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The Minister for Planning and Infrastructure has established the Bays Precinct Taskforce to recommend a strategic framework for the Bays Precinct for the next 25 years and beyond.

The taskforce is to:

- review the outcomes of Stage 1 Bays Precinct work and consultations
- devise and implement an effective consultative process to enable local and regional stakeholders to have informed input into the strategic framework for the Bays Precinct
- identify current and emerging issues affecting the precinct
- identify short, medium and long-term issues and constraints, and requirements to address these
- advise on appropriate land uses having regard to strategic transport, port, maritime and waterfront precinct priorities for adjacent local areas and communities, metropolitan Sydney and NSW
- report and recommend to Government on a strategic framework and strategic planning principles for the Bays Precinct by 30 July 2012.

The work of the taskforce will be guided by:

- the Bays Precinct – Report on Outcomes Stage 1 Consultation Process (February 2011)
- submissions made on the Bays Precinct – Stage 1 consultation process report
- the economic, employment, cultural, environmental and recreational needs of adjacent local areas and communities, metropolitan Sydney and NSW
- regional and local transport infrastructure requirements and the need to address current precinct traffic and transport constraints
- the unique attribute of the Bays Precinct as the last remaining undeveloped foreshore area of the natural deepwater port of Sydney Harbour and the ongoing port and maritime needs of metropolitan Sydney and NSW
- recognition that Glebe Island and White Bay will be used for ongoing and future port-related uses
- existing studies, reports and strategies developed for the precinct, including any relevant reports documented by Leichhardt Council and City of Sydney.

These Terms of Reference were endorsed by the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure in February 2012

The Bays Precinct Taskforce is chaired by Department of Premier and Cabinet, with representatives from Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority, NSW Treasury, Department of Planning and Infrastructure, Transport for NSW, Sydney Ports Corporation and Roads and Maritime Services. Its membership was recently extended by the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure to include City of Sydney and Leichhardt Councils and a community representative.