

## DETAILED BARANGAROO HEADLAND PARK PLANS ON PUBLIC EXHIBITION

Tuesday 9 November 2010

Premier Kristina Keneally has unveiled the detailed plans for the iconic Barangaroo Headland Park and Northern Cove.

The plans have been designed by a team led by internationally renowned landscape architect Peter Walker, and refined following extensive community consultation.

They advance plans released by the Premier in July 2010, and include significantly more detail on landscaping and footpath networks, and revised gradients of the park itself.

**People from across NSW are invited to view and comment on the plans between Wednesday 10 November and Friday 10 December, 2010.**

Minister for Planning, Tony Kelly, has approved two early works applications, meaning initial construction is on track to start on the six-hectare park this year, and be completed by 2014.

**The detailed plans will be available for people to view and comment on from tomorrow morning at [www.planning.nsw.gov.au](http://www.planning.nsw.gov.au)**

The park will restore north Barangaroo to its pre-1836 form, providing a brand new, harbourside space that families will enjoy for generations.

**The headland park will be delivered at no cost to taxpayers and will be funded from the leasing and development of the commercial precinct – Barangaroo South.**

The main works application, lodged with the NSW Department of Planning and on public exhibition from tomorrow, includes creation of:

- A naturalised headland park, linking Clyne and Munn reserves to the Harbour;
- A new northern cove and shaping of the shoreline, which will be navigable by boat;
- A shoreline promenade and a jetty and viewing platform in the northern cove;
- Landscaped areas including trees, stairs, pathways, lighting and lookouts;
- The northern part of the pedestrian walkway that will wrap around Barangaroo;
- A cultural and civic space of up to 18,000 m<sup>2</sup> in size underneath the headland park (the future use will be subject to a separate project application); and
- A 300 space car park underneath the headland.

Ms Keneally welcomed the latest step in the delivery of the plans, and said she looked forward to seeing work start on the park within the next two months.

**“This is an historic moment in the history of Sydney and a very exciting milestone in the delivery of Barangaroo,” Ms Keneally said.**

**“The headland park is a once in 200 year opportunity to create a new, naturalistic headland park on Sydney Harbour as well as a new harbour cove.**

“Since I first released plans for the headland park in July, hundreds of Sydneysiders have embraced the idea of the park and got involved by providing their thoughts and feedback.

“That public feedback has informed these revised plans, and I encourage everyone to make their views known about the detailed designs for the park.”

Recent research shows 89 per cent of people feel positive about the plans for the headland park, and 87 per cent think Barangaroo will be a new place they can enjoy the harbour.

### **Background Notes**

- The headland park will become another iconic part of Sydney Harbour and is the centrepiece of the transformation of Barangaroo.
- The six hectare site is at the northern most point of the Barangaroo site, immediately adjacent to Millers Point and Walsh Bay.
- Currently the site comprises flat concrete wharves that no longer reflect the former foreshore line. The construction of these wharves more than 50 years ago resulted in the removal of the former headland.
- Internationally renowned landscape architect, Peter Walker, was appointed in February as the designer of the headland park. Peter Walker is recognised as an expert in his field.
- Peter Walker has been involved in numerous international projects including the Millennium Parklands for the 2000 Sydney Olympics, landscape design at Stanford University in California, Novartis Headquarters in Basel Switzerland, Martin Luther King Promenade, San Diego, California, Pixar Studios, Emeryville, California. His work can be viewed at [www.pwpla.com](http://www.pwpla.com)
- Mr Walker’s role with the Barangaroo the headland park project includes:
  - Acting as lead landscape design consultant for the headland park design;
  - Preparing an outline plan for other areas of Barangaroo; and
  - Preparing guidelines for the entire public domain area, which will shape the detail including street furniture, lighting, and paving.
- The work of Peter Walker is guided by the principle to deliver an *‘iconic park at the northern end of Barangaroo to complement the headland parks of Sydney Harbour including Goat Island, Ballast Point and Balls Head’*.
- The rebuilding of the Headland will be achieved through the reuse of fill from the rest of the Barangaroo as well as sandstone extracted from on site.
- Rebuilding the headland is a sustainable act, which sees the reuse of approximately 350,000 cubic metres of fill taken from works on other parts of the site.
- The headland park will be raised from sea level to as high as 20.5 metres.
- Within the rebuilt headland will be a ‘cultural space’ of between 10,000 and 20,000 square metres. The specific use and the funding sources are subject to further consultation.
- Possible uses for the new cultural centre include:
  - An indigenous culture centre;
  - Outdoor performing areas;
  - Artist studios;
  - Galleries; and
  - Education and learning facilities.
- The return to the former natural shoreline, similar to what existed prior to 1836, will enable the public and visitors to enjoy a quiet parkland environment and also touch the harbour.
- In addition, a new harbour cove will also be constructed as part of the headland park transformation.
- The headland park is expected to be completed by 2014.