

Hotel to create a new city laneway

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A 25-STOREY hotel and office complex proposed for Currie St, which includes a rooftop bar and the creation of a new laneway, is expected to be approved this week.

Currie St Pty Ltd has applied to the State Commission Assessment Panel to build a hotel and office building on the former home of the Avant-Garde Furnishing showroom.

The development would include offices, a cafe, 198 hotel rooms, 94 bike parks, a laneway connecting Currie and Schrader streets, as well as a rooftop restaurant and bar.

A report to the panel recommends it approve the development when it meets on Thursday.

It also includes feedback from SA Government Architect Kirsteen Mackay outlining her support for the development at 62-68 Currie St, particularly the creation of a laneway.

"The connection aims to reinforce the City of Adelaide's laneway activation strategy and seeks to facilitate potential



HOTEL PLANNED: A 25 storey hotel and office block planned for 62-68 Currie St, Adelaide.

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future linkages to Leigh St," Ms Mackay said.

The Advertiser reported in February the \$180 million building would house the first QT hotel in the state.

The building's ground floor would have a lobby, restaurant

and kitchen. Level one would have conference rooms and hotel reception; levels two to 12 would have office space and levels 13-22 would house a hotel. There would also be a rooftop restaurant and bar with outdoor deck.

Acting Lord Mayor Housam Abiad welcomed the development. "We are seeing a significant change in that side of the city ... especially in laneway culture," Mr Abiad said.

The plan comes weeks after the panel rubber-stamped a

28-storey hotel on the site of the former Bank of South Australia building on Pirie St.

A State Government report said the hotel needed approval because the bank building had "brutal" architectural elements and is not worth retaining.