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RESTRUCTURING FOR A MORE FOCUSED FORESHORE AUTHORITY

Minister for Planning and Infrastructure Brad Hazzard today announced the Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority (SHFA) will be restructured to create a more focussed organisation and deliver a clear future for Sydney’s foreshore.

“Structural change will allow SHFA to focus on key urban planning and development across the Sydney foreshore, ensuring the foreshore and Sydney’s historic Rocks area continue as major attractions for locals and visitors alike,” Mr Hazzard said.

“The Government is requiring SHFA to focus on its core areas and consider what services may be more cost effectively and better delivered through alternative models.

“The proposed changes to SHFA are in line with the Schott Report recommendations and are estimated to save up to $3 million a year.

“SHFA’s restructure will ensure the focus is on its core tasks of rejuvenation of Darling Harbour, managing the revitalisation of Circular Quay, the collaborative master planning of the Bays Precinct and preserving more than 100 heritage structures in The Rocks and more than $1.2 billion in assets including icons like the Museum of Contemporary Art.

“Some removal of duplication of back office services that can be more cost effectively shared with the Department of Planning and Infrastructure will occur.

“SHFA must be a 21st century organisation that effectively manages a vast amount of Sydney’s heritage through maximum coordination with other Government agencies without being encumbered by services best operated through the private sector.

“Ensuring SHFA is a lean agency focussed on core services will guarantee the best outcome for heritage conservation and place management of Sydney’s historic gateway.

“I thank the management and staff of SHFA for working with the Government to achieve the best outcomes for SHFA, Sydney and the people of NSW,” Mr Hazzard said today.

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