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Troy Daly
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Dear Mr Daly

Friends of Erskineville's Submission on the Australian Technology Park EOI

The Friends of Erskineville community group opposes the privatisation of the ATP.

Our principal concerns are:

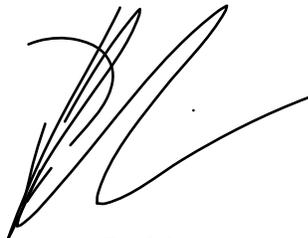
- Community consultation, even at this early stage, has not been open, transparent and meaningful;
- The plans to privatise the Australian Technology Park prior to a vision for the entire Central2Eveleigh corridor being conceived, undercuts any effort that has been made to consult with the community and likely threatens the holistic integration of such an integral part of the development;
- No guarantees have been given and no plans have been proposed to avoid the substantial threats identified by the report of HillPDA prepared for the City of Sydney (February 2015) that exist to:
 - o The preservation of, and access to, heritage buildings, machinery and education;
 - o The retention of Australia Technology Park as an incubator of “technology-focused, growth-oriented businesses”;
 - o The existing open space enjoyed by the community, including grassland, cycleways, pedestrian links and tennis courts;
 - o The continued use of the buildings for community events;
 - o The concerns of residents around increased density and building heights; and,
 - o The additional strain to the surrounding road network and public transport.

The Friends of Erskineville want to see the Central2Eveleigh area transformed into something better. We want to see an inviting area where people work in high value service jobs and where Australia's best and brightest produce world-leading innovative technology. We recognise the fragility of enterprises that will create the jobs of the digital economy and believe development of Central2Eveleigh should fill the need for dedicated incubation of this work.

We also believe that if the ATP is sold off in this piecemeal way, there opportunity will be lost for the Central2Eveleigh development to manifest a coherent narrative that speaks to how locals live and work nearby and which relates to the local area. By recklessly pushing ahead with the sale of the ATP, there can be no thought through conception of how the ATP will relate with South Eveleigh, North Eveleigh, Erskineville or Redfern.

Finally, the three nearby train stations at Redfern, Macdonaldtown and Erskineville are all without mobility impaired access. Only a single elevator is planned for Redfern in the foreseeable future. Insufficient requirements are being set for access to the site and there is a very real concern that development of the ATP prior to the formulation of a strategic transport plan for the site will generate intolerable pressure on existing local infrastructure.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Darren Jenkins', written in a cursive style.

Darren Jenkins

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