

GLOBE SQUARE PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

Globe square is intended to be the major focal space in the Barangaroo South development. It is a north-facing public square that looks out over the harbour and southern cove. Situated at the junction of the principal pedestrian routes along Globe Street, City Walk and the foreshore promenade, it forms the public domain heart of this urban precinct.

The square itself is proposed to be framed by the cultural centre, the landmark hotel and pier, and the two low rise residential buildings, that activate the area with shops and restaurants at ground level. These buildings wrap around the southern edge of the square, with the cove and water to the north, creating a waterside urban ensemble that will attract visitors and deliver a high level of activity throughout the day and the year.

Detailed design of Globe Square and the public areas surrounding it require further resolution of a number of aspects including:

- the nature, function and access requirements of the adjacent cultural facility;
- a defined enclosure for the public space;
- the requirements of the selected hotel operator including the hotel drop off zone;
- the location and nature of the pedestrian bridge across the southern cove and the opportunities for varying the public domain height to facilitate proximity to the water;
- the underground servicing elements for the hotel and cultural centre;
- wind amelioration measures on the foreshore promenade; and,
- the extent of landscaping in the square itself and how it complements and contrasts with the foreshore promenade, which whilst being Lend Lease's responsibility to deliver, is subject to review and modification by other parties.

Until these matters are further advanced, and a holistic design can be put forward for these aspects, it is preferable to define a set of performance standards that provide parameters around the design options for Globe Square, which can be agreed prior to any detailed design of the square, hotel or cultural facility.

Design Considerations

It is proposed that Globe Square can be contained to the south by the cultural building, with consideration given to attendant wind and shade benefits as well as its impact on visitors through the creation of a sense of containment and surprise.

Landscaping of Globe Square will be consistent with the public domain plan for Barangaroo South and the foreshore promenade, including consideration of appropriate shading and wind amelioration measures throughout the year.

The paving materials on the foreshore zone are intended to be continuous across Globe Square and the entire width and length of the waterfront promenade, including in front of the hotel, to reinforce pedestrian priority.

The proposed cultural facility will be serviced by vehicle access through the basement, where all truck movements related to deliveries, garbage collection, laundry collection, etc will occur below ground level. A loading dock and basement access will facilitate the servicing of the cultural facility at this level.

The bridge(s) across the southern cove will be pedestrian prioritised, with shared cycle paths. Its location and position will reflect the continuation of the foreshore promenade to the north.

Variations in the height of the public domain at Globe Square relative to mean sea level will be considered to facilitate parts of southern cove and the waterfront promenade and square providing visitors with close proximity to the water.

Proposed Performance Standards

The following performance standards are proposed to provide parameters around the design options for Globe Square, prior to detailed design proposals for the hotel and cultural buildings.

- Globe Square will be pedestrian only, with shared north south access routes for cycles;
- proximity to the water to be considered and, if appropriate, provided at various points at Globe Square and along the waterfront promenade;
- pavement materials and landscaping and street architecture at Globe Square to be consistent with foreshore promenade design; and Wind amelioration and shading measures to be provided as required within Globe.