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WALSH BAY ARTS PRECINCT SET TO SHINE

Sydney's next arts and cultural hot spot is a step closer with the final plans for the new Walsh Bay Arts Precinct lodged with the Department of Planning and on public exhibition from tomorrow.

The redevelopment will create a public arts and culture hub on Sydney's glittering waterfront, with new plans maximising the use of public space at Walsh Bay and preserving its iconic heritage.

Minister for Infrastructure Andrew Constance said the Liberals and Nationals Government is committed to upgrading public infrastructure around the state.

"Walsh Bay will finally get the attention it deserves, becoming the jewel of all the rapid growth in development west of the Harbour Bridge – joining Barangaroo and the world-class International Convention Centre as a destination in its own right," Mr Constance said.

"A redeveloped Walsh Bay will have state of the art transport connections, letting tourists and locals jump on turn up and go services on the new Sydney Metro North-West from Barangaroo station."

Minister for the Arts Troy Grant said today's lodgement of final plans will allow for construction to begin as early as mid-next year.

"This is an important step towards creating an activated arts and culture precinct that supports and nurtures Sydney's home-grown talent and creativity and provides an inclusive and accessible destination for everyone to enjoy," Mr Grant said.

"The new public square will be used for events such as the Writers' Festival as well as for other events such as film nights. The new square will be built over the water, with stairs descending to our iconic Sydney harbour."

Key features of the proposal include:

- A new waterfront square between Pier 2/3 and Wharf 4/5
- Use of the precinct for arts festivals, events and pop-ups with potential to include restaurants, cafés and bars
- Provision of flexible and adaptable spaces in Pier 2/3 and Wharf 4/5 for arts and cultural activities
- Events within the waterfront square and outdoor spaces
- Heritage modifications and interventions required to Pier 2/3 and Wharf 4/5 including stairs, balcony and roof modifications.

The application is on public exhibition from 17 November to 16 December 2016 and the community is invited to attend an information session on Saturday 3 December from 10.00am to 2.00pm at Pier 2/3 to speak with the project team and provide feedback.

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