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Barangaroo's Headland Park Earth Works to Start in February 2011

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Sydney's new iconic headland park is one step closer following the short listing of two construction tenderers for significant earth works that will start in February 2011.

The Barangaroo Delivery Authority has shortlisted John Holland and Laing O'Rourke from the five high quality tier one tenderers who responded to the Headland Park Works Tender.

It is expected that a final decision on the successful tender will be made in January 2011 with preliminary works already underway to prepare the site.

The successful contractor will work to plans designed by a team led by internationally renowned landscape architect Peter Walker, and refined following extensive community consultation.

"This iconic park will help breathe new life into the world's greatest city and will include a dynamic waterfront space including vegetation which will replicate the 1836 headland. There will be a foreshore complete with tidal rock pools, creating a place where you can actually touch the water or go adventuring in the bush," said John Tabart, CEO of the Barangaroo Delivery Authority.

"Importantly, the Barangaroo Headland Park will be a meeting place that appropriately recognises and celebrates our indigenous heritage.

"Over the next five years, Barangaroo will showcase the skills of NSW's construction and development industries, as this new 6ha landmark park for the people emerges from the disused harbour side site.

"This early works contract will involve extracting and transferring up to 100,000 tonnes of sandstone from the northern end of the site to create the original historic shoreline. Across the entire project more than 350,000 cubic metres of material from the site will be used to do the earthworks.

"This approach to the creation of the park, makes the works uniquely self contained and therefore sustainable. Sustainability outcomes are a key part of all thinking and planning for Barangaroo," Mr Tabart said.

"More specifically, our continued progress and achievement of key milestones for Barangaroo, means that by 2014, the new headland park at Barangaroo, which provides a new access to the harbour, will be experienced and no doubt enjoyed by thousands of families from around NSW and the world," Mr Tabart said.

The headland park will be delivered at no cost to taxpayers and will be funded from the leasing and development of the commercial precinct – Barangaroo South.

Tenders for the main works to complete the headland park will be called later next year.

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