

## BARANGAROO WORK ON HICKSON ROAD, NAPOLEON STREET AND SUSSEX STREET

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The Barangaroo Delivery Authority has today been declared the Roads Authority for parts of Hickson Road, Napoleon Street and Sussex Street.

The declaration has been made under the *Roads Regulation 2008*, and will allow remediation works and construction of pedestrian bridges that integrate Barangaroo with the city.

This is similar action to that previously undertaken by Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority and Sydney Olympic Park Authority when they have managed major development precincts.

It will ensure remediation can be delivered according to the delivery timelines as detailed in a Voluntary Management Proposal agreed with the Department of Climate Change and Water (DECCW).

The contamination is largely the result of the Millers Point Gasworks that operated on the site for approximately 70 years until 1921, and is located underground, including beneath Hickson Road.

Remediation of Barangaroo and land underneath Hickson Road will be delivered at no cost to Government, with Barangaroo Delivery Authority conducting the work and seeking reimbursement for costs from the parties responsible for the contamination.

Napoleon St and Sussex St are included in the amended roads regulation to allow for the foundations of the pedestrian bridges and associated works.

A spokesperson for the Barangaroo Delivery Authority said the regulation allows them to become the roads authority for two years under the *NSW Roads Act* so that they can undertake necessary works.

"This action will ensure the Barangaroo Delivery Authority can properly address contamination issues that affect not only part of Barangaroo, but also a portion of Hickson Road," the spokesperson said.

"It will also enable us to construct pedestrian bridges that link Barangaroo to the city, as well as conduct other utility works in the area.

The City of Sydney Council will continue to manage parking and collect revenue on the roads while the works, which are expected to take several years, are underway.

To begin the remediation, a trial of less invasive and internationally successful methodology known as SISCO (Surfactant-Enhanced In Situ Oxidation) has been proposed. It would enable remediation to be conducted below the ground rather than the traditional excavation method.

Full scale remediation will occur following the outcome of the trials, subject to planning consent and environmental controls, including independent auditing.

"Remediation will take several years, and we need to start as soon as possible so that the clean up can be completed to the satisfaction of the community," the spokesperson said.

"And we will be staging these works in order to minimise any potential impacts on motorists, residents or local businesses."

The Barangaroo Delivery Authority has been in discussions with the Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water, Jemena (the operator of the former gasworks) and Council about the remediation on these roads for several years, and will continue to consult as the remediation work progresses.

Following meetings in December 2010 with Ian Kiernan of Clean Up Australia, the Authority will also meet with and brief Mr Kiernan on the progress of remediation on a regular basis.

### **Background / Chronology**

- The contamination at Barangaroo is largely the result of the historical operations of the Millers Point Gasworks. That contamination is located underground, including beneath Hickson Road.
- Since December 2006, the Authority has been in discussions with the City of Sydney and Jemena (a successor to AGL the Millers Point Gasworks operator) regarding the remediation of the former Millers Point Gasworks.
- In May 2008, the City commissioned a site investigation study on Hickson Road, which has assisted in the identification of the extent of contamination under Hickson Road, used by the Authority to develop the Voluntary Management Proposal.
- In May 2009, DECCW declared specific portions (approximately 2 hectares) of Barangaroo and Hickson Road as a “remediation site” under the *Contaminated Land Management Act 1997*.
- Since the declaration, the Authority has been in consultation with the City of Sydney and Jemena in the preparation of a Voluntary Management Proposal.
- The application for remediation trials has been lodged by Lend Lease which has been appointed by the Barangaroo Delivery Authority to undertake the remediation of historic contamination of the old Miller's Point Gasworks on the site. The application is currently being assessed by the Department of Planning.
- Napoleon St and Sussex St are included in the area to allow for the foundations of the pedestrian bridges and associated works.

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Map of roads the Barangaroo Delivery Authority is declared to be the Roads Authority



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Declared Remediation Site Area (May 2009 - current)



Roads for which the Barangaroo Delivery Authority is to be the Roads Authority – part Hickson Road, part Sussex Street, Napoleon Street