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### **Lawrence Hargrave Reserve works proposed by Sydney City Council Address by 2011 Residents Association to Council's Environment Committee, 2.3.20**

2011 Residents' Association (2011RAI) is concerned with the protection and enhancement of residential amenity for residents living in the suburbs of Kings Cross, Potts Point, Elizabeth Bay, Rushcutters Bay, and Woollahooloo; those suburbs in the 2011 Postcode area.

There are approximately 20,000 residents with 2011 as their postcode. They live in predominately studio or one-bedroom apartments. Protecting Greenspace is of primary importance and needs to be preserved for the enjoyment of all.

The Reserve is surrounded by apartment blocks on three sides. Due to topography, Elizabeth Bay is a wonderful amphitheatre and any sound made reverberates throughout the neighbourhood. The Reserve also adjoins Fitzroy Gardens – and is bounded by Elizabeth Bay Road.

Due to these factors, let go of the idea of activating small spaces such as this: there are plenty of gyms in Kings Cross and Rushcutters Bay Park is nearby.

#### **Design solutions:**

Need to provide a welcome space for these people to socialise or spend time on their own. Walk the dog. Have a picnic. Read the paper.

Understand the limits of the roof's load capacity – the stated reason for removing trees – yet adding more weight in terms of new trees and club house.

Create a quiet space – maximise the use of grassed areas and native trees and shrubs. The Casuarinas do look unhealthy – but consider sparing some and replanting any that are removed. More native trees and shrubs to provide feed for native birds, bees.

Absolutely no club house. Recall load on the carpark roof. This is public land – it needs to be available for everyone.

Absolutely no ping pong tables – how would this work? People in surrounding apartments already contend with a lot of extraneous noise – this would only add to their woes.

Include information in the Reserve about the aeronautical pioneer Lawrence Hargrave. He is important enough to put his face on the \$20 note – yet there is currently nothing in the Reserve to acknowledge him or his achievements. Give memorials appropriate prominence within the garden.

Link design features to those in Fitzroy Gardens.

**-- Helen Crossing, Convenor, 2011 Residents' Association**