

Dear Premier,

I am very disappointed about the secretive planning process employed by the Government at Barangaroo, the lack of public involvement, the predictably bad end result, and the total lack of credible, independent oversight of the planning and contracting process.

Why has the plan chosen by a an eminent international jury with impeccable architectural and town planning credentials been overturned and replaced by a manifestly inferior design which has 50% less usable public area, double the original building area all crammed into the southern end, and an unforgivable residential tower erected in the harbour itself? I and many others want to ask you to take the design back to a properly constituted expert panel and listen to their advice.

In addition we are unhappy with the proposal to move the cruise ship terminal to an unsuitable location at White Bay.

We are also most concerned that Lend Lease is seeking approval to start excavation works in the next month or two, before pollution on the site is remediated and before the above ground buildings are approved. We see this as an attempt to get Lend lease started so that an incoming government has no choice but to continue.

Lastly everyone I know is appalled by the conflict of interest and bias in the Government's planning and approval process. The Government is the custodian of public land and should be accountable to the public, is in a development partnership with Lend Lease with obligations to them, and is the consent authority responsible for approving the many controversial aspects of the development. At the very least we expect the Government to appoint a demonstrably independent consent authority for Barangaroo.

Yours sincerely

cc Michael Collins, Chairman BDA
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