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BRIGHT FUTURE FOR BAYS AS PAST PRESERVED

Minister for Planning Pru Goward today announced that with only a day to go before the Bays Precinct Sydney International Summit, a newly completed roof restoration has primed White Bay Power Station for the precinct’s transformational future.

“The summit will look at the entire Bays Precinct, which includes opportunities for the iconic, heritage-listed White Bay Power Station,” Ms Goward said.

“The $5.7 million Government-funded roof restoration is now complete, so this impressive monument to our city’s industrial past is now watertight and ready for a brighter future.”

Ms Goward said the Bays Precinct will be Sydney’s largest urban renewal project since the Olympics and will create a new harbourside district with new homes and spaces for recreation, retail, tourism, commercial and maritime use.

“So much potential lays in the 5.5 kilometres of waterfront land, that’s currently an urban wasteland, around the world’s most recognised and beautiful harbour,” Ms Goward said.

“On the 19th and 20th November the who’s who of urban renewal and city building leaders from around the globe will lend their experience to a think tank to help get the most out of this once in a lifetime opportunity for Sydney.

“In the future, the now desolate areas in and around Blackwattle Bay, the Sydney Fish Market, Rozelle Bay, Rozelle Rail Yards and of course, White Bay Power Station, will potentially rival the Sydney Harbour Bridge and Opera House area in terms of significance to our city’s identity.”

Ms Goward said the White Bay Power Station roof restoration work will not only help unlock the building’s future, but also protect its past by preserving what is left of equipment that has not been touched since the site was vacated in 1983.

The project was delivered on time, on budget and included:

- demolishing the boiler house’s concrete roof
- installing corrugated metal roofing on 10 interconnected buildings on site
- repairing the station’s chimneys
- removing hazardous material.

“The new roof has been built to last up to 100 years,” Ms Goward said.
UrbanGrowth NSW, the Government’s urban renewal authority, is leading the revitalisation of The Bays Precinct. For more information visit www.urbangrowthnsw.com.au.

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