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NEXT STEPS TO DELIVER BARANGAROO: SIX COMPANIES SHORTLISTED FOR FIRST WORK ON HEADLAND PARK

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Premier Kristina Keneally today announced the six shortlisted companies that have been invited to tender for the first Barangaroo headland park construction and excavation work.

Work will start on the six hectare headland park this year and is expected to be completed by 2014 – subject to tender and planning processes.

The park will restore north Barangaroo to its pre-1836 form, providing a brand new, harbourside space that families will enjoy for generations.

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.

There was strong competition to perform early work on the park, with the six shortlisted companies selected from a pool of 17 original applicants.

The six shortlisted companies are Baulderstone, Bovis Lend Lease, Hansen Yuncken, John Holland, Laing O'Rourke Australia, and Theiss.

“This is exciting news for the State and is the latest demonstration of the strong commercial interest in the Barangaroo redevelopment, and investment in Sydney,” Ms Keneally said.

“It also follows the announcement by AT Kearney Global Cities Index report that Sydney has entered the top 10 cities of the world in terms of trade, education, and culture.

The 2010 Index showed Sydney leapt seven places from 16th to ninth in two years. It is now joins cities like New York, London, Tokyo, Paris, Hong Kong, Chicago, Singapore, Seoul and Los Angeles.

Construction of the park will be divided into two tender processes – the first stage to prepare the site and create the headland, and the second to complete the headland and foreshore.

The first stage, which one of the six shortlisted companies announced today will deliver, includes a range of construction and excavation activities, such as:

- Extracting a substantial quantity of sandstone from the northern end of the site, for reuse in creating the naturalistic shoreline; and
- Preparing the site to receive fill from Barangaroo South, and moving and placement of that material to create the headland.

“The NSW Government is seizing this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to transform the disused Barangaroo site into a place people live, work and play,” Ms Keneally said.

“After work is completed in 2014, the headland park will be enjoyed by families from NSW and around the world for generations to come.

“This is a landmark project on a massive scale, so it is no surprise that many construction companies want to be a part of it.

“Thanks to careful planning by the NSW Government, these works, and the entire park, will be delivered at no cost to taxpayers.

“The headland park is a key part of the wider plans for Barangaroo, which in total will see more than 50 per cent of the entire 22 hectare site dedicated as open space.”

The shortlisted companies will now be invited to submit a tender for consideration by the Barangaroo Delivery Authority, with a decision expected to be made by December.

Construction will start later this year after the successful tenderer is selected, subject to approval of an early works application by the Department of Planning.

The stage two tender process, to build the park and headland, will be subject to a separate tender process which will start in 2011.

Background Notes

- The headland park will become another iconic part of Sydney Harbour and is the centrepiece of the transformation of Barangaroo.
- The six hectare site is at the northern most point of the Barangaroo site, immediately adjacent to Millers Point and Walsh Bay.
- Currently the site comprises flat concrete wharves which no longer reflect the former foreshore line. The construction of these wharves more than 50 years ago resulted in the removal of the former headland.
- Internationally renowned landscape architect, Peter Walker, was appointed in February as the designer of the headland park. Peter Walker is recognised as an expert in his field.
- Peter Walker has been involved in numerous international projects including the Millennium Parklands for the 2000 Sydney Olympics, landscape design at Stanford University in California, Novartis Headquarters in Basel Switzerland, Martin Luther King Promenade, San Diego, California, Pixar Studios, Emeryville, California. His work can be viewed at www.pwpla.com
- Mr Walker's role with the Barangaroo the headland park project includes:
 - Acting as lead landscape design consultant for the headland park design;
 - Preparing an outline plan for other areas of Barangaroo; and
 - Preparing guidelines for the entire public domain area, which will shape the detail including street furniture, lighting, and paving.
- The work of Peter Walker is guided by the principle to deliver an *‘iconic park at the northern end of Barangaroo to complement the headland parks of Sydney Harbour including Goat Island, Ballast Point and Balls Head’*.
- The rebuilding of the Headland will be achieved through the reuse of fill from the rest of the Barangaroo as well as sandstone extracted from on site.
- Rebuilding the headland is a sustainable act, which sees the reuse of approximately 350 000 cubic metres of fill taken from works on other parts of the site.
- The headland park will be raised from sea level to as high as 20.5 metres.
- Within the rebuilt headland will be a ‘cultural space’ of between 10,000 and 20,000 square metres. The specific use and the funding sources are subject to further consultation.
- Possible uses for the new cultural centre include:
 - An indigenous culture centre;
 - Outdoor performing areas;
 - Artist studios;
 - Galleries; and
 - Education and learning facilities.
- The return to the former natural shoreline, similar to what existed prior to 1836, will enable the public and visitors to enjoy a quiet parkland environment and also touch the harbour.
- In addition, a new harbour cove will also be constructed as part of the headland park transformation.
- The headland park is expected to be completed by 2014.