

Dear Sir / Madam,

Sub Base Platypus (North Sydney) – Renewal Project

In December 2016 the Harbour Trust adopted a Management Plan for the former HMAS Platypus site, North Sydney. The Plan's vision to transform this former military-industrial site into a public urban park received broad community support.

The Harbour Trust recently invited the public to comment on the Platypus Renewal Project - a programme of works aimed at delivering key elements of the Plan's vision for the site. The Renewal Project will provide new public open space, improved access and refurbished buildings, enabling the site to be opened to the public for the first time in 150 years.

The Harbour Trust's assessment of the proposal included careful consideration of all issues raised through public consultation, which included 54 written submissions and a petition. The Harbour Trust has approved the Renewal Project with approval conditions aimed at protecting the site's heritage and environmental values, and the amenity of surrounding areas.

The Renewal Project is expected to commence in late 2017 and take approximately two years to complete. The Harbour Trust aims to open part of the site to the public in mid-2018 as works are progressively completed.

Construction of the over-water walkway to Kesterton Park is expected to commence in November. This will involve installation of six new piles – where possible, piles will be screwed, not hammered into place. Piling works are expected to take place during standard construction hours - however, wind and wave conditions may occasionally necessitate some piling outside of normal construction hours. The Harbour Trust apologises for any temporary inconvenience these works may cause.

Further details about the Renewal Project, including a summary of the Harbour Trust's consideration of issues, and conditions of approval, are available online at <http://www.harbourtrust.gov.au/planning-projects/public-consultation/platypus-renewal-project>. For further information, or for persons with special needs (such as those without access to the internet, or for whom English is a second language), please phone (02) 8969 2100 or email consulttrust@harbourtrust.gov.au for assistance.

Yours sincerely,



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