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Barangaroo's Headland Park Gets Underway

Construction of Sydney's new spectacular Headland Park at Barangaroo is about to start following the appointment of Laing O'Rourke to undertake early works on the site.

The global construction and engineering company will prepare the site and undertake preliminary works in readiness for the construction of the main Headland Park works to be let separately.

The Barangaroo Delivery Authority awarded the contract to Laing O'Rourke, which has extensive experience in complex civil infrastructure and building projects, following an open tender process.

Work will be undertaken in accordance with the Barangaroo Headland Park early works project approval issued in November 2010 by the NSW Department of Planning.

"This is the first step towards creating the spectacular Headland Park designed by a team led by internationally renowned landscape architect Peter Walker, and refined following extensive community consultation," said Mike Collins, Chairman of the Barangaroo Delivery Authority.

"Over the next three years, Barangaroo will showcase the skills of NSW's design, construction and development industries, as this new six hectare landmark park for the people emerges from the disused harbour side site, ready for use in 2014," Mr Collins said.

Peter Walker, designer of the Headland Park, said that Barangaroo was a unique setting in Sydney and an unprecedented opportunity to reclaim the industrial waterfront, reinterpreting the historic 1836 form as an exemplary park for the 21st century.

"The Headland Park design will repair one of the greatest blights of the Sydney Harbour, creating a place that is as dignified and timeless as the Royal Botanic Gardens and Mrs Macquarie's Chair," Mr Walker said.

"It will be a park based on the historic outline and form, yet will be a modern interpretation, designed with state of the art sustainability and up to date building practices.

"Under the Headland Park there will be also a dramatic 18,000 square metre space for cultural and civic activities.

"There are not many projects in the world that aspire to such a high set of goals," he said.

"Barangaroo has the benefit of the design expertise of one of the leading landscape architects of our time," said Chairman of Barangaroo's Design Excellence Review Panel, Paul Keating.

“Peter Walker has taken a vision for this park, studied the character and history of Sydney Harbour and is ensuring this park will take its place amongst the great headlands of Sydney, but importantly, in this case, at the city’s foot.

“The reinstatement of a green headland at Barangaroo will fulfil an historic opportunity to recreate the archipelago of headlands that once defined Sydney’s inner harbour. It is extremely pleasing to see this work is about to begin,” he added.

An application for planning approval of the park design is currently before the NSW Department of Planning. Tenders for the main works to complete the Headland Park will be called later this year.

The new iconic headland park at Barangaroo is expected to open in 2014, providing a new access to the harbour for Sydneysiders and visitors alike. The stunning park will include a dynamic waterfront space including trees and plants which will replicate the 1836 headland as well as a foreshore complete with accessible tidal rock pools.

To complete this part of the development, the Barangaroo Delivery Authority Headland Park team will be directed by Phil Paris who has been internally promoted to the position of Development Director Headland Park.

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Editors Note:

1. Please see the attached image of the planned Headland Park.
2. CGI footage is available at www.youtube.com/barangaroosydney.
3. A broadcast quality version of the CGI footage is available on request.