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A WIN FOR THE COMMUNITY Harbour Trust welcomes review recommendations

The Harbour Trust has welcomed the findings and recommendations of the Independent review, it has recommended that some of Sydney's most extraordinary and iconic sites remain in public ownership forever, under the management of the Harbour Trust.

The Chair of the Trust, Joseph Carrozzi, said the review had recommended that the Harbour Trust, which was established by the Federal Government in 2001 to manage and protect former Commonwealth lands, should continue to operate as an ongoing entity.

"This is a great result for our community – and a great result for Sydney," Mr Carrozzi said.

"The community originally rallied together to protect these amazing sites and to ensure they remained in public ownership and accessible to all Australians, which led to the formation of the Harbour Trust in 2001.

"Since then, the Harbour Trust has worked hand in glove with the community, including our hundreds of volunteers, to progressively transform, rehabilitate and maintain sites such as Headland Park, North Head, Cockatoo Island and more recently, Sub Base Platypus.

"I am delighted these sites are now protected for all Australians to enjoy into the future.

"With this announcement, we look forward to receiving confirmation on funding in the upcoming budget process which will allow us to address a backlog of work and allow for greater public access and enjoyment to our sites – particularly Cockatoo Island and North Head Sanctuary.

"This review ensures that there will not be any privatisation of Harbour Trust assets, which has been the Harbour Trust's strongly-held position since our inception."

Harbour Trust



ABOUT THE HARBOUR TRUST

The Harbour Trust protects and manages some of the most historically significant foreshore sites on Sydney Harbour, including Cockatoo Island, North Head Sanctuary, Sub Base Platypus in North Sydney, and Headland Park in Mosman.

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