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PREMIER LAUNCHES TENDER PROCESS FOR BARANGAROO'S HEADLAND PARK

NSW Premier Barry O'Farrell today kicked off the tender process for the construction of Sydney's newest harbourside park at Barangaroo.

This unique project – which will create a six hectare park inspired by Sydney Harbour's 1836 sandstone shoreline – is worth tens of millions of dollars of investment to NSW and will create an estimated 200 on-site construction jobs.

“The Headland Park is a significant project for Sydney – and an unprecedented opportunity to create the first park of its kind in the world,” Mr O'Farrell said.

“Sydney is blessed by its magnificent Harbour - the Headland Park will mean Sydneysiders and visitors to our city have a spectacular new place to enjoy it.

“This is a challenging and iconic project and there is keen interest from major construction companies to be involved.”

Mr O'Farrell said five major construction companies had been invited to tender for the prestigious project - Baulderstone, Hansen Yuncken, John Holland, Laing O'Rourke Australia and Theiss.

The scope of the work includes:

- Excavating sandstone from the site;
- Creating the 1km foreshore with 5,000 tonnes of sandstone blocks;
- Bulk earthworks of 210,000m³ to shape the 18m high Headland Park;
- Excavating and creating the northern cove;
- Planting 70,000 plants, 2212 shrubs, 675 trees and laying 20,000m² of turf; and,
- Building a 300 space carpark and cultural facility space for a future fit out.

“This will be a space that will be every bit as spectacular and loved by Sydneysiders as the Royal Botanic Gardens and Mrs Macquarie's Chair,” Mr O'Farrell said.

“Once complete, the Headland Park will feature bush walks, picnic areas, walking paths, a new Harbour cove, tidal rock pools and a cultural facility.

“Sandstone excavated from the site will be used to create a naturalistic headland inspired by the 1836 shoreline and designed to balance with the neighbouring harbour headlands.

“Over the next few years I am sure Sydneysiders will marvel as the current flat slab of concrete is transformed into what is essentially a new headland before our very eyes.

“The 200 jobs created by the construction of the Headland Park are in addition to the 3,000 workers who, at the peak of construction, will be working on the southern commercial and residential precinct of Barangaroo being developed by Lend Lease.

“The NSW Government is getting on with job of delivering this important project for Sydney’s CBD which will include a major financial services hub along with the new open spaces to enjoy the Harbour,” Mr O’Farrell said.

Internationally renowned architect Peter Walker is the lead designer of the Headland Park. Mr Walker was the designer behind the National September 11 Memorial recently unveiled in New York.

The review of Barangaroo endorsed the design of the Headland Park describing it as “...the creation of a nationally significant, exemplary public park and symbolic ‘bush’ landscape as recognition of Australia’s indigenous history.”

The review noted the Park, “...is intended to affirm the importance of the landform of Sydney Harbour, to reflect the connections from headland to headland, and to honour the communities who lived on those headlands prior to European settlement.”

The plans include a space within the headland which is being created for a future cultural use. There will be further public consultation before its use is decided.

The main works contract is expected to be awarded early next year with construction to commence in the first quarter of 2012. Headland Park is scheduled to be completed in 2015.

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