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**Fw: Comment on Acton Peninsula Precinct Plan**

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just sent this to NCA - still 13 June in UK so I hope they allow it! Feel free to share if you feel appropriate.

Now to the bridges

Best

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Herewith some comments on the draft plan for the Acton Peninsula

Priorities must be:

1. to preserve the outstanding natural beauty of the current lakeshore sweep from the West Basin Boathouse to the Peninsula. True, it has already been blighted by the sore thumb of the Nishi Building which cuts the downward slope of the Black Mountain ridge but the various stands of trees with their constantly changing foliage must be preserved to maintain the natural parkland character of the precinct to complement the formally landscaped Point Park which is now taking shape.
2. to minimize the height and footprint of any buildings. The lowrise profile of the National Museum is exemplary.

3. to maximize the area of truly public land without engaging in artificial infill of the lake
4. to emphasize the heritage component of the precinct
5. to be consistent with the still uncertain and ill-defined plans for West Basin

#### Specific Comments:

1. Height issues. We need clarification: on p. 14 the topographical diagram seems to show Liversidge St at 580 RL. Is this at the level of the street or is it the height of the buildings? Does the building height of 587 for Liversidge St. mean 7 meters above the street level or 7 meters beyond the current height of the buildings?
2. p. 23 indicates a massive reduction of public space facing east into the basin. The indicative map on p.16 shows West Basin as a solid mass of building and minimal public space at Point Park. The combination will produce a mass of building round the curve of the basin and the disappearance of the current open space and natural landscape.
3. the map on p. 17 shows a 'road' in yellow running round the edge of the shore while the red cycle/pedestrian links are much further inland although in other maps they follow the shore line. Which is correct?
4. The photos are fantastical and misleading. Some are clearly labelled as existing sites elsewhere - though not ones we would want to emulate - and include one (p.32) looking across water at a host of skyscrapers. We do not want West Basin and Acton Peninsula to look like Sydney or the bottom of Manhattan. In general the photos of buildings, roads and open spaces suggest that the whole precinct will be much more spacious than is realistic. There is no photo showing the effect of 6 story buildings on the skyline and vistas. The photo on p.31 of MONA in Tasmania is significant in that it shows how low the museum's above-ground profile is. Most of the museum is below ground level.

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