

Mr Kieran Kinsella
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Dear Mr Kinsella

INTEGRATING SHERWOOD COURT AND ELIZABETH QUAY

The Property Council of Australia is the leading advocate for Australia's property industry and the built environment. Our members represent the broad spectrum of businesses that own property, property developers, building managers and property industry service providers.

We wish to express our concerns regarding the current proposal for addressing the egress from Sherwood Court following the delivery of the Elizabeth Quay precinct. Our concerns are based on the impact on property owners in the Sherwood Court precinct, as well as the indirect impact on other property owners in the CBD, that would be affected by the shift in traffic flow.

The current proposal will see the median on The Esplanade at the terminus of Sherwood Court closed. As a result, only left-out vehicle egress to the Esplanade eastbound will be possible.

This will shift westbound traffic through Barrack Street and St Georges Terrace, which adds time to the journey of commuters and competes with exiting traffic on St Georges Terrace.

Further, traffic signals are only being considered where it is deemed that traffic will require them at a later date. We would suggest, however, that traffic signals are required from the outset to enable better public access to the Elizabeth Quay precinct.

We understand that similar traffic flow concerns will be faced by Howard Street.

A signalised intersection that permits left and right-hand turns needs to be incorporated into the completion of public works to be opened in 2015. This action will further enhance the walkability and successful integration of neighbouring properties with the outstanding Elizabeth Quay project.

Yours sincerely,

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