

Media Response

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Response to Sydney Morning Herald re Jan Gehl

The Barangaroo Delivery Authority values the contribution Jan Gehl has made to Barangaroo particularly in regard to, what Jan describes as the “human landscape”, and place making.

All aspects of design excellence underpin the creation of a world class precinct. World leading advisors, architects, landscape architects and designers have been engaged across Barangaroo to advise the Authority, which also receives additional advice from a number of expert, eminent design advisors.

Designers offering a range of views contribute to a robust design process which leads to the best design outcomes.

Internationally renowned landscape architect Peter Walker of Peter Walker Partners (California) continues to advise the Authority on public domain across the entire precinct, in addition to designing and continuing to supervise the creation of the Headland Park.

The Authority also regularly receives advice from expert design advisors Keith Cottier (Allen Jack + Cottier), Karl Fender (Fender Katsalidis Architects) and Richard Nugent (Conybeare Morrison) at each key design phase of the project.

The Authority conducted an international search for master planners for Central Barangaroo and in January 2013 appointed leading international consultancy Skidmore Owings & Merrill (Chicago) to explore the future of Central Barangaroo.

At Barangaroo South, Lend Lease engages leading international and Australian designers including Ivan Harbour of Rogers Stirk Harbour + Partners, Richard Francis-Jones of fjmt and Andrew Andersons of PTW Architects as well as award-winning landscape architects Kathryn Gustafson of Gustafson Porter, ASPECT Studios’ Sacha Coles and OCULUS’s Roger Jasprizza.

Additionally the Authority’s in-house Design Director, Bob Nation, was engaged in March 2012 following a recommendation of the 2011 Sussex/Penn review of Barangaroo. Mr Nation is a renowned Australian architect with more than 40 years’ experience on major projects in Australia and around the world.

In December 2011, before the master planning process for Central Barangaroo commenced, Jan Gehl participated in a workshop with the Authority and the City of Sydney that established principles for the future development of Central Barangaroo. This work was finalised in March 2012 and was included in the design brief for the Central Barangaroo Master Plan. The Master Plan will set the framework for the future detailed design of the precinct which will specifically consider “human landscape” and place making.

More than 50% of Barangaroo will be public space including a foreshore promenade running the length of the site, the six hectare Headland Park, as well as the provision of large public areas for relaxing, gathering and celebrating within Barangaroo.

In relation to payments to Mr Gehl, his firm was engaged to undertake specific bodies of work and was paid for each element of that work.

The Authority expects to outline its revised proposal for Central Barangaroo before the end of the year.