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### COMMUNITY DEBATE ENCOURAGED – *Barangaroo Delivery Authority*

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The Barangaroo Delivery Authority says a rally held today is a welcome contribution to the wider debate about the transformation of Barangaroo.

“The delivery of Sydney’s newest precinct including two new harbour coves, more than 2 kilometres of foreshore and an iconic harbour headland should be at the centre of active debate in the community”, said CEO of the Barangaroo Delivery Authority, John Tabart.

“Barangaroo is a unique opportunity to reinvigorate Sydney’s position as a financial hub in the Asia Pacific region by generating jobs, boosting the economy and creating a new place to live work and visit amidst 50% public open space.

“This is a \$6 billion investment in NSW which will generate between \$0.5 billion to \$1 billion per annum into the NSW economy over the next ten years.

“Barangaroo will set new standards in sustainability, becoming one of the world’s first climate positive precincts and is one of 17 Clinton Climate Initiative Projects worldwide.

“The Authority has been actively encouraging public participation on the key issues associated with the transformation of the 22 ha site, from design and built form through to suggestions on activities across the precinct.

“We welcome the input of organisations such as Friends of Barangaroo as they share many of the Authority’s objectives including:

- The attraction of many and diverse public users to Barangaroo
- Incorporating many of Sydney’s most important cultural needs into the precinct
- The significant recognition of and integration of indigenous participation in Barangaroo

“Community comment on the Lend Lease design has been sought via public displays, seven community meetings and consultation events held across Sydney and onsite, the Barangaroo “Online Forum” and through regular newsletters distributed to local residents.

“Public debate, information, community consultation and intense negotiations have driven significant enhancements to the Lend Lease proposal for Barangaroo South including a commitment to improved design and sustainability, a focus on sight lines and shadowing and height and changes to the location of the proposed hotel.

“The public feedback we have received, as well as the important criteria set by the Board requiring Lend Lease to make improvements in design, sustainability, remediation and communications, have already delivered including:

- A reduction in the size of pier
- Reducing projection of the pier into Darling Harbour
- Improving shadow and view impacts
- Improving navigation into Darling Harbour
- Reduction in height and floor area of the hotel

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- Improvement of sun and view corridors to and from the city
- Introduction of low scale buildings providing a human scale to the public promenade
- Separation of vehicles and pedestrians on the public promenade

“It is important that the community continues to participate in the process to help us deliver a world class precinct in a once in 200 year opportunity”, said Mr. Tabart.

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