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FULL RESPONSE PROVIDED TO SYDNEY MORNING HERALD FOR ARTICLE “NEW BARANGAROO VISION PULLS HOTEL BACK FROM HARBOUR”

Under the approved plans, Barangaroo is set to become a spectacular waterfront precinct of Sydney and a place that everyone in NSW and Australia can be proud of. It is vital that Barangaroo's design is bold and offers a new dimension to our city.

The Barangaroo Delivery Authority welcomes discussion about all aspects of the development of the site as we work to ensure it is a landmark for our economic future and gives the public maximum access to the harbour.

Together we should ensure we don't miss the opportunities presented by Barangaroo, such as the creation of an outstanding natural headland and a spectacular hotel vitally needed to meet growing needs. It will also deliver a true mixed use precinct with residential in the south that will create a truly vibrant and active space seven days a week, a world class financial hub attracting global companies which will strengthen our economy and provide uninterrupted access to the waterfront for the people of Sydney.

Height:

The heights of the buildings in Barangaroo are within the context of the rest of the CBD, and provide the large floor plates demanded in the 21st century by the international financial services industry. This is essential for Sydney to continue to be Australia's financial capital and global city. In Barangaroo, the tallest building will be the seventh tallest in the Sydney CBD and the fourteenth tallest in Australia.

Cruise Passenger Terminal:

A significant impediment to the inclusion of a cruise passenger terminal at Barangaroo was a requirement that cruise terminals be a minimum of 30 metres from the quay-line and berthed vessels. That would result in the harbour foreshore being closed off to the public for considerable periods of the year and a reduction in accessible public open space by up 25%.

The Government has approved the development of a new Cruise Passenger Terminal at White Bay. The White Bay terminal will mainly cater for the domestic segment of the cruise industry, being passengers who reside in NSW or otherwise within Australia. Most international tourist vessels will continue to arrive at the Cruise Passenger Terminal at Circular Quay.

Community engagement:

At every stage of the development process the Barangaroo Delivery Authority has, and will continue to be, actively engaged with the community to the extent that now more than 13,000 people have viewed in person or online the plans for Barangaroo, attended one of the nine community events or participated in our online forum. In addition, more than 100 meetings, briefings and discussions have taken place with a broad cross section of the community representing groups as diverse as the arts, education, housing, tourism, business and sustainability interests.

The latest independent research shows that 72% of Sydneysiders agree that “we need to keep developing the CBD to keep pace with the rest of the world's major cities.”

The current plans which include these features are available on the Authority's website at www.barangaroo.com.

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