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### **WYNYARD WALK TUNNELLING STARTS AS BARANGAROO WHARF EARLY WORKS BEGIN**

Minister for Transport Gladys Berejiklian today announced that tunnelling of the new pedestrian walkway has now started as part of the Wynyard Walk project connecting the CBD with the new Barangaroo precinct.

Ms Berejiklian said the Wynyard Walk tunnelling is a major milestone in the significant project for the Sydney CBD.

“The Wynyard Walk will allow pedestrians to travel from the Wynyard transport hub to the Barangaroo waterfront in about six minutes, avoiding steep inclines and road crossings.

“So much work has taken place right in the heart of the CBD for the project to get to this exciting stage, and now the tunnelling is underway,” Ms Berejiklian said.

The tunnel will be about 180 metres long, 3.5 metres high and up to 9.5 metres wide and will provide easy, safe access for pedestrians moving around the western part of the Sydney CBD.

A machine known as a roadheader is digging the tunnel, starting at a work site on Napoleon Street and ending at Clarence Street, near Wynyard Station, in 2015.

Real-time monitoring will be undertaken to track any movement in the ground and allowing tunnelling to take place safely while the busy CBD continues to operate as usual above it.

The project will provide for current and future demand for the Wynyard transport hub. This includes catering for the Barangaroo development, which is expected to accommodate up to 23,000 office workers and attract up to 33,000 visitors per day.

Early work is already underway to prepare for an upgrade to Wynyard Station worth more than \$100 million, which will make the station easier for customers to enter, exit and move around.

Ms Berejiklian said the preliminary site investigations are also now underway for the Barangaroo ferry hub.

As previously announced, the Barangaroo Ferry Hub will connect ferry customers to the city centre via Wynyard Walk.

Geotechnical investigations will take about three weeks. They include using a drill-mounted rig on a purpose built barge to excavate boreholes in the harbour seabed to gather information about the seabed's condition.

The information will help in the design of the new ferry hub.

“Preparation of an environmental assessment is underway for the new ferry hub at Barangaroo, and this early work will ensure construction begins next year and is completed in 2016,” Ms Berejiklian said.

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