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The Hon. Morris Iemma MP
Premier of New South Wales
Parliament House
Macquarie Street
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Dear Premier,

I have decided to support a Sydney resident, Matt Drake-Brockman, who has taken legal action to stop the CUB project. His view, which is one that I share, is that Minister Sartor's plan will cause vast unsustainable use of water and energy and will significantly increase climate change pollution. By unsustainably using limited water and other natural resources and using so much dirty coal fired electricity the CUB project is an urban coal mine.

After Minister Sartor's CUB decision, I don't believe the State government is serious about stopping climate change. I think it is continuing with a 'business as usual' approach to city planning and building even though it's apparent that the typical form of development is causing major environmental damage to our Earth.

There will be 2800 residents, 4800 workers visiting the site offices each day, and over 2300 car parking spaces causing another 5000 to 7,000 car movements a day near Central railway in a part of the city jam packed with slow moving traffic. The existing bus services are inadequate for this new population and so it is not obvious why the new bus services requested by the Department of Transport to service the project were refused by Minister Sartor in his plan.

More rain falls and is wasted in the CUB catchment than is imported as mains water. The site could be self sufficient using rainwater and reusing treated sewage. The attached drawing shows the tragic waste of water in the catchment by the state government; for example, each year for decades over 30 million litres of raw sewage has flowed into Blackwattle Bay near the Fish Markets.

There is minimal need for cars at the site as more trains, buses and taxis are available there than anywhere else in Sydney. Multiple car share locations could be created on this site to adequately provide the private car needs of residents.

There are many sustainable projects in Australia and overseas which show that the site may be developed sustainably with very much reduced environmental impacts. There are proven solutions across Australia which demonstrate sustainable offices and units can be built, and are profitable. These projects have no mains water or sewage and use sustainable energy systems.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Harris'.

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