



**STATEMENT BY PREMIER KRISTINA KENEALLY ON BARANGAROO DELIVERY
AUTHORITY BOARD**

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I acknowledge the contribution the Lord Mayor, Ms Clover Moore MP, has made to the Board of Barangaroo Delivery Authority.

I am disappointed by her decision to resign, as it represents a significant loss of opportunity for the City of Sydney Council to be directly involved in the biggest, and greenest, urban renewal project in the City's history.

Barangaroo is the renewal of 22 hectares within the CBD. It will deliver more than 500,000 square meters of new commercial, residential and retail space, a new headland park for Sydney Harbour, and the second CBD ferry wharf.

Barangaroo is just one of 17 projects in the world to be part of the Clinton Climate Change Initiative, and will be the greenest urban renewal project in Australia.

The concerns Ms Moore raised have been examined and are unfounded.

I am advised that other Board members do not share her views.

In addition, I am releasing a letter from the Board's Chair that addresses each of the matters Ms Moore raised.

It concerns me that Ms Moore's decision appears to have more to do with internal politics on her Council, and specifically within her own group, than with the merits and processes of the Barangaroo project.

The Barangaroo Delivery Authority Act, which I introduced as Planning Minister, stipulates that one position be a nominee from the City of Sydney, approved by the NSW Government.

I would note that for the six years that Ms Moore has been Lord Mayor she has been urging greater cooperation between the State Government and the City Council.

I encourage the City of Sydney Council to appoint a new representative.

If the Council does not, then its chair at the Board table will simply remain vacant.

When cities get these once-in-a-lifetime opportunities they should pursue them with energy and enthusiasm. Sydney has shown its boldness before, with the Harbour Bridge the Opera House.

Barangaroo is one such opportunity. I am determined Sydney will again show the world that it seizes such opportunities with creativity, with vision and with the style that makes Sydney iconic amongst the cities of the world.