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WATER POSITIVE STATUS FOR BARANGAROO

A 200 million-litre water recycling plant was opened at Barangaroo today, confirming the new precinct as a world-class centre for sustainability.

The Lendlease plant is the final piece of the puzzle for Barangaroo to become a water positive precinct, meaning the development will be capable of producing more water than it consumes.

The plant located in Barangaroo South will export recycled water to the Barangaroo neighbourhood for reuse purposes including watering gardens.

Minister for Energy and Utilities Don Harwin says the outcome is a brilliant example of the NSW Government and the private sector working together.

“I congratulate Lendlease on setting a new benchmark for water conservation in an urban area. This precinct creates a positive and lasting legacy for both Barangaroo and Sydney,” Mr Harwin said.

“Barangaroo South is designed to export more recycled water than the drinking water it uses - thereby reducing demand on Greater Sydney’s water resources.

“The plant is capable of recycling 200 million litres of wastewater annually – that’s the equivalent of 70 Olympic size swimming pools.”

Using the Water Industry Competition Act, the NSW Government works with the private sector to create a dynamic water industry that delivers benefits for customers, communities, the environment and the economy.

“The Barangaroo South recycled water plant is one of 20 private recycling schemes now licensed under the Act state-wide and I look forward to seeing many more,” Mr Harwin said.

“The NSW Government is committed to delivering innovative and sustainable water solutions while cutting red tape and improving the licensing system for companies – a big win for the private sector.”