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GOVERNMENT ARCHITECT TO REVIEW COOGEE BAY HOTEL PLANS

Minister for Planning, Tony Kelly, said that the Department of Planning will not consider Oakstand Property Group's proposals for redevelopment of the Coogee Bay Hotel site until a review is undertaken by the Government architect.

"This follows concerns by the Department of Planning, Randwick City Council and the community over the different options being considered by developer," Mr Kelly said.

"In particular, there are concerns about the height, bulk, scale, and impact of what Oakstand had proposed on the character of the heritage and locality."

Mr Kelly said that the NSW Government Architect, Peter Mould, would review development options for the Coogee Bay Hotel site.

"There will be no decision made about the Coogee Bay Hotel development until the Government architect has had an opportunity to sit down with the proponent, the council and the Coogee Precinct Committee," Mr Kelly said.

"The review will include consultation with the proponent, Council and the precinct committee and will result in a report to the Department of Planning to assist in its consideration of the major project declaration request.

"Peter Mould's review will occur before any redevelopment of the site is considered for formal assessment," Mr Kelly said.

Design concepts provided by Oakstand for the Coogee Bay site will be available on the Department of Planning's website www.planning.nsw.gov.au

Mr Mould's report will be made available to the public and is expected by late September.

Mr Mould's terms of reference are to:

1. Review the proponent's proposal for the site, including Options A and B, and provide an assessment of the reasonableness of the proposal.
2. Provide design principles and indicative acceptable massing options for the redevelopment of the site having regard to:
 - an appropriate height, bulk and scale in the context of the locality;
 - the interface of the site with the Coogee Bay beach foreshore;
 - the appropriateness of the mix of proposed land uses; and
 - the appropriateness of providing a large area of accessible open space on site and cross site pedestrian linkages.