Independent planning decision for Central Park residential building

The independent Planning Assessment Commission will make the final decision on applications to modify the original concept plan for Central Park on Broadway and provide a new residential and retail building.

Fraser Property's proposal seeks to construct a 10 to 13 storey building to be used for new homes and shops, including a child care facility and two levels of basement car parking.

The proposal also seeks to retain and refurbish the former Castle Connell Hotel site at 63 Kensington St, Broadway.

The Department of Planning and Environment has recommended the proposals be approved, with conditions, addressing issues raised in the 39 submissions received during public exhibition.

Conditions include:

- Maximising safety along the Wellington Street footpath in accordance with the principles of Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design
- Establishing a noise management plan to limit noise during construction
- Investigating additional methods to reduce wind impacts in the O'Connor Street park.

The Department also recommended the modification of the Concept Plan be approved because it improved privacy and open space.

"The Planning Assessment Commission is an important part of the NSW Planning system, ensuring that major developments are subject to expert, independent review and assessment," the spokesperson said.

The applications were exhibited for community feedback from 10 December 2014 until 2 February 2015, with the modification request being re-exhibited for 30 days from mid-July this year.

The Planning Assessment Commission will now consider the Department’s report and conditions as well as community submissions to make a final decision on the proposal.

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