

Statement from the Barangaroo Delivery Authority on contamination at Barangaroo

Like many post-industrial sites in Australia, Barangaroo has some below-ground contamination from its former use as a gas works.

The contamination area covers both the Barangaroo site and the adjacent Hickson Road.

The Department of Environment and Climate Change (DECC) publicly declared the site an investigation area in 2007, and following further studies declared it a remediation site in May 2009, making it subject to a statutory investigation and remediation process.

DECC has confirmed on a number of occasions that the contamination is contained below ground and is presently capped by the hard surface across the entire Barangaroo site.

Risk assessments were undertaken as part of the preparations for World Youth Day and deemed that Barangaroo was suitable for public use.

The specific methods, cost and cost-sharing of remediation are not yet determined and will not be known until a full remediation strategy is developed.

They are subject to active discussions between the Barangaroo Delivery Authority, the City of Sydney and the company which operated the former gas works.

On behalf of the NSW Government, the Authority will seek to ensure that the original parties responsible for the contamination will pay their respective share of the liability.

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