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Senator Rhiannon asked:

Given that neither the original nor the revised proposal would comply with the Trust's own Management Plan, why is the Trust seeking to change that Management Plan to fit with the developer's proposal instead of rejecting the proposal?

Answer:

A Management Plan cannot anticipate every eventuality. One may receive proposals that are broadly consistent, but not fully compliant in every detail. In such circumstances, as part of the consideration of such proposals, it is appropriate to place a draft management plan amendment on public exhibition and to assess it. Such proposals may also highlight issues that are not controlled by the existing Management Plan. For example, the existing Management Plan allows redevelopment in the courtyard portion of the 10 terminal buildings, but does not impose a height limit. A revised Management Plan is not used to "fit the proposal", but rather, to set clear limits.

The aged care proposal is currently being assessed by the Department of the Environment under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* and by the Sydney Harbour Federation Trust under the *Sydney Harbour Federation Trust Act 2001*. These assessments will determine whether the proposal is accepted or rejected.