

Barangaroo

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Carolyn McNally
Secretary
NSW Department of Planning & Environment
GPO Box 39
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Dear Ms McNally

RE: PROPOSED ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATION TO APPROVAL MP10_0048

Following the approval of Project Application MP10_0048 for Barangaroo Headland Park and Northern Cove – Main Works, the Barangaroo Delivery Authority (Authority) is progressing the demolition of the Harbour Control Tower (HCT).

The demolition of the HCT was approved by the Minister for Planning under Section 75W of the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979 on 30th July 2015 (Modification 4).

Pursuant to Section 75W of the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act, the Authority is seeking to modify the approval by varying the Administrative Conditions of B41 with respect to the preparation of an Interpretation Plan for the HCT.

The Authority is seeking to modify the Approval by varying Condition B41 to remove the timing of delivery of the Interpretation Plan from “within four months” of the determination to “prior to the commencement of the demolition works” as below.

B41 INTERPRETATION PLAN – HARBOUR CONTROL TOWER

*Prior to the commencement of demolition works, an Interpretation Plan is to be developed for the Harbour Control Tower site in accordance with the implementation and management guidelines established in Chapter 6 of the Interpretation Strategy prepared by Rintoul Associates dated November 2013. The Interpretation Plan is to be submitted to the Secretary for approval **prior to the commencement of the demolition works** within four (4) months of this determination (MP10_0048 MOD 4).*

The Interpretation Plan is to incorporate the interpretation themes and key stories identified in Sections 4.2 and 4.3 of the Interpretation Strategy including to comprehensively address:

- *The Story of the Port of Sydney;*
- *The historic changes in the landform of Millers Point;*

- *The historic changes in the built form of Millers Point; and*
- *The associated labour, workers, housing and social movements which were integrally linked to the maritime activities at Millers Point.*

The Interpretation Plan is to include the time-lapse recording of the demolition of the HCT required by Condition B34B.

The proposed variation to the timing for the submission of the Interpretation Plan, allows the Plan to be incorporated in the Authority's overall approach for interpreting Barangaroo's maritime history which is governed by the Barangaroo Public Art and Cultural Plan (enclosure) and the Barangaroo Arts and Cultural Panel.

The Barangaroo Public Art and Cultural Plan provides a strategic framework for the Authority and Barangaroo's current and future development partners to guide the commissioning and management of public art and culture across the precinct.

The Plan has three significant aims including the provision of "engaging and significant interpretation of the site's history that reflects and celebrates the many stories of Barangaroo, including the Aboriginal, and waterfront histories".

Included in the Plan's prominent themes for interpretation is "Waterfront stories – the worker history, maritime and industrial development of Sydney which took place at Barangaroo and The Hungry Mile".

The Authority believes that by bringing the HCT Interpretation Plan and associated interpretive elements within the overall umbrella of the Barangaroo Public Art and Cultural Plan, will provide a more cohesive and aligned story of the maritime history of Barangaroo and the surrounding areas thereby providing the opportunity to deliver more engaging and significant interpretive outcomes.

In order to achieve this, the process of the developing the HCT Interpretation Plan needs to be included in the Authority's arts and cultural governance process including review and approval by the Barangaroo Arts & Culture Panel and the Authority's Board. Therefore the Authority is seeking the submission date for the HCT Interpretation Plan to be revised to "*prior to the commencement of demolition works*". It is anticipated demolition works will commence in the first quarter 2016.

Your consideration of this administrative modification request is appreciated. Should you have any queries or require any further information, please contact Peter Funder, Project Director, Barangaroo Reserve and Central on 02 9255 1726 or Peter.Funder@barangaroo.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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Enclosure