

# Circular Quay Renewal

Share your ideas!

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## The NSW Government is moving ahead with the next stage of its once-in-a-generation plan to redefine Australia's waterfront to the world.

Circular Quay is the gateway to Sydney's world-famous harbour and city. But it is tired and in need of renewal. It does not meet the expectations of customers or the standards of a global city like Sydney. Its infrastructure is ageing and costly to maintain; and won't support future demand for services.

Circular Quay should be a memorable place for everyone who goes there. It also needs to be a seamless and accessible experience for customers as well as somewhere with a great variety of places to eat, drink and shop.

It needs more generous spaces to cater for the growing numbers of public and active transport trips; not to mention the enormous crowds that flock to events like Vivid and the New Year's Eve fireworks each year.

And it needs to better acknowledge the site's cultural importance, including the tens of thousands of years of connection by Aboriginal people and its more recent non-Aboriginal heritage.

A renewed Circular Quay will inject new life into one of Australia's most recognisable places through:



**well connected and enhanced public spaces that are better for people**



**a modernised and accessible transport interchange, with new ferry wharves and an upgraded train station**



**more jobs and opportunities for Circular Quay's local, visitor and night-time economy**



**a showcase for the story of Circular Quay's past and the very best public art and cultural activities**



**reenergised shops and places to eat that offer a uniquely Sydney experience**

### Purpose of consultation

The purpose of this consultation is to provide an update and an opportunity for community input into the Circular Quay Renewal. This feedback will be used to inform the development of designs. There will be further comprehensive engagement on specific plans and designs during the planning assessment process.





Impression of Sydney Cove (Warrane) prior to 1788.

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## History of Circular Quay

**The site of Circular Quay is known as Warrane in the local Aboriginal language.**

For many thousands of years the local Aboriginal people, the Gadigal, have lived in this area. Its sheltered north-facing location, and plentiful resources make Warrane one of many integral places for the Gadigal.

Following the First Fleet's landing in 1788, the Sydney colony was established and built around the freshwater creek, now known as the Tank Stream, that ran into the harbour at Warrane.

First Fleet Park was the location of the first wharf, market place, warehouse and post office of the new settlement.

## What the NSW Government is doing

**Transport for NSW (TfNSW) is leading the renewal project in close collaboration with the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment and other NSW Government agencies.**

Circular Quay Renewal will revitalise the transport infrastructure and public spaces at Circular Quay, bringing new jobs and investment opportunities to Circular Quay's tourist businesses, cultural and heritage attractions, shops and restaurants. Improved transport links and better connections to surrounding areas will help people move around more easily, making Sydney a better place to live, work and visit.

TfNSW has been working hard to understand the challenges and opportunities involved in renewing

Circular Quay. It has also engaged with industry to develop ideas for how Circular Quay could be a better place.

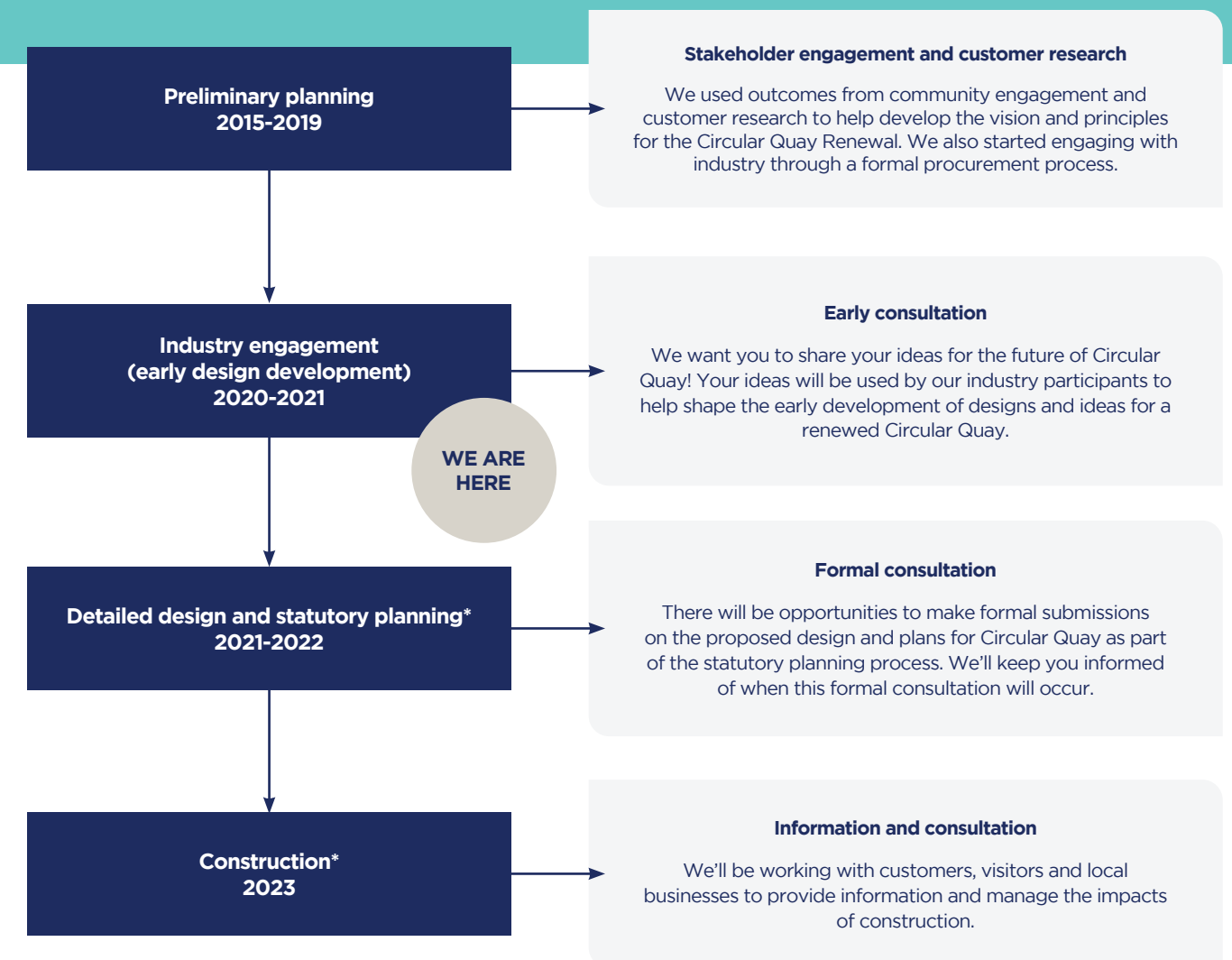
This work, along with additional technical analysis and the views of the community, will help inform the NSW Government's final investment decision and the selection of a preferred design and delivery partner on the project.

This will be followed by a rigorous statutory planning approvals process.

To make sure public benefit and urban design is at the heart of the Circular Quay Renewal, the NSW Government has imposed some strict conditions on any development. These conditions include no residential development; the development's height to be generally restricted to the top of the Cahill Expressway and the development will co-exist with the existing transport infrastructure.



## Project and consultation stages



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## What we have heard so far

The community has provided feedback on their experiences and hopes for the future of Circular Quay. The following vision statement was developed and is now the guiding aspiration for the Circular Quay Renewal.

### *“Australia’s waterfront to the world”*

*Circular Quay is a major driver of Sydney’s economy; a stage for its premier cultural events; an enhanced transport hub; and an outstanding environment worthy of Australia’s greatest waterfront.*

We have continued to deepen our understanding of how Circular Quay can be a better place for everyone to use and enjoy by listening to the views of Circular Quay customers.

We have learnt that while people appreciate Circular Quay they are disappointed by its experience and public spaces and there is enthusiasm for the area to be renewed.

When customers were asked what they expect and want to experience at Circular Quay, their needs were quite simple and straightforward.

They want us to:

- protect and enhance the things they love, such as the inclusive and open nature of the area and the iconic views
- respect the culture and history and create ways for it to be understood
- improve the area’s coherence and consistency
- make Circular Quay more functional and modern in terms of infrastructure and amenities.



## Share your ideas

We are excited to be moving to the next phase of renewing one of Australia’s most important public spaces and want to hear from you!

From 3 August to 31 August 2020, you have the opportunity to share your ideas about Circular Quay’s renewal. We will be building on what we have already learned from the community to help make Circular Quay a better place.

**To participate, go to :**

[yoursay.transport.nsw.gov.au/circular quay renewal](https://yoursay.transport.nsw.gov.au/circular-quay-renewal)



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