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Via email: convenors@cdbbug.org.au

Dear Mr Campbell

Thank you for your correspondence on PIA's 2020 National Awards for Planning Excellence, and particularly your feedback on Howard Smith Wharves.

PIA's independent judging panel of professional planners considered a range of criteria in assessing this year's award recipients and have concluded that the Howard Smith Wharves project was award worthy.

In conferring the awards, judges acknowledged, and had regard to, the project's overall design outcomes, the quality of place, the heritage preservation outcomes, positive planning outcomes in the face of difficult or trying circumstances, projects that create a true sense of place and the robust planning process undertaken.

In any award environment, there will be a range of different perspectives. PIA acknowledges your feedback about the project and will ensure it is passed on to the Awards panel for their information.

More broadly, I would also like to convey PIA's strong commitment to planning for, and investing in, active transport. In Queensland, our advocacy platform for the recent state election called for a long-term pipeline of integrated transport investment, with more funding for public and active transport. A PIA Fellow, John Brannock, served on the advisory panel for the recent McKell Institute report, *Riding the Revolution: A New Approach to Active Transport in South East Queensland*, and our Institute runs regular professional development courses on the integration of transport and land-use planning.

Thank you for taking the time to let us know your views.

Yours sincerely



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