

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

SELECT COMMITTEE ON BARANGAROO SIGHT LINES

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Parliamentary committee to examine the Barangaroo sight lines negotiations

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A parliamentary committee is inquiring into the role the NSW Government played in the 'sight lines' negotiations as part of the development of Barangaroo. In particular, the Upper House inquiry will look at the probity of negotiations between the NSW Government, Lendlease, and Crown concerning these sight lines, including whether any biases influenced the final decision.

Committee Chair, the Hon Mark Latham MLC said: 'The revitalisation of Barangaroo has been a longtime coming, with some of the Australia's biggest developers working with the NSW Government as part of the process. Following the return of a number of documents as part of an order of the Legislative Council, the committee has concerns about the transparency of the process, particularly the role favouritism may have played in the preferential treatment of certain companies' commercial interests. In particular, the committee will be asking a number of questions. Why did the Barangaroo Delivery Authority sell the Sydney Harbour sight lines twice, to Lendlease-Crown and to Grocon? What deal did the NSW Government do with Lendlease and Crown in August 2019 after the developers sued and won in the NSW Supreme Court? Why have the details of that deal never been made public?'

The Chair continued: 'Given how important it is for the Government to remain neutral when involved in corporate deals, it is vital we understand how decisions were made during the Barangaroo sight lines negotiations and on what basis'.

Submissions close 9 October 2022 and can be lodged online.

If you have a question about how you can make a submission, please contact the committee secretariat on 02 9230 2282 or email <u>barangaroo@parliament.nsw.gov.au</u>

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