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DESIGNERS CALLED TO SHAPE SYDNEY'S NEWEST HARBOUR PARK

The NSW State Government today launched an international search for a team to design a new harbourside headland park and urban waterfront at Barangaroo.

NSW Minister for Planning, Kristina Keneally, said no other city in the world can lay claim to a harbour as magnificent as Sydney's, and the headland park would be another way of showing the harbour off to Sydneysiders and the world.

"Today we are calling for expressions of interest from leading landscape, architecture and urban design companies to design a world class Barangaroo public domain," Ms Keneally said.

"Our goal is to find a company or practice who will work with the Government to create Sydney's most exciting new public space in decades."

Ms Keneally said that key features of the parkland and public open space at Barangaroo will include:

- **A large headland park at the northern end of Barangaroo;**
- **New southern and northern coves;**
- **A continuous foreshore promenade from King Street to Walsh Bay, completing the 14-kilometre long foreshore walk from Woolloomooloo to the Anzac Bridge;**
- **A concealed car park under the headland park; and**
- **A promenade and parklands, including in the southern commercial precinct.**

"This project will create a vast natural harbour park for Sydney and return this part of the harbour and its foreshore to the community after more than 100 years of industrial use," Ms Keneally said.

"Once completed, Barangaroo will also provide a new extension of the CBD to accommodate Sydney's growing financial role in the Asia Pacific region - including space for around 15,000 workers.

"The project is expected to involve \$2.5 billion in construction, generating thousands of construction jobs."

Design excellence throughout the Barangaroo project, including for the public domain, will be ensured through Public Domain and Design Review Panels, which are chaired by former Prime Minister Paul Keating.

"I am delighted that the NSW Government has seized the unique opportunity to restore the western harbour to its original beauty, which has taken real vision and courage," Mr Keating said.

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'Barangaroo provides the opportunity to shape the immediate western harbour for history's log run after the Harbour Bridge so dramatically divided the harbour into two, following its construction in the early 1930s.

"The scheme will also restore the 'archipelago' of headlands – including Ballast Point and Balls Head along with Goat Island – which existed at the time of European settlement, and will be admired and used by Sydneysiders for centuries to come," Mr Keating said.

The recreation of the natural headland, the former Millers Point, will require amendments to the Barangaroo Concept Plan to provide the headland with a more natural shape and height at the northern end of the site facilitating the development of the Northern cove.

The proposed amendments will soon be placed on exhibition for public comment.

Details about the expression of interest are available at www.barangaroo.com. Submissions close on 13 November 2008.

ABOUT THE HEADLAND PARK AND PUBLIC DOMAIN EOI:

- Expressions of interest for the headland park and public domain open on 1 October 2008 and close on 13 November 2008.
- Interested companies and partnerships will need to demonstrate their capability, capacity and experience to deliver a detailed design for the headland park, an outline design for all other public spaces at Barangaroo and design guidelines for public spaces adjacent to other development areas.
- Applicants will then be short-listed before a final design team is chosen.
- The construction commencement date for the headland park and public domain will be finalised when the design EOI process is completed in early 2009.

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