

### **CENTRAL BARANGAROO: A NEW PLACE TO CELEBRATE ON THE HARBOUR**

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A major new waterfront park and event spaces form the centrepiece to complete the vision for Barangaroo, where construction is now progressing apace and the first two commercial towers and the Headland Park are on track for completion in 2015.

The Barangaroo Delivery Authority today released the new master plan framework for Central Barangaroo, which will be an exciting, diverse and active addition to the western CBD waterfront.

“Barangaroo is a \$6 billion investment in the future of NSW – the Barangaroo precinct will help to cement Sydney’s place as one of the Asia Pacific’s leading financial and tourism destinations,” Authority CEO John Tabart said.

“Barangaroo will be a place for Sydneysiders to work, live and enjoy the Harbour. Barangaroo will incorporate major public recreation, cultural and event spaces. We confirm our commitment to ensuring over half the new precinct will be assigned for public and recreational space, ending close to two centuries of port and industrial use.

“Central Barangaroo will include 2.6 hectares of waterfront public space, with the Barangaroo foreshore promenade completing one of the world’s great waterfront walks stretching 14 kilometres from Woolloomooloo to the Anzac Bridge. This public space will create a forecourt to a vibrant mix of residential, commercial and cultural uses at Central Barangaroo, “said Mr Tabart.

“The refined master plan framework provides the opportunity for Central to be more active and engaging, with greater flexibility allowing for a diversity of uses. Central will provide a platform for events such as live music, festivals and outdoor art exhibitions.”

The master plan will be placed on public display as part of the consultation process prior to the lodgement of a planning application seeking a modification to the Barangaroo Concept Plan.

#### **Master Plan Overview**

Key aspects of the new Central Barangaroo master plan include:

- The “Sydney Steps” creating a new city gateway to Barangaroo and the waterfront
- A continuous 30m wide public foreshore walk
- New civic plaza and parks on the waterfront
- A network of laneways ensuring pedestrian and vehicular accessibility
- Preservation of a site for a future cultural venue
- Preservation of views from Observatory Hill to the horizon and the harbour
- Greater diversity of active uses to create a 24/7 environment all generally within the current approved building heights and footprints creating a more engaging, active and vibrant waterfront precinct – this can lead to up to a total of 121,500 of gross floor area within Central Barangaroo.

“Prepared by world leading master planners, Skidmore Owings & Merrill (Chicago) in partnership with Anderson Hunter Horne (Sydney), and shaped by public consultation, the Central Barangaroo framework will guide the future development of the central 5.2 hectare portion of Barangaroo,” said Mr Tabart.

“Central Barangaroo will be a new place for Sydney to celebrate on the harbour. Its built area will be characterised by laneways where you will be able to walk or cycle along the streets, active with shops, cafes and restaurants. Above street level, the buildings will accommodate a mix of uses, including residential, commercial, cultural and educational.”

Partner in charge of Urban Design and Planning for Skidmore Owings and Merrill, Phil Enquist describes Central Barangaroo as a remarkable district emerging in Sydney. “Central is the place that will bring all of Barangaroo together. Its vibrancy will be driven by a mix of cultural amenities, apartments, commercial and, most importantly, a great harbour park we describe as ‘Sydney’s Urban Theatre’. Compact, active places create favourable urban characteristics such as walkability, mixed use, cultural uses, and increased public open space,” said Mr Enquist.

The Authority has worked closely with Lend Lease to ensure the planning for Central Barangaroo, Barangaroo South and the Headland Park together deliver the vision for Barangaroo – establishing an international financial services hub with major new spaces and places for enjoying the harbour.

## Next steps

Information about the master plan framework for Central Barangaroo will be publically available online at [www.barangaroo.com](http://www.barangaroo.com) and on display in the Authority’s public foyer during business hours at level 21, 201 Kent Street in the city from **Monday 11 November 2013**.

The Authority has commenced the planning process by seeking Director General’s Requirements from the Department of Planning and Infrastructure. In the coming months the Authority will lodge a planning application which will be placed on exhibition for public comment by the Department.

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