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WYNYARD WALK OPENED TO PEDESTRIANS

Sydney's newest pedestrian tunnel has opened to the public – boosting convenience and safety for pedestrians in the heart of the CBD.

Premier Mike Baird and Minister for Transport and Infrastructure Andrew Constance said Wynyard Walk provided a six-minute link by foot between one of Sydney's busiest transport interchanges and the emerging new jobs precinct at Barangaroo.

"This will be a bustling thoroughfare for the tens of thousands of workers and visitors accessing Barangaroo every day," Mr Baird said.

"We're building the connections to make getting around our city as easy as possible."

Mr Constance said with Barangaroo's third commercial tower about to open, the new link would save time and make the trip safer.

"It's now about six minutes from the station to Barangaroo, you don't have to cross roads or navigate steep inclines. We've also just completed the first stage of the Wynyard Station renovation. New lifts, escalators and lobby are also on the way for Wynyard," Mr Constance said.

"With Barangaroo booming, the ferry hub now started and light rail under construction, we're also making sure we have the pedestrian capacity to match these major new projects."

Features of Wynyard Walk include:

- A nine-metre wide tunnel approximately 180 metres long
- Six minute walk from Wynyard Station avoiding inclines and busy roads
- Capacity for 20,000 people an hour
- The upgraded pedestrian precinct Napoleon Plaza
- Sussex Street pedestrian bridge with lifts and escalators

The tunnel will initially open from 5am to 9pm daily to allow construction to continue on the Clarence Street entrance as well as other minor finishes. Following the opening of the Clarence Street entry Wynyard Walk will be open 24 hours a day. Phase two of the Wynyard Station upgrade is expected to be complete by mid-2017.

For more information about the Wynyard Walk project visit www.mysydney.com.au