

3.4 Waterfront

The Promenade is currently a highly used and significant public space and the entertainment and cultural hub of Cockle Bay. The promenade links Barangaroo to Darling Harbour. The waters edge consists of a timber boardwalk, paved promenade, stepping up to a raised retail floor. The proposal would not decrease the existing width of promenade and also provides an opportunity to extend the timber boardwalk across the full length of the site.

The future design of this space should make consideration to the following:

- Levels should be improved from existing conditions, allowing optimum accessibility between the boardwalk, promenade and activated frontages, noting there are flood and structural issues that will inform the final ground floor level.
- Maximise activated frontages to the waters edge, and minimise service areas, lobbies and the like to the Eastern edge.
- Facade treatments should consist of variable setbacks incorporating outdoor seating and landscape zones
- Permeable seating should be considered to emphasise the public characteristics of the external space.
- Improved connections provided to Pyrmont Bridge, to the elevated Park and Market Street and to Drutt Street footbridge.
- Facade treatments should be transparent, open and inviting, while also providing wind and shade protection from the low Western sun.



A continuous waterfront promenade along the edge of Darling Harbour.

