



# **The Hon Brad Hazzard MP**

## **Minister for Planning & Infrastructure**

### **Minister assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW**

---

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

---

May 12, 2011

### **BARANGAROO MEDIATION – A VICTORY FOR COMMON SENSE**

The NSW Government today welcomed the agreement reached as the result of the mediation between Lend Lease, Australians for Sustainable Development (AFSD) and the Barangaroo Delivery Authority.

“This is a victory for common sense and it reflects extremely well on the parties to the proceedings which would otherwise have been heard in the Land & Environment Court next Monday,” Minister Hazzard said.

“The opportunities for appropriate and exciting development at Barangaroo are enormous but concerns have arisen particularly because of the former Labor Government’s inclination to make ‘behind closed door’ decision making.

“Decisions like that of the former Minister Kelly’s to amend the contamination remediation SEPP to exclude the development from having to comply with normal clean up requirements have sent a sense of frustration through the community.”

Parallel to the review, Minister Hazzard said works on the project will continue. “With the Court action to be withdrawn, certain works would be able to commence subject to the three step approval of the remediation plan which I outlined in the Parliament yesterday.

“The NSW Liberal/Nationals Government is sending a clear message that we want business to be done differently and to restore confidence for investment in NSW to create jobs.”

In undertaking the review Minister Hazzard said he was mindful of the fact there is a project development agreement in place with a concept plan approval.

“The fact that AFSD and Lend Lease came together to have face to face mediation today shows what can be done with common sense and goodwill.

“I personally attended the mediation and am very pleased with the agreement reached this afternoon.

“I will now meet the parties over the next week and determine the Terms of Reference for a short, sharp review of the processes that have gone on to date at Barangaroo.

“It is critical that the community have confidence in the process,” Minister Hazzard said.

“I propose that there will be an independent person appointed to undertake the Review and I will be discussing that appointment with the parties.

“I wish to thank all of the parties to today’s mediation for agreeing to take part and I particularly thank them for finding middle ground.

“Barangaroo offers a fantastic opportunity for this State.

“Done well, it will be 22 hectares of the finest area in Sydney and will attract community members and business to this magnificent site.

“Lend Lease is an extremely well regarded Australian company and, working together with community members including the group known as Australians for Sustainable Development will ensure that the very best outcomes are achieved at Barangaroo,” Minister Hazzard said.