

## BEST PRACTICE REMEDIATION OF BARANGAROO - THE FACTS

It is important that the facts regarding the legislative approval processes and rigorous requirements for best practice remediation at Barangaroo are clear.

- 1.0 The Barangaroo Delivery Authority, its contractors and developers on its land are cleaning up the contamination to protect human health and the environment in accordance with stringent legislation and guidelines. The remediation of Barangaroo will treat harmful materials and reduce contaminated groundwater flows to safe levels.
- 2.0 Barangaroo has been approved under the NSW Major Projects provisions of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, including requirements and conditions for site remediation. The project applications that have been approved contain detailed environmental assessment reports which cover many issues including the presence of contamination and the proposed remediation processes.
- 3.0 The requirements for remediation were addressed as part of the Major Projects assessment and approval process. The order made by the Minister for Planning earlier this week, clarified that the State Environmental Planning Policy 55 regarding remediation did not apply to two project approvals for basements excavation and early works. There is no lessening of remediation requirements, in fact the project approvals contain stringent requirements for remediation of the site.
- 4.0 All and any remediation of contaminated materials that occur at Barangaroo will be required to comply with the rigorous standards set by the conditions of approval imposed by the Minister. This includes the preparation and implementation of a remediation action plan (RAP) and a human health and ecological risk assessment (HHERA) for each area of the work, including at the Headland Park and the basement excavation at Barangaroo South. The same principles will apply to any remediation works at the old Millers Point gasworks declared area.
- 5.0 Based on expert advice and reports which are publicly available, it is the Authority's clear conclusion that the remediation will clean up the site and there is certainly no increased risk to the harbour as a result of carrying out the bulk excavation and remediation works given all the risk management procedures that are required to be implemented as conditions of the project approvals.
- 6.0 The former gasworks site, identified as significantly contaminated, covers approximately 2 hectares of the 22 hectare site, with proposed remediation to be detailed in a future project application. The remaining 20 hectares of the site, where the basement excavation and headland park early works will take place was not identified as being significantly contaminated. Nevertheless, these areas are likely to need some remediation work and the safety of the community and environment is the objective and as such will be strictly monitored.
- 7.0 In the interests of public safety and the environment, strict obligations and best practice benchmarks exist to lead the remediation process. The Authority is following a detailed and independently audited due process and reporting structure to ensure the best possible outcome which can be independently verified. This rigorous process is regulated closely by DECCW and certified by an independent auditor.
- 8.0 In addition to the regulatory approvals requirement, the Barangaroo Delivery Authority, as the land owner of Barangaroo, will only provide owner's approval to commence works once relevant approvals have been provided.