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Barangaroo ‘Short-Sharp’ review: terms of reference

The NSW Government today delivered on its promise of a ‘Short-Sharp’ review of the Barangaroo development.

“Today I release the terms of reference for the Barangaroo review. The review will be jointly chaired by two of Victoria’s most experienced strategic design experts – boasting impressive national and international reputations.

“I am confident Meredith Sussex and Shelley Penn AM have the experience and objectivity to deliver certainty to business, residents and the wider NSW community.”

Meredith Sussex is a member of the Council of Australian Governments’ Expert Panel on Capital City Planning. Ms Sussex was the Program Coordinator for the Australia 2020 Summit and government representative responsible for the 2006 Melbourne Commonwealth Games.

Shelley Penn AM is a Melbourne-based architect who has provided strategic design advice to governments and the private sector. Ms Penn sits on the National Capital Authority board, providing planning advice on the nation’s capital.

The terms of reference for the independent review have been developed in consultation with key stakeholders, it will:

Undertake a review in relation to Barangaroo of the compliance with the planning approval processes (and decision making in relation to such processes) relevant to:

1. The Concept Plan approval MP06_0162 (Modification 4) including in relation to land use mix, scale/density and relationship to the Sydney Central Business District.
2. The adequacy of planned transport arrangements to meet the demand generated by the site at full development;
3. The proposed Headland Park; and
4. The relocation of the Cruise Terminal to White Bay.

“The Barangaroo project has the potential to deliver a $6 billion windfall for the state, turning around Labor’s deplorable economic record – to make NSW, once again - the envy of the world.

“Under this Liberal and Nationals’ Government the iconic City of Sydney will be returned to its former glory days. The review will ensure future development is strategic and transparent – promoting economic growth, while protecting this golden city’s world-class reputation.”

The review is expected to take eight weeks.

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