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Dear Mr Cavallo,

**Environmental Assessment Exhibition – Major Project MP06\_0162 MOD 4 –  
Barangaroo Concept Plan Amendment (Modification No. 4)**

Thank you for your letter dated 9 August 2010 requesting Industry & Investment NSW (I&I NSW) comment on the environmental assessment (EA) for the proposed Barangaroo Concept Plan Amendment.

The Department has reviewed the EA to ensure it is consistent with the provisions under the *Fisheries Management Act 1994* and I&I NSW's *Policy and Guidelines for Aquatic Habitat Management and Fish Conservation (1999)*. The Department has no objection to the proposed concept plan modification and recommends that the mitigation measures in Section 7.2.1 of Appendix T: Marine Ecology, Water Quality Report and Contaminated Sediment Impact Assessment are implemented in the construction and further detailed design of this concept plan.

I&I NSW questions whether the proposed piling for the landmark building would constitute reclamation and notes that such an activity is prohibited under the *Sydney Regional Environmental Plan (Sydney Harbour Catchment) 2005*.

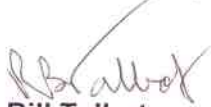
The redevelopment of the Barangaroo site presents a unique opportunity to improve the currently degraded and reclaimed aquatic and riparian habitat at this location. The Department strongly recommends that the seawalls to be constructed at this site incorporate environmentally friendly seawall design principles (see: [http://sydney.cma.nsw.gov.au/index.php?option=com\\_remository&Itemid=116&func=startdown&id=315](http://sydney.cma.nsw.gov.au/index.php?option=com_remository&Itemid=116&func=startdown&id=315)). This would add to the environmental performance of this site and improve aquatic biodiversity in Sydney Harbour.

I&I NSW has noted that while it may be more practical to implement these principles around the proposed more naturalised Northern Headland and Cove, it is also possible to incorporate some features to improve aquatic biodiversity around the proposed Southern Cove which is intended to provide a formal public access/interaction with the waterway. Such a measure could include the attachment of 'pots' to the seawall at appropriate tide levels which may not even be visible or intrude upon the design intention of this area. Please consult with Sydney University Marine Science Unit for further information about this measure.

Recreational fishers are a key stakeholder for the Department and as such I&I NSW requests that access to the waterfront for recreational fishing is permitted across the Barangaroo Site.

For any further information please contact Carla Ganassin on (02) 9527 8552 or [carla.ganassin@industry.nsw.gov.au](mailto:carla.ganassin@industry.nsw.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Bill Talbot', with a stylized flourish extending from the end.

**Bill Talbot**  
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14 September 2010