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PEER REVIEW INTO BARANGAROO SITE REMEDIATION

NSW Premier Barry O'Farrell today announced a peer review into site remediation plans for Barangaroo – adopting a key recommendation of the Barangaroo Review and allowing the important project to move ahead without further delay.

The peer review will be undertaken by an independent Contaminated Sites Auditor and be selected by a panel chaired by the Office of Environment and Heritage and including the City of Sydney, Australians for Sustainable Development, Lend Lease and the Barangaroo Delivery Authority.

The peer review is additional to the regulatory processes already in place including requirements under the Contaminated Land Management Act and the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act.

At a meeting on Friday, the panel discussed the process for selecting the peer reviewer and the Terms of Reference for the review. It is expected the peer review will take approximately three months.

“The Barangaroo Review noted those responsible for the site intend to remediate it safely and in accordance with best practice - this process will provide the community with additional assurances,” Mr O'Farrell said.

“While the peer review will be conducted as a priority, the Barangaroo Review emphasised such a review need not delay work at Barangaroo. This means work, including the commencement of basement construction at Barangaroo South and the Headland Park, should begin as soon as possible.

“The Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, Brad Hazzard, has approved the Remedial Action Plan (RAP) for the basement car park which will service the three main commercial buildings at Barangaroo South, helping to pave the way for the works and any necessary remediation to commence. The plan was approved by an independent site auditor accredited by the NSW Environment Protection Authority, along with the Office of Environment and Heritage.

“The NSW Government is getting on with the job of delivering this vitally important city precinct, delivering jobs and investment to NSW.

“This is an opportunity for renewal which is rarely available to global city CBDs around the world.”

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