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Letter to the Editor

Some critics of the Lend Lease plan have argued that it is not right to gift 7 hectares of waterfront land to a developer and allow them to evolve the design into something very different to that which has been presented to the public.

This statement is fundamentally untrue. Firstly, the land is not gifted, but leased in stages for each building and only after approval of each part, by the Barangaroo Delivery Authority. If the design, content, use or function does not achieve approval of the Authority under the Development Agreement, it cannot be submitted for planning approval.

This is, in fact, the leasing of parcels of land to a developer with very specific requirements to meet public objectives over a period of 10+ years. There is a comprehensive list of obligations. There is a requirement that the Authority is "reasonable" and there is also the conventional planning controls via the Department of Planning and the Planning Minister.

There is no gift of land to the developer. This is a contractual partnership with the State, with significant ongoing obligations on the developer.



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