I have known HIROMI LAUREN (nee' Shiraishi) for more than a decade.

As a long term client of Harry Seidler & Associates, where Hiromi was employed, I have worked with her on two major projects, several minor projects and observed the high regard in which she was held by Harry Seidler himself, the other Associates and staff. The major projects were; The Alliance Francaise Centre, (a 13 storey Sydney CBD building with a friendly client but a difficult developer/builder) and the addition of a penthouse to my Sydney Rose Bay residence, (complicated because the penthouse was added to an existing Seidler home and there were local Council as well as design issues) Hiromi was the Seidler 'Project Manager' for both these projects. She also did some design work for me on some family investment properties.

Hiromi has engineering, architectural and planning qualifications. What I appreciated most working with her was:

- Her general intelligence and ability to 'size up' problems.
- Her singular gift of remaining calm and on friendly terms with all involved.
- The speed with which she found and delivered wonderfully innovative solutions to difficult architectural problems.

I highly recommend her as an excellent collaborator and would welcome the opportunity to personally elaborate on the above should you so wish (mob: 0412 707 777, email: bland1206@optusnet.com.au)

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