

Circular Quay Renewal



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Revitalising Australia's waterfront to the world

The NSW Government has announced a \$216 million investment as part of plans for a major transformation of Warrane/Circular Quay, Australia's waterfront to the world.

This major urban renewal project will revitalise Australia's front door, creating an exciting new setting for the iconic Sydney Harbour Bridge and Sydney Opera House.

The project will strengthen Sydney's reputation as a global destination, delivering a world-class visitor and customer experience.

Circular Quay Renewal will:

- ✓ Transform the experience of being at Warrane / Circular Quay, with a new setting for Sydney's postcard view
- ✓ Modernise the interchange with significantly improved and accessible wharves and an upgraded train station
- ✓ Bring the area's retail, dining, arts and cultural offering to life
- ✓ Deliver a world-class visitor and customer experience, that will be even more sought after on the international tourist map.

Planning and design

The NSW Government has been exploring options to renew Warrane/Circular Quay. We have engaged with industry through an open market tender process and consulted with visitors, transport customers and the community to develop ideas for how the area could be a better place.

Following a rigorous cross-government evaluation and assessment process, the NSW Government has chosen a preferred Planning and Design Partner. Details will be announced in the coming weeks.

There will be extensive opportunities to provide feedback during community consultation which will commence during the planning process scheduled for later this year.

Should the project receive all its statutory planning approvals, construction is expected to be completed in 2028.



Circular Quay Station

Circular Quay Station will be upgraded with widened entrances, improved directional signage and new lifts and escalators to the platforms.

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Respect for heritage and Country

The new design respects and celebrates the culture and history of Warrane/Circular Quay. Important assets such as Circular Quay Station and the archaeology beneath First Fleet Park will be protected. Visiting the area will offer a chance to connect with Country in the heart of the city.

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New public spaces

Upgrades to green spaces, a new pavilion, restaurants, performance, education and tourist information.



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The Promenade

The promenade between Circular Quay Station and the wharves will be widened to 20 metres with more seating, shade and dedicated spaces for buskers.



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Warrane/Cahill Walk

The pedestrian walkway on the Cahill Expressway will be expanded to create an unrivalled public space to enjoy the spectacular views and try new and immersive cultural experiences.



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What we have heard from the community

To help plan for Warrane/Circular Quay’s future, the NSW Government has been talking and listening to the community and stakeholders over the past couple of years about their experiences and aspirations for the area. This feedback helped develop the vision and design principles for the project.

In 2020, the NSW Government asked the community to share their ideas for Circular Quay to help inform the development of early designs.

The NSW Government consulted with Aboriginal stakeholders in late 2020 and early 2021 to understand the importance of Warrane/Sydney Cove. We heard that Warrane is a significant place for past, present and future Aboriginal people.

We heard that the area is a much-loved place and people value its spectacular views, harbour-side location and heritage. There was support for the area to be renewed with a desire for better public spaces, quality places to eat and improved facilities. The Cahill Expressway also attracted a lot of interest with suggestions ranging from removing it to repurposing it for public space.



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The NSW Government acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of Warrane / Sydney Cove, the Gadigal people of the Eora Nation, and pays its respect to Elders, past and present, and recognises and celebrates the diversity of Aboriginal peoples and their ongoing cultures and connections to the lands and waters of NSW.

