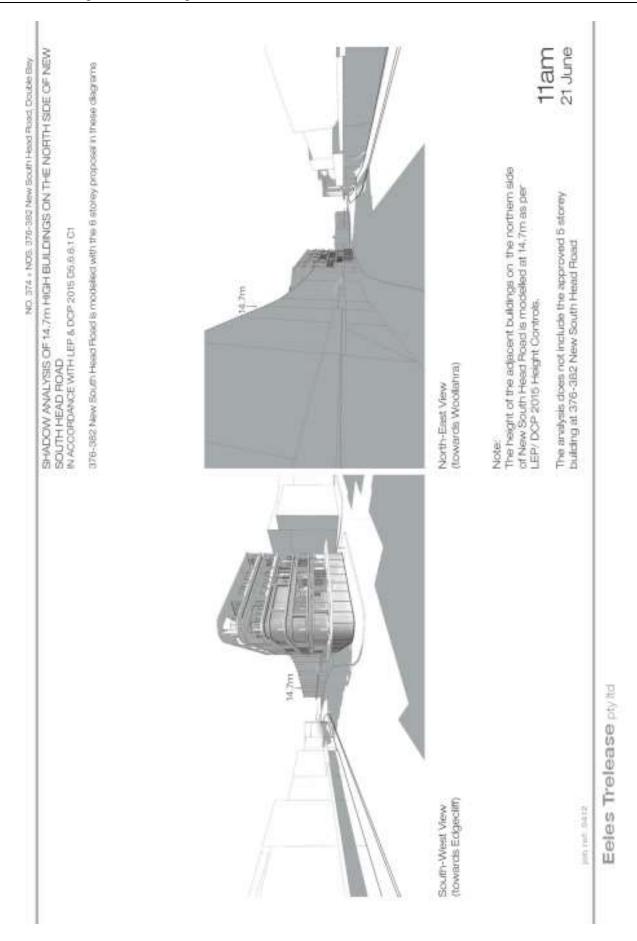


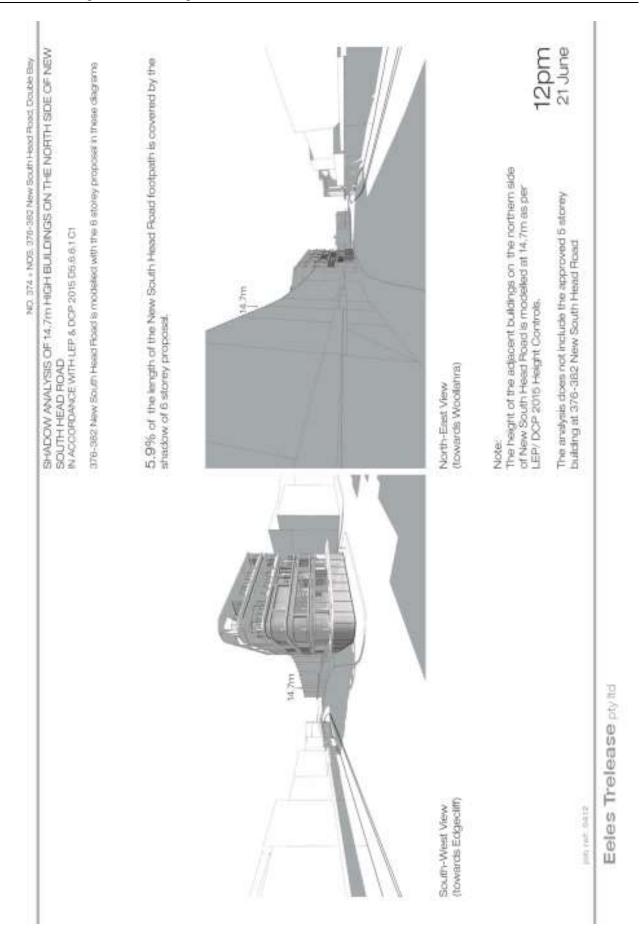


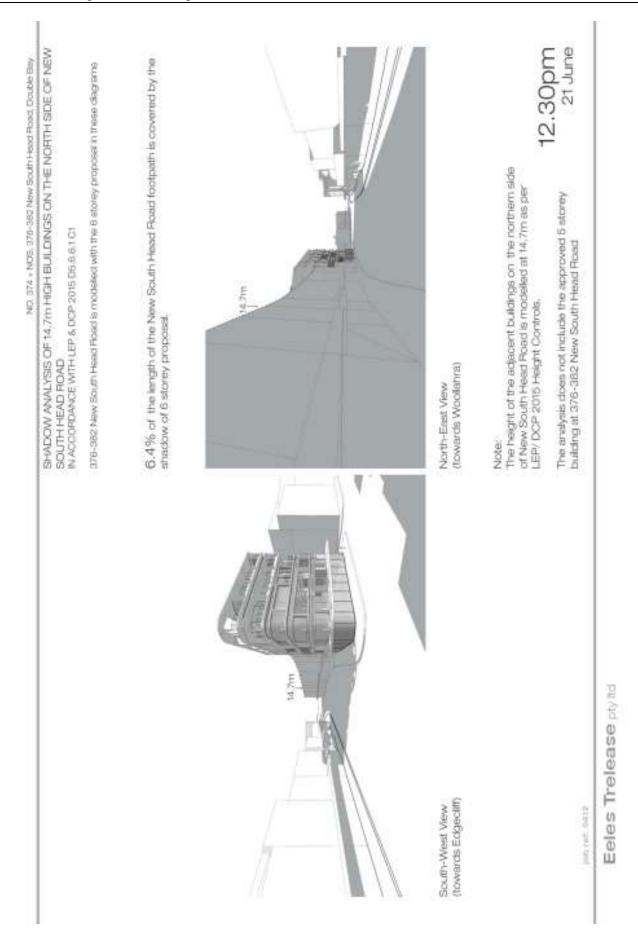


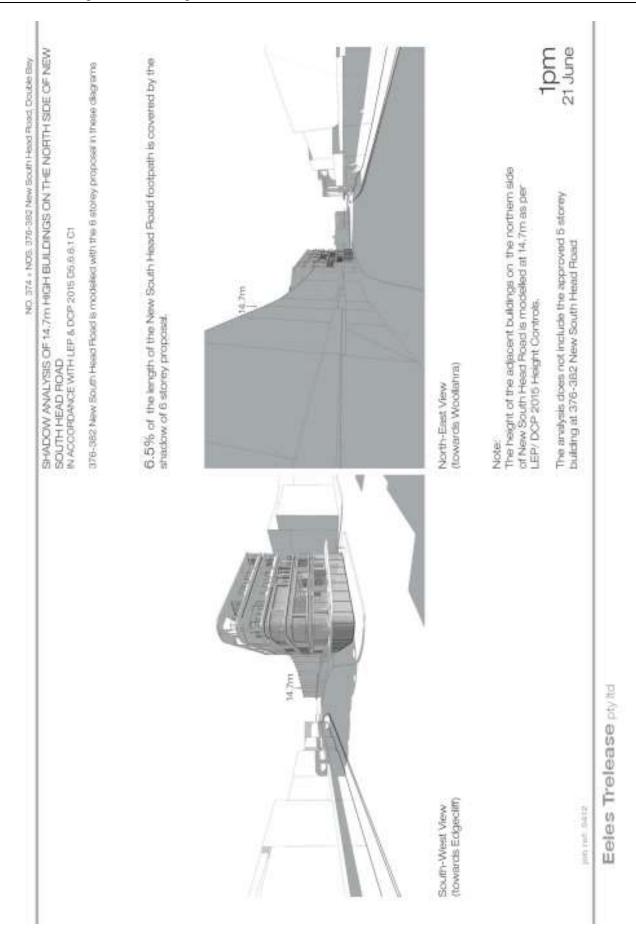


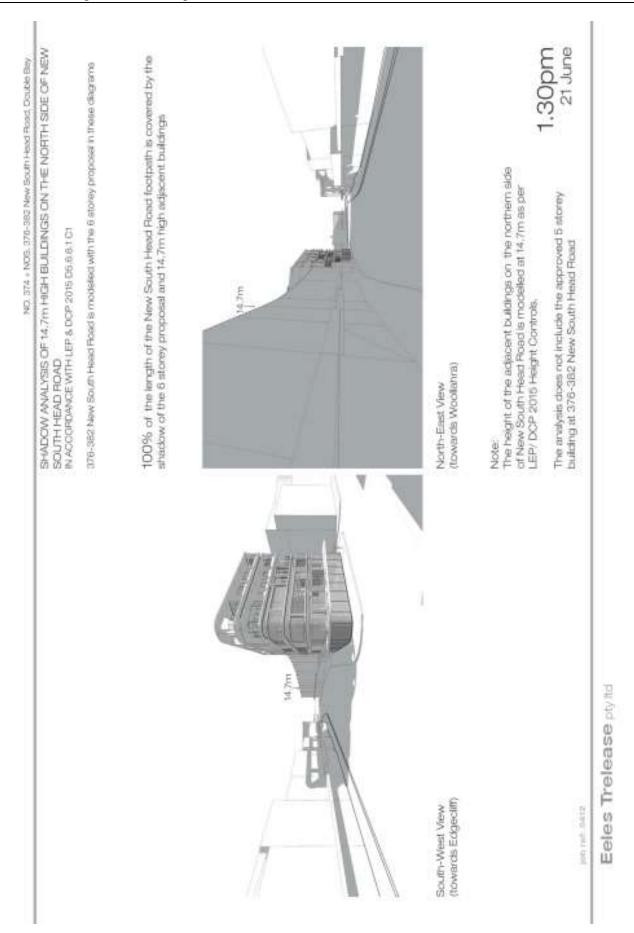


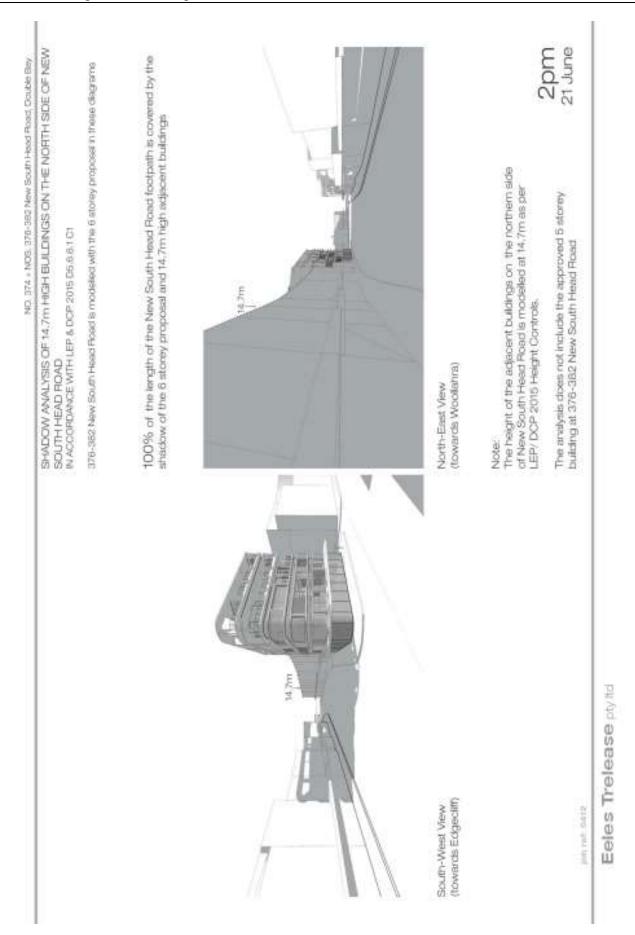












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DOUBLE BAY COMMUNITY ATTITUDE SURVEY

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INTRODUCTION

Fivex, owner of 374 and 376-382 New South Head Road, Double Bay, commissioned independent research firm Katos Holdings to consult local residents and gauge the community's attitude to the need of further revitalisation in Double Bay and more specifically, the community's attitude to increased development potential in Double Bay.

Fivex decided to appoint Katos Holdings, a company that has a strong history of research in the field of urban development, to undertake two surveys, telephone and in-person, as a result of Fivex's decision to submit a planning proposal to Woollahra Council.

The first market research survey conducted was a telephone survey in April 2015 of a representative sample of 179 Double Bay residents by age and gender. The second phase of the market research was a face-to-face survey of also a representative sample of 93 residents by age and gender in Double Bay's town centre in August 2015.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Fivex has presented a proposal to Woollahra Municipal Council to extend its four storey commercial property at 376-382 New South Head Road to a seven story mixed use property, and neighbouring property one storey No. 374 New South Head Road to seven storeys.

As part of its consultation commitment, it undertook a series of market research surveys to gain valid and reliable understanding and an impartial view of the community's reaction. The surveys included a statistically representative sample of Double Bay residents by age and gender. The sample size of residents included in the research is deemed appropriate, given the relatively small size of the local population targeted. The statistical accuracy for the survey results is +-7%.

The proposed development received significant community support, with almost three quarters of those surveyed face-to-face supporting it upon being shown it in context.

The community supports increasing height restrictions

Four in ten (39%) residents surveyed by phone support increasing building heights along New South Head Road, based on a development proposal 'site unseen'. Support levels peak at 62% among Double Bay residents surveyed in person (again based on 'site unseen'). When surveyed face-to-face, and provided with photomontages to depict what an increase to seven storeys would look like on Fivex's building, community support rises to 74% of residents interviewed.

There is a groundswell of opinion that Double Bay needs to be revitalised

The market research found that an overwhelming majority of people interviewed would like to see Double Bay revitalised with a sustainable thriving commercial precinct and strong sense of community (87% of residents interviewed by phone and 90% of residents surveyed in person).

Residents are seeking action to make Double Bay a more attractive place to live

Three in four (74%) residents surveyed by phone would also welcome a range of initiatives being undertaken in Double Bay to make it a more attractive place to live. Only 30% of residents surveyed by phone feel Double Bay 'is fine as it is'. A clear majority of phone survey respondents disagree (65%) feel more needs to be done, with this view consistent among males and females and different age groups. The remaining 5% surveyed had no opinion.

A greater mix of uses in Double Bay is supported

Seven in ten (72%) residents interviewed face-to-face strongly feel Double Bay would benefit from a greater mix of residential, retail and commercial uses, while a majority of phone survey residents (51%) are also strongly in favour. Four in ten (40%) residents surveyed by phone also believe more affordable housing development can be accommodated in Double Bay to cater for an increased population. A majority (51%) support low cost and environmentally sustainable residential development in the town's centre.

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The gateway to Double Bay, New South Head Road, needs a facelift

A very high 87% of Double Bay residents surveyed by phone agreed that the buildings along New South Head Road need a 'facelift', peaking at 93% among residents surveyed face-to-face.

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SURVEY FINDINGS

Background

This Top-Line Report presents the key findings of the Double Bay Community Attitudes Phone and Face-to-Face Surveys designed and administered independently by Katos Holdings, on behalf of Fivex.

Katos Holdings is a market research agency with extensive experience determining and validating the attitudes of residents (across NSW) relating to a range of small, medium and large-scale urban development projects proposed in local communities. The agency's principal, George Katos has 30 years experience in the market research industry designing, administering and analysing surveys with various population groups covering a diverse range of issues impacting their local community. (See <u>Appendix A</u> for his CV)

What we did

A two-stage research project was adopted.

Stage 1

An eight minute telephone survey (see <u>Appendix B</u> for full survey questions) was initially administered to a random and representative sample of Double Bay residents aged 18+ years old during April 2015. A total of 179 interviews were conducted. The telephone numbers sourced were current Double Bay residents, which respondents confirmed at the outset of the survey.

The first research stage sought general views into the revitalisation of Double Bay amongst its residents and sought to gain high level views of what development would be acceptable to residents. There were no plans or artist impressions provided nor were any details provided about specific development proposals. The results for all survey questions are reported in this document.

Table 1 (overleaf) provides a breakdown of the gender and age of Double Bay residents surveyed. As with all market research surveys, there are typically a greater proportion of females and older residents willing to participate.

A good cross-section of the Double Bay community was interviewed. Survey results, however, have been slightly adjusted as is standard in survey results, to more accurately reflect the true population profile in terms of gender and age. This adjustment has only changed the results to most survey questions by 1 to 2 percentage points.

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Q1. Gender	Male	30%
	Female	70%
Q2. Age	18 to 34 years	21%
Group	35 to 54 years	22%
	55 plus years	57%
Q3. Years	10 years or less	32%
Lived in	11 to 20 years	29%
Double Bay	More than 20 years	39%

Table 1: Demographics for Phone Survey

Based on the latest 2013 population data available for the Double Bay area, 45% of residents are male and 55% female. In terms of age, 33% of the population is 18 to 34 years old, 30% is aged 35 to 54 and the remaining 37% aged 55+. The survey data was adjusted to reflect this.

The average number of years lived in Double Bay according to survey respondents is 18. Both recent and long-standing residents have been captured in the survey. One in ten respondents has lived in Double Bay for more than 30 years.

Nearly one in five (18%) residents interviewed also claim to work in Double Bay.

Stage 2

A similar eight minute face-to-face survey was administered in August 2015 to a random and representative sample of 93 Double Bay residents aged 18+ years old in the town centre. (See <u>Appendix D</u> for full survey questions).

The primary aim of the second research phase was to establish the impact of showing photomontages of the proposed extension of 374 and 376-382 New South Head Road, Double Bay on resident views.

A good cross-section of residents was interviewed; Males 38%, Females 62%; 18-34 year olds 26%, 35-54 age group 33%, 55+ age group 41%; 32% of respondents work in Double Bay

Note: Only statistically significant differences across respondent profiles are highlighted in this report.

Key survey findings

The key insights across both phone and face-to-face surveys are reported as follows.

There is widespread support for revitalising Double Bay...

Residents surveyed were initially asked for their opinion towards a number of attitudinal statements relating to living in Double Bay.

When asked, a very high 87% of people interviewed by phone would like to see Double Bay revitalised with a sustainable thriving commercial precinct and strong sense of community, peaking at 90% among residents surveyed in person (Q5 of face-to-face survey). This belief is consistently high across all age groups. Only 9% of those interviewed disagree.

Three in four (74%) residents surveyed by phone would also welcome a range of initiatives being undertaken in Double Bay to make it a more attractive place to live. This is more noticeable among males and people also working in Double Bay, but a sentiment shared across the different age groups. This question was not asked to face-to-face survey respondents.

Q5. Current Mindset of Double Bay Residents Towards Statements Asked (Phone Survey)	% answering YES
Would like to see a more vibrant and revitalised Double Bay	87%
Range of initiative needed to make Double Bay a more attractive place to live	74%
Double Bay is <u>not</u> fine as it is (reverse of the statement asked)	65%

Only 30% of residents surveyed by phone feel Double Bay 'is fine as it is'. The table above reveals that a clear majority disagree (65%) and feel more needs to be done, with this view consistent among males and females and different age groups. The remaining 5% surveyed on this question had no opinion.

Residents were also asked what specifically council needs to do, to further enhance and revive Double Bay (from a list a prompted responses in Q6). The table below shows that most of the Double Bay community surveyed by phone, 76% and 66% supports increasing retail and commercial opportunities respectively.

Q6. How Council can Further Enhance &	%
Revive Double Bay	AGREEING
(Prompted Responses – Phone Survey only)	
Increase retail opportunities	76%
Increase commercial opportunities	66%
Increase housing opportunities	32%
Increase population in the town centre	18%

A significant one in three (32%) Double Bay residents surveyed by phone would like to see more housing opportunities in their suburb, while a lower 18% support the concept of more people living in the town centre.

Unprompted, 6% of phone survey respondents would also like to see the addition of a movie theatre and 5% more parking available, while 2% highlighted cleaner streets and the removal of parking meters.

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On a separate survey question, 51% of Double Bay residents surveyed by phone feel the suburb needs a greater mix of residential, retail and commercial uses, peaking at 74% among those who work in Double Bay. Support for a greater mix of uses in Double Bay peaks at 72% of residents surveyed in person (Q6 of face-to-face survey).

There is considerable support for more affordable housing in Double Bay...

When asked specifically, a significant 40% of residents interviewed by phone feel more affordable housing development is needed in Double Bay to cater for an increased population. However, over half (53%) disagree, while the remaining 7% have no opinion. The definition of 'affordable housing' was not spelt out to respondents, but purely based on their own interpretation.

Support for More Affordable Housing in Double Bay (based on statements read out to phone survey respondents only)	% answering YES
More affordable housing development is needed in Double Bay to cater for an increased population (Q5)	40%
Support low cost and environmentally sustainable residential development in Double Bay's town centre (Q10)	51%

Support is highest among people also working in Double Bay (64%) and males (60%) and the 18-34 age group (54%). Of note, 31% of residents aged 55+ are in favour of more affordable housing in Double Bay.

The table above shows that one half (51%) of residents surveyed by phone support low cost and environmentally sustainable residential development in Double Bay's town centre - 30% are definite in their support, while 21% would be open to the idea.

Support appears highest among males (65%) and 18 to 34 year olds (66%). The remaining half of those interviewed opposes residential development in the town centre, more so older residents aged 55+ (63% oppose).

When asked, 79% of residents surveyed by phone highlighted a concern with more affordable residential development in Double Bay, peaking at 88% among females. However, this result is typical of most community surveys relating to new urban development projects undertaken by Katos Holdings. Residents will voice a concern of some sort from the outset, especially when there is no specific development proposal or photomontages to base their responses on.

Q11. Specific concerns phone survey residents have with more affordable residential development developed in Double Bay	% answering unprompted (n=179)	
Change look / feel of area	37%	
Traffic congestion / traffic related	22%	
Overpopulation / crowding	13%	
Exceed height / density levels	8%	
Reduction in property values in area	5%	
No room / infrastructure to support dev't	4%	
Increase crime in area	3%	
Won't end up being affordable	3%	
No concerns	21%	

'Stand out' concerns highlighted by phone survey residents relate to a perceived change in the look and feel of the suburb and traffic congestion. Residents in virtually all community surveys undertaken by Katos Holdings commonly raise these as their top two concerns when asked about new developments, site unseen.

A small minority of residents raised the issue of potential over crowding and increased building heights resulting. Concerns relating to falls in property values are almost nonexistent.

There is strong acknowledgement in the community that New South Head Road needs as 'facelift' with support for a greater mix of residential, retail and commercial...

A very high 87% of Double Bay residents surveyed by phone agree that the buildings along New South Head Road need a 'facelift'. Only 10% disagree, while the remaining 3% had no opinion. This positive sentiment is shared across all age groups and peaks at 93% among residents surveyed in person (Q 7 of face-to-face survey).

Telephone and face-to-face survey respondents were asked their willingness to accept a greater mix of residential, retail and commercial uses in Double Bay, if it meant increasing the current building heights only along New South Head Road from the existing 4 level maximum.

The table overleaf reveals sizeable support exists for this occurring, especially given residents had no specific development proposal or photomontages to base their responses on (when the question was asked). That is, the development scenario was a 'site unseen'.

Would accept a greater mix of uses in Double Bay, if it meant increasing current building heights only along New South Head Road	% answering YES
From 4 levels to a maximum of 6 levels (Q8. phone survey)	46%
From 4 levels to a maximum of 6 levels (Q10. face-to-face survey)	78%
From 4 levels to a maximum of 7 levels (Q9. phone survey)	39%
From 4 levels to a maximum of 7 levels (Q8. face-to-face survey)	62%

Nearly half (46%) of residents interviewed by phone would accept the current building heights increasing to 6 levels (21% answering definitely, 25% maybe). This figure is significantly higher among residents surveyed in person, at 78%.

Support for existing building heights increasing to 7 levels only along New South Head Road under these circumstances remains sizeable ('site unseen'), although lower at 39% among phone survey respondents (27% answering definitely, 13% maybe), but somewhat higher among face-to-face survey respondents at 62%.

Based on our experience, we would expect support for lifting building height limits along New South Head Road for the sole purpose of achieving greater multi-use developments to increase, once Double Bay residents are presented with a specific development proposal or photomontages to assess. Development proposals which present the benefits to local residents and address their main concerns often leads to greater support within the broader community.

This was certainly the case, when face-to-face respondents were presented with photomontages of the new development proposal based on 7 levels to respond to. Support increases to 74% of residents compared to 62% of the same residents when asked 'site unseen' (See Appendix C for raw data from the survey and Appendix D for survey questions). Winning over the remaining 26% of residents who oppose this increased building height will rely on having their main concerns addressed by Fivex.

Securing strong community support for the Fivex development proposal requires resident concerns being addressed ...

Most urban development proposals typically spark concerns from a proportion of local residents relating to the potential visual and aesthetic impacts to the area and increased traffic congestion. The Fivex development proposal is no different.

Strengthening community support for increasing existing building heights relies on the following key issues raised being addressed (ranked in order, as highlighted by the 48 people surveyed face-to-face asked this question).

1. Not destroying or decreasing the village feel / atmosphere / charm in town centre.

- 2. Concern increased building heights will apply to entire suburb and cause overdevelopment e.g. Bondi.
- 3. Loss / blocking of sunlight by new development / overshadowing on road / causing wind tunnel effect.
- 4. Providing adequate parking, solving current parking shortage / traffic congestion in town centre.
- 5. Adopting a more environmentally friendly visual building design / less artificial looking.
- 6. Restricting increased building levels to residential uses only.
- 7. Demonstrating how will benefit the local community and why the need, why the increased building height limits and how the local community will be better off with such a larger development

At the completion of the phone survey, interviewers were asked to sum up the mood of respondents towards making Double Bay a more appealing place to live.

Although a subjective self-assessment exercise, the results reinforce that most residents interviewed by phone acknowledge the need for improvement, with seven in ten respondents (69%) rated to be very positive or positive to the need for enhancements in Double Bay. Only 17% were rated as being negative about the need for change, while the remaining 13% were observed to have no strong opinion either way, peaking at 24% among residents aged 55+.

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APPENDICES

APPENDIX A: GEORGE KATOS CV

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Qualifications

1990 Graduate Diploma Humans Services Research (LaTrobe University)

- 1987 Graduate Diploma Social Research & Planning (RMIT University)
- 1984 Bachelor of Arts Urban Studies (Victoria University)

Previous Employment History

2012 July - current Katos Holdings (Interim Company Name), Director

Katos Holdings is qualitative and quantitative research agency based in Sydney, with genuine Australia wide and Asia Pacific capabilities. As a very 'hands on' Company Director, our company caters for the diverse needs of micro, small and larger businesses, including multinational companies based in Australia and overseas. A key specialty of our agency is determining and validating community, business and government acceptance of small and large scale public and private infrastructure projects. We specialise in the conduct of telephone and face to face surveys, focus groups, in-depth interviews home visits and shopper interviews.

Our research team has many years of experience successfully servicing market research agencies, consulting firms, marketing consultancies, advertising and PR agencies, service providers, manufacturers, government bodies and institutions, industry groups and non-profit organisations.

We pride ourselves on being a truly independent and trusted consulting and support agency. Locally we support end clients and research agencies in Sydney, Melbourne, Canberra and Brisbane. Our international client base is located in South Korea, Japan, India, Germany, the UK and USA.

2008 Oct to 2012 June MRA Research – Research Director

MRA Research was owned by Daemon Group, a communications agency. I began in October 2008 and headed up the market research part of the business managing the qualitative and quantitative needs of local and overseas clients. My role was very 'hands on' involving the design, conduct, analysis and reporting of research projects. The MRA team currently consists of three researchers, one assistant, one data analyst and a team of face-to-face and telephone interviewers.

Key clients over the past three years have included Samsung, LG, Microsoft, WebEx, Adobe, Aspen Medical, Cobra Group, EPA Victoria, Defence Force Recruiting, Hasbro, Shell, Nokia,

Lend Lease (Aged Care), Woolworths and Konica Minolta, as well as boutique and multinational market research agencies worldwide.

2008 Mar - Aug Australian Fieldwork Solutions - Business Strategy Consultant

2005 – 2007 Ipsos Australia – National Director, Sustainable Communities Unit

1997 - 2004 TQA Research - Equity Partner & Director of Research

1996 - 1997 Frank Small & Associates - Divisional Director

1994 - 1996 Sutherland Smith - Senior Research Consultant

1990 - 1994 AGB McNair / Spectrum - Research Executive

1988 – 1989 Brian Sweeney & Associates – Research Executive

1984 – 1988 City of Melbourne – Strategic Research Planner

1983 – 1984 Telephone / FTF Interviewer (Part-Time)

Key Areas of Specialisation

- Community attitude surveys
- Community and stakeholder engagement ٠
- Communications strategy development
- Corporate image and performance tracking
- New product development / concept testing
- Market demand estimation / new technology adoption
- Market needs scoping and segmentation studies
- Behavioural change studies •
- Buyer behaviour studies •

APPENDIX B: DOUBLE BAY COMMUNITY ATTITUDES SURVEY

Introduction

Hello, my name is (insert) from Katos Holdings, an independent market research company.

We are conducting a short, but important community survey with residents of Double Bay aged 18+ to capture their opinions about living in the area, as part of the Future Cities Program.

We would greatly appreciate your honest feedback in this survey and your answers will remain confidential.

IF NOT AGED 18+, ASK TO SPEAK TO SOMEONE IN THE HOUSEHOLD THAT IS

Firstly, I would like to ask some background questions about yourself.

- Q1. RECORD GENDER
- Q2. What is your age?
- Q3. How many years have you lived in Double Bay?
- Q4. Do you also work in Double Bay?
- Q5. Please answer YES, NO, No OPINION or CAN'T SAY to the following statements about living in Double Bay.

A range of initiatives should be undertaken to make Double Bay a more attractive place to live

I would like to see a more vibrant and revitalised Double with a sustainable thriving commercial precinct and strong sense of community

Buildings along New South Head Road need a facelift

Double Bay is fine as it is

More affordable housing development is needed in Double Bay to cater for an increased population

Q6. Which of the following do you feel Council needs to do to further enhance and revive **Double Bay Bay?**

Increase housing opportunities

Increase population in the town centre

Increase retail opportunities

Increase commercial opportunities

Other (specify) ____

None of the Above

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Q7. Do you feel Double Bay needs a greater mix of residential, retail and commercial uses?

Yes, definitely

Yes, maybe

No

Q8. Would you be willing to accept a greater mix of residential, retail and commercial uses in Double Bay, if it meant increasing the current building heights only along New South Head Road from 4 levels to a maximum of 6 levels?

Yes, definitely

Yes, maybe

No

ASK ONLY IF ANSWERED YES IN Q8: OTHERS GO TO Q10 Q9.

Would you be willing to accept increasing the current building heights along New South Head Road for this purpose to a maximum of 7 levels?

Yes, definitely

Yes, maybe

No

Q10. Would you support local cost and environmentally sustainable residential development in Double Bay's town centre?

Yes, definitely

Yes, maybe

No

Q11. What, if any, concerns do you have with more affordable residential development being developed in Double Bay? DO NOT READ OUT, MULTIPLE RESPONSES ACCEPTED, RECORD BELOW

Won't end up being affordable

Traffic congestion / Traffic related

Reduction of property values in area

Change look / feel of area

Other (specify)

No concerns

Thank you for your feedback.

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For Surveyor

Q12. How would you sum up the mood of this respondent towards making Double Bay a more appealing place to live?

Very Positive

Positive

Negative

Very Negative

Neutral

Survey Question	Question Responses	No.	%
		Respondents	Respondents
		(n=93)	100%
Q2. Gender	Male	35	38%
	Female	58	62%
Q3. Age	18-34	24	26%
	35-54	31	33%
	55+	38	41%
Q4. Work in Double	Yes	30	32%
Вау	No	63	68%
Q5. Like to see	Yes	84	90%
vibrant Double Bay	No	9	10%
Q6. Double Bay	Yes, definitely	67	72%
needs greater mix	Yes, maybe	9	10%
of uses	No	17	18%
Q7. New South	Yes	86	93%
Head Rd buildings	No	7	8%
need facelift			
Q8. Accept 7 levels	Yes, definitely	45	48%
(no	Yes, maybe	13	14%
photomontages)	No	35	38%
Q9. Accept 7 levels	Yes, definitely	50	54%
(with	Yes, maybe	19	20%
photomontages)	No	24	26%
ALL RESPONDENTS			
Q10. Accept 6 levels	Yes, definitely	50	54%
(no	Yes, maybe	22	24%
photomontages)	No	21	23%
ALL RESPONDENTS			

APPENDIX C: DOUBLE BAY COMMUNITY ATTITUDES SURVEY II RAW DATA AUGUST 2015

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APPENDIX D: SURVEY AND IMAGES SHOWN

Introduction

Hello, my name is (insert) from Katos Holdings, an independent market research company.

We are conducting a short, but important community survey with residents of Double Bay aged 18+ to capture their opinions about living in the area and gain valuable feedback on a new development proposal to rejuvenate Double Bay, in line with Council's support of the Future Cities Program. Your answers will remain confidential.

[FOR INTERVIEWER] If refused, then thank them for their time.

SHOWCARD 1: (Site Location) The development proposal is located here.

Firstly, please provide us with some important information about yourself. Thinking about living in Double Bay...

Q1. Do you live in Double Bay?

If no, thank & end

- Q2: Do you also work in Double Bay?Q3. What is your age
- Q4. Do you also work in Double Bay

SHOWCARD 2 (Existing)

This image shows how North South Head Road in Double Bay looks today. The current building height for Double Bay is a maximum of 4 levels

Q5. Would you like to see a more vibrant and revitalised Double Bay with a sustainable thriving commercial precinct and strong sense of community?

Q6. Do you feel Double Bay needs a greater mix of residential, retail and commercial uses?

Q7. Do you feel the buildings along New South Head Road need a facelift?

Q8. Would you be willing to accept a greater mix of residential, retail and commercial uses in Double Bay, if it meant increasing the current building heights only along New South Head Road from 4 levels to a maximum of 7 levels?

IF ANSWERED 'YES, MAYBE' OR 'NO' IN Q8, THEN ASK Q9.

Q9. SHOWCARD 3 (Future 7 levels) What if increasing the current building heights only along New South Head Road from 4 levels to a maximum of 7 levels looked like this for the development proposal in question? Compare this with SHOWCARD 2 (Existing) shown earlier. What would your answer be now? SHOWCARDS 4 & 5 (Existing vs development if required)

IF ANSWERED 'NO' IN Q9, THEN ASK Q10.

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Q10. What if the maximum building height for the development proposal in question was 6 levels? What would your answer be now?

IF STILL ANSWERED 'NO' IN Q10, THEN ASK Q11.

Q11. What specific concerns do you have relating to increasing the building heights along North South Head Road? Please be as specific as possible.

Thank you for your valuable time and feedback.

SHOWCARD 1:



SHOWCARD 2



SHOWCARD 3

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SHOWCARD 4



SHOWCARD 5



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