The NSW Government has given planning approval for $230 million worth of early work at Barangaroo, which is scheduled to start this year and will create 1,150 jobs.

Under the approved plans, soil excavated to build the basement car park at the southern end of Barangaroo will be used in construction of the headland park at the northern end.

The two approvals granted by the NSW Minister for Planning, Tony Kelly, are as follows:

- An application from Lend Lease for bulk excavation and basement car park construction works in the southern part of Barangaroo; and
- An application from the Barangaroo Delivery Authority for initial construction works at Barangaroo’s headland park.

The approvals include 104 conditions to address potential impacts of the projects. Subject to the conditions being met, the approvals allow work to start at Barangaroo this year.

The conditions include measures to manage environmental impacts to the satisfaction of the Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water (DECCW), including:

- A comprehensive construction noise and vibration management plan for each stage of works;
- A water and stormwater management plan that provides a detailed proposal for monitoring water quality;
- An air quality management plan; and
- A detailed waste management plan.

Premier Kristina Keneally said she looked forward to seeing work start on the decade-long Barangaroo construction project in the next few weeks.

“These approvals are a significant milestone in our delivery of one of the biggest and most prestigious urban renewal projects in the world,” Ms Keneally said.

“They will allow early construction work to start on both ends of the site, while the planning department continues to examine the final overall design for Barangaroo.”

Mr Kelly said he had taken action to ensure the project goes ahead and the economic benefits are delivered, while at the same time potential impacts are addressed and limited.

“Our detailed review of the proposal included analysis of issues such as noise, waste, water and traffic impacts,” Mr Kelly said.

“This analysis, and feedback from the public exhibition process, has resulted in a number of changes to the plans, and 104 conditions that will limit the project’s impacts.

“This is an excellent example of how the NSW planning system is delivering for the people of New South Wales.”
Mr Kelly said a number of other planning applications will go on public exhibition this Wednesday, further advancing the Barangaroo project.

“From Wednesday, we put the main works application for Barangaroo’s headland park on exhibition and are encouraging public comment,” Mr Kelly said.

“Also on exhibition from Wednesday are Lend Lease’s applications for the first commercial building at Barangaroo, and an application to trial new remediation technology on the site.”

To view the approved plans, and the plans that go on public exhibition from Wednesday 10 November to Friday 10 December, go to www.planning.nsw.gov.au

Background notes

Applications for excavation and car park construction, and initial headland park work (approved)

- The two approvals granted by the NSW Minister for Planning, Tony Kelly, are as follows:
  - An application from Lend Lease for bulk excavation and basement car park construction works in the southern part of Barangaroo; and
  - An application from the Barangaroo Delivery Authority for initial construction works at Barangaroo’s headland park.
- Combined, both approvals received a relatively low number of public submissions (26 for both proposals). Both are consistent with the current concept plan approval for the site.
  - The excavation and basement works will include construction of an 880-vehicle basement car park at the southern end of the site that will support the early phases of Lend Lease’s proposed development of Barangaroo South.
  - Works on the headland park include demolition work, remediation and site preparation, followed by moving and placement of the fill material to create the headland.
- A number of changes have been made to the approved excavation and basement construction after a public consultation period. Those changes include:
  - Cutting back the weekday construction work finishing time from 8pm to 6pm, to make the hours consistent with the City of Sydney council’s standard construction hours;
  - Submitting an updated Air Quality Impact Assessment in accordance with the Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water’s (DECCW) requirements, including more detailed modelling which indicates that relevant emissions criteria will be met;
  - A three-metre reduction in the depth of excavation; and
  - Re-allocation of the car spaces across all car park levels to ensure a maximum of 880 spaces.
- In addition, important conditions were imposed on the headland park early works to manage a range of issues including noise, dust, traffic and water quality impacts.
- A total of 104 strict conditions were imposed on both approvals to ensure potential impacts are appropriately managed.

Lend Lease application for remediation trials (on exhibition)

- This Lend Lease application applies for trials of remediation technology at Barangaroo in targeted areas (the DECCW declared area). This will be on public exhibition between Wednesday 10 November and Friday 10 December, 2010.

Lend Lease application for the first Commercial Building (on exhibition)

- Lend Lease has put forward a project application to construct the first commercial building. This will be on public exhibition between Wednesday 10 November and Friday 10 December, 2010.

Lend Lease application to amend the approved Concept Plan (under assessment)

- A separate proposal to modify the concept plan in relation to built-form across the site remains under assessment.