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COMMUNITY CONSULTATION BEGINS ON SYDNEY'S NEWEST FORESHORE PARK

An amended proposal to create a more natural headland and larger northern cove for Barangaroo has been put forward by the NSW Government for public comment.

The proposal arises from advice the Government has received from the Public Domain Review Panel headed by former Prime Minister, Paul Keating.

"Sydney residents and local businesses are being invited to put their views to the State Government about the development of Sydney's newest foreshore park at Barangaroo," Ms Keneally said.

"The park proposal would provide the opportunity to recreate some of the key natural features of the harbour immediately west of the Harbour Bridge.

"The more natural headland and northern cove would also restore the 'archipelago' of headlands – including Ballast Point and Balls Head along with Goat Island – which existed at the time of European settlement.

"The resulting headland and northern cove would, in effect, bookend Dawes Point with green to the east at the Botanic Gardens and green to the west at Barangaroo. The new park will stand by Sydneysiders through time.

Key features of the parkland and public open space at Barangaroo would include:

- A large headland park at the northern end of Barangaroo;
- New southern and northern coves;
- A continuous foreshore promenade from King Street to Walsh Bay, completing the 14-kilometre long foreshore walk from Woolloomooloo to the Anzac Bridge;
- A concealed car park under the headland park; and
- A promenade and parklands, including in the southern commercial precinct.

"The re-creation of the natural headland, the former Millers Point, will require amendments to the Barangaroo Concept Plan," Ms Keneally said.

"The amendment will allow a vast natural park to be created for Sydney and return this part of the harbour and its foreshore to the community after more than 100 years of industrial use.

"I am now asking the people of Sydney to provide us with their views on the amended proposal for the recreation of the full headland and northern cove.

"I have also written to the Opposition leader, Barry O'Farrell and Shadow Planning Minister, Brad Hazzard, offering a personal briefing on the proposal.

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“Once completed, the commercial precinct to the south of Barangaroo will provide a new extension of the CBD to accommodate Sydney’s growing financial role in the Asia Pacific region - including space for around 15,000 workers.”

The proposed amendments will be exhibited at the Department of Planning Exhibition Space, Information Centre, 23-33 Bridge Street, Sydney and City of Sydney Council, Level 2 Town Hall House, 456 Kent Street, Sydney from 4 February to 6 March 2009.

PROJECT PROGRESS

- Three consortia, selected by the NSW Government in September 2008, are currently preparing more detailed design and development proposals for the first stage of Barangaroo’s precinct, known as Stage 1. From this process, a successful consortium will be appointed.
- The Barangaroo Delivery Authority was announced to manage the \$2.5 billion redevelopment of Barangaroo in November 2008.
- Members of the new Authority Board were named in December 2008 and the organisation is expected to be up and running by mid-2009.
- A proposal to increase the amount of premier office space at Barangaroo by between 50,000 and 120,000 square metres and help attract businesses to Sydney has been on public exhibition and is currently being assessed by the Department of Planning.
- The construction phase of Barangaroo is expected to commence in late 2011, with the headland park planned to open in late 2014.
- The \$2.5 billion construction project is expected to generate thousands of construction jobs.

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