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DESIGN DIRECTOR FOR BARANGAROO APPOINTED

The Chairman of Barangaroo Delivery Authority, Terry Moran, today announced the appointment of a new Design Director for Barangaroo, confirming the Authority's commitment to achieving design excellence at Barangaroo.

"I'm pleased to announce the appointment Mr Bob Nation as the new Design Director for Barangaroo, an award winning architect with more than 40 years experience," Mr Moran said.

"Mr Nation's appointment reflects the importance of design excellence for all the built and natural features of Barangaroo."

Mr Moran said the Authority was implementing its response to the Sussex Penn review, which made a number of recommendations as to achieving design excellence, which had received the Premier's endorsement.

"We are delighted to have such an eminent Australian practitioner for the position of Design Director at Barangaroo.

"This new position will reinforce the importance the Board places on continuing design excellence at Barangaroo, Mr Moran said.

Mr Nation is a renowned Australian architect with more than 40 years experience on major projects in Australia and around the world. Bob has spent many years overseas and his business will now relocate from Hong Kong and be based in Sydney again. He is a past national president of the Royal Australian Institute of Architects (RAIA) and has won numerous State and national design awards. (Biography attached).

Mr Nation - together with the three design advisors Karl Fender, Keith Cottier, and Richard Nugent - will provide eminent design advice to the Authority regarding buildings proposed by Lend Lease as well as for other parts of Barangaroo.

This process is complimentary to but independent of any Design Review Panel (DRP) constituted under the State planning provision to provide independent design excellence advice, at the time of significant planning applications for Barangaroo.

"Barangaroo will reinvigorate Sydney's position as a financial hub of the Asia Pacific and it will generate jobs, boost the economy and create a vibrant new place for people to live, work and visit," Mr Moran said.

Mr Nation formally commenced in the position today.

Mr Bob Nation Biography

Robert Nation is an award winning architect with more than 40 years experience in all facets of architecture both nationally and internationally. He has worked and studied in Australia and abroad throughout this time, owning practices offshore for more than 20 years. He has lectured extensively at universities in Australia and overseas, has won design competitions throughout Asia and Australia, and has received a number of national and state architectural awards

Mr Nation worked predominantly in Tasmania in the 1970s (HNRV Architects), Hong Kong in the 1980s (Yuncken Freeman Hong Kong and Nation Fender Architects), Bangkok and Melbourne in 1990s (Nation Fender Architects and Nation Fender Katsalidis) and Sydney from 2000 (Nation Architects).

In 2007 he relocated to Dubai and subsequently joined RMJM as International Design Principal to Asia following a period in the New York office of this practice. He is currently a registered architect in Victoria, New South Wales, The Northern Territory, Tasmania, and Hong Kong.

Mr Nation has been responsible for a diverse range of projects, from small houses to a city in Thailand, which was the largest construction project in the world in the 1990s.

Projects he has worked on include: the Australian Embassy in Beijing, the adaptive re-use of the British Rail offices at Marylebone Station to the Landmark Hotel, a resort city development in Spain, the Government Office Tower in Hong Kong, Victoria Park residential complex in Sydney, and the 80 storey residential tower, World Tower at World Square Sydney, for Meriton Apartments.