

Newport Quays has lodged its development plans for precinct 2B with the Development Assessment Commission's Port Waterfront Development Committee.  
The following submission is a response to the Development Application for Precinct 2B for the Port Waterfront that went on public notification from Wed 24th of October.

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The application number is 040/2673/07.\*

I state the following objections to the proposed plan:

- 1) Closure of views of the Port River from anywhere but directed (through narrow visual 'corridors'), or from privately owned, vantages;
- 2) Loss of potential opportunities to invest in ecological and environmental restoration of the Port River and its surrounds;
- 3) Proposed built forms are not sufficiently 'green' nor does their design appear, from concept diagrams, to be 'cutting edge';
- 4) Obliteration of the area's unique maritime heritage despite Port Adelaide being selected for the nation's top ten Heritage Most@Risk List. Proposed new artworks will go some way to address the loss of heritage but such works are limited by their re-imaging of a 'heritage' that is in keeping with the concerns of developers of the site. Such a 'heritage' seems in many ways less adequate than the retention of built forms and former and current work/leisure practices around a given heritage site;
- 5) The proposed 12 storey structures are at odds with building heights in surrounding areas. In my opinion the building heights and the density of housing stock will curtail human scale activity and detract from the developer's stated aims for the area as a place of recreation and leisure, and diminish the site's potential as a place for local inhabitants to enjoy.

Thank you for your consideration  
Michael Weir