

Barangaroo Delivery Authority's *Issues of Principle* and public feedback guiding an improved, revised proposal for Barangaroo South

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Public debate, information, community consultation and intense negotiations have driven significant changes 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.

"After extensive negotiation and listening to the community, Lend Lease has delivered substantial changes," CEO of the Barangaroo Delivery Authority, John Tabart, said today.

"Over the past seven months the Authority has worked with the company to ensure Lend Lease addressed a set of principles and objectives put forward by the Authority which require better outcomes on critical elements of the proposal including design and sustainability, remediation and communications.

"The Authority has been encouraging community comment on the Lend Lease design via public displays, presentations, an online forum and four community consultation forums.

"The Board of the Barangaroo Delivery Authority welcomes the substantial progress that has been made. Not only has a range of community views been taken on board, but we have worked with some of the world's leading experts in urban planning and landscape design to refine and improve Lend Lease's original proposal to better reflect the principles," he said.

"The specific design objectives required Lend Lease to refine the design of Barangaroo South in the following key areas:

- a. The activation of the Public Domain
- b. Ensuring quality and appropriate scale of the public spaces
- c. Enhancing the mixed use nature of the development
- d. Improving the public amenity and views to and from the development.
- e. Improving the public transport connections

Other changes include:

- A reduction in the size of the pier from 150m to less than 90m in length minimising projection into Darling Harbour, improving shadow and view impacts on adjacent public domain and improving navigation into Darling Harbour
- A reduction in the height of the hotel from 213m to 159m and reduction in floor area
- A reduction in the number of commercial towers from four to three to improve sun and view corridors to and from the City
- The introduction of a low scale built form between the towers and the waterfront providing a human scale of buildings along the public domain
- Separation of pedestrians and vehicles which delivers an improved waterfront public domain
- Continued emphasis on strong pedestrian links to the city

The next stage is for Lend Lease to make a formal application to the Department of Planning after which the public will have further opportunity to comment on the revised proposal.

The Authority has been encouraging community comment on the lend Lease design through public displays which attracted 3000 visitors and 250 written comments, an online forum which has attracted 1400 unique “visitors”, an online information display which attracted 6,500 visitors and four community consultation forums attended by a total of about 400 people. We are keen for the consultation to continue,” Mr Tabart said.

Barangaroo is a once in 200 year opportunity for the city to grow, reinvigorating Sydney’s position as a financial hub in the Asia Pacific by generating jobs, boosting the economy and creating a new place to live, work and visit.

Comment of the revised Lend Lease proposal can be made through our online forum at www.barangaroo.com over the next few weeks prior to Lend Lease lodging its application with the Department of Planning.

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BACKGROUND

The transformation of Barangaroo, including the creation of the Headland Park, will be funded at no cost to the community or the NSW Government, from the financial returns to the Barangaroo Delivery Authority generated by the development of Barangaroo South by Lend Lease.

Critically, it also delivers the long standing commitment of more than 50% public open space across the entire site.

Since December when the Lend Lease plans were unveiled, including proposed elements outside the concept plan approval, the Authority has been working towards the best outcome for all of Sydney.

This includes ensuring that Barangaroo South not only integrates well with Headland Park and Barangaroo Central but also builds connections with neighbouring precincts including Millers Point, Walsh Bay and the rest of the Sydney CBD.

Sustainability is another key *Issue of Principle* requiring Lend Lease to work with the Authority to ensure the achievement of sustainability objectives continue into the operational life of Barangaroo.

Barangaroo will be one of the first CBD districts in the world to be climate positive which is defined as being carbon neutral, water positive and zero waste.

The Barangaroo Delivery Authority’s goal has been to ensure that the creation of Barangaroo not only exceeds community expectations but also integrates fully with neighbouring precincts and the city.