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**Letter to the Editor of the Sydney Morning Herald**

Your article about modifications to the cultural facility at Barangaroo ('Barangaroo cultural centre has lost its place in sun: expert', *SMH* - 6/6/13) talks about the Department of Planning & Infrastructure's approval, but fails to acknowledge our key reasons for supporting the changes.

Our assessment concluded that the modifications would ensure far better access between the Headland Park and the surrounding Millers Point area - a point endorsed by the City of Sydney. Appropriate connectivity for pedestrians is an important design imperative for the overall precinct.

We also acknowledged that, while light penetration to the ground floor would be reduced, significant light penetration was still possible. A detailed proposal for the final design and fit out of the cultural facility is still required and at that time the public will once again have the opportunity to have their say on this important redevelopment.

Yours sincerely,

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