

26 April 2018

To whom it may concern,

**RE: Professional reference for Peter St Clair**

I recently worked with Peter as part of the project team for the redevelopment of the Balmain Leagues Club site in Rozelle. I was the consultant town-planning Director for the project, with Peter being the Design Director.

The subject site presented a challenging project given its extensive history - three previously refused development applications and a further refused Planning Proposal – and complex site-specific constraints. These constraints included significant traffic constraints and the need for any future development to enhance and complement the existing Rozelle commercial centre.

In order to obtain a successful development approval, the project team considered that the application would need to provide a high-quality design solution that addressed critical planning and environmental constraints and opportunities, while also contributing to the urban fabric of the area.

Peter's role was as the Design Director and architectural Principal, responsible for managing and coordinating a large and complex consultant team. The site's required mix of land uses including residential, commercial, retail and a Leagues Club created a complex Design brief that needed upfront strategic design interrogation in order to determine the right design solution capable of approval that also was commercially feasible.

This was my first project working with Peter and I found that he calmly and expertly led the design process from its initial stages, clearly investigating and then articulating a vision for the site that reflected the area's history and character, while also enabling a high-quality future development. This vision was then translated into a detailed architectural and landscape design that enabled a high level of amenity for future residents, workers and visitors, while also integrating with the surrounding streets and neighbourhoods.

Peter took a collaborative approach to design, working closely with his team, the client and Mecone through workshops and daily activities. Peter also presented the evolving design to major, council and community groups over a period of months gaining the confidence of the client and other stakeholders, and demonstrating that the entire design team was committed to the highest standards. In particular, his calming presence and approach at these meetings assisted in dissipating some of the historic anxiety some stakeholders had about the site and its redevelopment.

I found that he achieved a good balance between ensuring the client's commercial requirements were met, while also delivering a project that could meet statutory requirements and community expectations.

On a personal level, I found Peter very easy to work with, and that he combined a good balance of passion and pragmatism in delivering the design for this difficult site. I would not hesitate to work together with him in the future or recommend him for other projects.

Please don't hesitate to contact me on 8667 8668 or at [kbartlett@mecone.com.au](mailto:kbartlett@mecone.com.au) if you would like to discuss further.

Yours sincerely



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To Who it May Concern,

**RE: PETER ST CLAIR REFERENCE**

As the Project Director for the mixed-use redevelopment of the Balmain Leagues Club site in Sydney I worked closely with Peter St Clair in the preparation of the Development Application for this site.

As the Design Director Peter led an integrated architectural, interior design and landscape design team and the concept design of all components of the project. He was also responsible for presentations of the evolving design to the council and community groups and for interviews with the media.

With extensive previous planning history the Development Application required a complex strategy to respond positively to the previous grounds of refusal. Peter and I worked closely together in developing the concept so that the Architecture enhanced this strategy. I felt that the collaborative process was highly beneficial to the end concept and I enjoyed the interaction with Peter challenging each other to achieve a better end design.

I would happily work with Peter on future developments.

Yours faithfully  
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To whom it may concern:

**Reference for Peter St Clair**

As the Project Director and developer responsible for ZHENGDE GROUP I have worked with Peter over the past two years.

He was the Design Director and Principal Architect in charge assisting us with the due diligence, acquisition, feasibility study, concept design and development application for a new hotel development in Redfern Sydney.

Peter and his team have been by far the best architects we have worked with since beginning our business here in Australia three years ago.

Peter worked closely together with Urbis and us leading the process to find a design solution that was acceptable to the City of Sydney. The site had many planning complexities and so Peter had to produce a large number of design options and studies and to workshop these with the City of Sydney in a collaborative way. He was very proactive and persistent and this has led to a design solution that we are confident will be approved by the City of Sydney. It also has avoided the need for us to take a legal approach to approval.

His combination of design skills, commercial understanding and presentation and negotiation skills would make him valuable as a Principal or Design Director to any large architecture firm or to other clients and developers. We would highly recommend Peter and would like to work with him again.

Yours sincerely

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