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**Re: Proposed Waterfront Development Plan 2008/09-2018/19**

This submission is from the Wellington Architectural Centre, a group which represents both professional and non-professionals interested in architecture and design, and in the promotion of good design in Wellington. Any members of the Centre who are involved in projects on the Waterfront or who work for firms working on the Waterfront have not been involved in the writing of this submission.

**1) Support for the Waterfront Development Plan**

The Architectural Centre supports the recommendation that the Waterfront Project be transferred to the Council from 1 July 2010. We support a continued and strengthened involvement of the Technical Advisory Group (TAG) with the development of the waterfront. We also support the continued use of the principles of the Waterfront Framework and public involvement in the development of the Waterfront.

**2) Sites 1-4.**

We are concerned that the UN Studio building adjacent to Te Papa (Site 4) and the John Wardle Architects buildings at the other side of the Waitangi precinct (Sites 1-3) are not listed as scheduled for development. These need to be included on the list whether or not their construction is envisaged for the next 10 years. We consider these buildings to be key to the implementation of the Waterfront project. There has already been significant public investment in these designs and they need to be kept in the public consciousness. These will be important buildings for Wellington and we strongly support their construction.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this proposal. If you have any questions about any of the points raised please contact me.

Yours sincerely

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