



The Hon Barry O'Farrell MP

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DELIVERING BARANGAROO AND REMEDIATION PLANS ENDORSED

The NSW Government has laid strong foundations for the delivery of Barangaroo with the release of two reports: the Barangaroo Delivery Authority Board's detailed response to the Barangaroo Review and the Peer Review of Remediation, NSW Premier Barry O'Farrell said today.

"Barangaroo represents an extraordinary opportunity for Sydney and NSW to lift its standing internationally, at an economic and cultural level," Mr O'Farrell said.

"The impact on the NSW economy through the construction of a financial services precinct of international significance will attract and retain major corporations in the Sydney CBD and help grow the NSW economy.

"Construction at Barangaroo is progressing well, with Lend Lease underway with building the shared basement for the three office towers – it sends a clear signal that NSW is back in business."

Mr O'Farrell said the Barangaroo Board had provided him with its detailed response to the review and that he would endorse its recommendations.

"At a cultural level, the Authority will consider a range of cultural, civic, educational and public options for the site that will not only enhance our international standing and tourism, but also make an important contribution to the community of Sydney," he said.

"Negotiations with Lend Lease are continuing on the location for the hotel. When a new location is identified there will be consultation with key stakeholders and the community."

Mr O'Farrell also released an expert review of remediation plans for Barangaroo which finds assessment and planning for cleaning up the site's historic contamination has been of a "consistently high standard".

The report supports the findings of the Sussex and Penn Review "... that those responsible for the development of the site intend to remediate the site safely and in accordance with best practice."

The NSW Government has accepted and will adopt the recommendations of the Peer Review Panel.

“This report will reinforce to the community that Barangaroo will be cleaned up safely and appropriately,” Mr O’Farrell said

The Peer Review of site remediation plans was undertaken by independent Contaminated Sites Auditor, Mr James Davis. Mr Davis was selected by a panel chaired by the Office of Environment and Heritage and included the City of Sydney, Australians for Sustainable Development, Lend Lease and the Barangaroo Delivery Authority.

Noting the report finds that work to date provides “... a good understanding of the nature and extent of contamination at the site”, the Government has accepted the report’s eleven recommendations in areas where Mr Davis says improvements can be made.

Mr Davis noted the recommendations provide an overall improvement in the management of the works and do not represent any systematic failings in the interaction of remediation and development.

The two reports are now publicly available:

- Peer Review of Remediation www.environment.nsw.gov.au and www.barangaroo.com
- Board’s response to the Barangaroo Review at www.barangaroo.com

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