

MEDIA RELEASE

United View on Barangaroo

Australian's for Sustainable Development (ASD) was formed today comprising eight separate organisations and headed by Mr. Jack Munday AO as the President.

Mr Jack Munday President of ASD said "this group aims to ensure independent and transparent development processes, superior architecture and town planning, and ecologically sustainable outcomes for all major NSW developments, including Barangaroo."

"ASD has been formed to offer an independent critique and intends to hold the NSW Government to account.

"The Barangaroo concept plan delights only in its greed and excess. It's nothing but a vulgar display of fast glass and vast floor plates.

"When Hill Thalys won the Barangaroo design contest, of which I was one of the judges, the process was transparent and legitimate, won by very deserving architects. But since then, the Barangaroo project has been handed to Lend Lease who has almost doubled the size of the development.

"The NSW government is the landowner, project manager, planning consent authority and principle financial beneficiary of the Barangaroo development. As such, the Planning Minister cannot claim any objectivity or credibility in determining the application.

"Rich and poor share the same view of the world from along The Hungry Mile, and Barangaroo should celebrate this diversity of access. Instead, Lend Lease would privatise the harbour and all its approaches.

"What was actually managed consensus has been disguised as public consultation. ASD challenges Lend Lease and The Barangaroo Delivery Authority to document changes to the concept plan made in response to community comment.

"ASD wants the activity at Barangaroo to cease until an independent review of the design process is completed. This includes the proposed relocation of the cruise ships to White Bay. The public has no confidence in the decisions of a Planning Minister accountable only to a Premier who is the landowner and project manager."

Groups affiliated with ASD include:

- Architects Concerned About Barangaroo
- Barangaroo Action Group
- Blackwattle Bay Residents Action Group
- Clean up Australia
- Friends of Barangaroo
- Leichhardt Municipal Council
- Millers Point, Dawes Point and the Rocks Residents Action Group
- The National Trust of Australia (NSW)

Mr. Jack Munday became a national figure in the early 1970s when he led the Builders' Labourers Federation's famous "green bans". This prevented the development of inappropriate skyscrapers in The Rocks, Centennial Park and Woolloomooloo. Mr. Munday's conservation campaign redefined the development of Sydney.

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