

### **INTERNATIONAL AND AUSTRALIAN TEAM SELECTED TO CREATE INSPIRATIONAL MASTER PLAN FOR CENTRAL BARANGAROO**

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A world-renowned team of International and local professionals has been selected to help shape the future of Barangaroo, through the development of a master plan for the central portion of Barangaroo.

Following a national and international search, the Barangaroo Delivery Authority today announced it had selected a team led by Skidmore, Owings & Merrill LLP (SOM) + Andersen Hunter Horne to complete the central Barangaroo master plan.

Central Barangaroo's 5.2 hectares sits between the new Headland Park at the northern end of Barangaroo and the commercial mixed use area at Barangaroo South.

"We have chosen a team which will ensure central Barangaroo becomes one of the world's best places, with inspirational public places and opportunities for architectural excellence," said CEO of the Barangaroo Delivery Authority, John Tabart.

Consultation with the Sydney public and stakeholders will form a key element in the development of the master plan.

The successful team described its goal for the master plan as an opportunity to deliver a rich collection of open spaces, cultural uses, offices and apartments promoting excitement and diversity through new century thinking.

Skidmore, Owings & Merrell team leader, Phillip Enquist, said "Central Barangaroo's architecture and public places can inspire the world. It can be a place for all Sydneysiders, and a place for the world to come to experience.

"Our team is diverse, energetic and keen to collaborate with the Government and the community to create a world renowned precinct of substance and delight," Mr Enquist said.

The master planning team will commence work next week.

## **Skidmore, Owings & Merrill LLP**

SOM is known for being people-centric. Liveable and sustainable city-building and will lead the urban design and planning for the project. With more than 75 years of expertise and 1,500 design awards, SOM has developed a portfolio of world renowned projects and a reputation for delivering the highest quality of service and innovation. The firm's office is based in Chicago.

Phil Enquist leads the City Planning Practice at SOM. Over the last 30 years, he has directed development and redevelopment initiatives for downtown commercial centres, waterfronts, existing neighbourhoods, public parks and new cities. Phil has collaborated closely with a wide cross section of significant governmental and private planning entities. These include the cities of Beijing, Shanghai, London, Detroit, Chicago, Los Angeles and Orlando. Key to his work is the belief that long term planning on urban, regional and even national scales is both necessary and possible for the creation of a culture and ethic of sustainable development.

## **Andersen Hunter Horne**

Andersen Hunter Horne is an ongoing 10-year collaboration between the three offices – renowned Danish landscape architect Jeppe Aagaard Andersen, Adam Hunter of Environmental Partnership and Mike Horne of Turf Design Studio. Andersen Hunter Horne offers a rare depth in thinking for major development and public domain weaving: planning, landscape architecture/art, community and ecology into a vibrant tapestry.

With over 25 years' experience, Mike Horne is a gifted collaborator with a rare combination of design and implementation skills. His 'make it happen' abilities were first developed in the private sector and then homes during a five year stint at the NSW Government Architect's office as Design Manager to the Olympic Coordination Authority; beginning with the Master Concept Design, ending with the closing ceremony. Mike went onto design the Athens Olympic Village landscape and the New Delhi 2010 Commonwealth Games Athletes Village landscape. Mike has since designed a range of waterfront urban spaces including Middle Head parklands, Georges River Corridor, Belconnen Lakeshore ACT and Northshore Hamilton. He is currently designing Frasers Broadway public domain and Sydney Park redevelopment.