The city of Adelaide, known for its vibrant food, culture and art festivals, is close to world-renowned wine regions, magnificent beaches and outback mountain ranges.

RESEARCH AND INNOVATION
Adelaide is home to the largest biomedical research precinct in the Southern Hemisphere. BioMed City’s flagship facility – the South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute (SAHMRI) - is located adjacent to the city centre and is a dedicated space for advanced technology.

Located a short distance from SAHMRI is Lot Fourteen, a creative and innovation precinct that is all about nurturing talent and driving jobs in some of the world’s fastest growing industries.

Adelaide is also home to the Tonsley Innovation District, which brings together leading-edge research and education institutions, established businesses, and start-ups, business incubators and accelerators as well as government and the wider community to connect and collaborate.

KEY INDUSTRY SECTORS
- HEALTH & MEDICAL
- HI-TECH
- CREATIVE INDUSTRIES
- DEFENCE & AEROSPACE
- FOOD & AGRIBUSINESS
- MINERALS & ENERGY

ADELAIDE CONVENTION CENTRE
Exhibition space: 20,000 sqm/215,278 sq. ft
Meeting rooms: 27
Largest tiered theatre capacity: 3,050 people
Walking distance to city centre: 2 minutes

EVENTS
- 38th International Symposium on Combustion 2020
- World Fisheries Congress 2020
- World Congress on Medical Physics and Biomedical Engineering 2024

KEY EXPERIENCES
- Offsite venues:
  * National Wine Centre: With the capacity for 350 seated guests, this venue has a range of rooms to choose from and features Australia’s best wines.
  * Adelaide Oval: Multiple event spaces with a capacity for 3,000 seated guests.
- Try: Over 200 cellar doors within an hour’s drive of the city.
- Explore: The new d’Arenberg Cube is a five-storey architecturally unique, multi-function building set within d’Arenberg’s vineyard in McLaren Vale, a 45 minute drive from Adelaide’s city centre.

PLANNING
ACCESS
Adelaide Airport is a 10-minute drive to the city centre, with direct non-stop flights from nine international airlines in Asia and the Middle East, and one-stop connections from more than 300 international locations.

ACCOMMODATION
Over 3,500 hotel rooms across the city centre and 6,000 rooms within the wider city. An additional 2,800 rooms are in development and set to open by 2022.

KEY DEVELOPMENTS
Adelaide is set to welcome four new hotels in 2020 including the 329 room Crowne Plaza (opens April), Adelaide Oval’s integrated 138 room hotel (opens September), Adelaide Casino’s new 123 room hotel (opens October) and Sofitel’s 250 room hotel (opens November).

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Queensland's capital city is situated on the banks of the Brisbane river, inland from the Pacific Ocean and surrounded by national parks. Brisbane is a cosmopolitan hub for arts, culture and dining and is also a major gateway to other Queensland destinations including the Gold Coast and Sunshine Coast.

**HEALTH AND LIFE SCIENCE RESEARCH**

Brisbane is a centre of excellence in biomedical, biopharmaceutical and human therapeutics, diagnostics and clinical trials. It is home to the world-renowned Queensland Institute of Medical Research, The Pharmacy Australia Centre of Excellence and the Translational Research Institute which is the vision of Professor Ian Frazer, the scientist and researcher who developed the world’s first cervical cancer vaccine.

**KEY INDUSTRY SECTORS**

- Advanced Manufacturing & Logistics
- Construction & Infrastructure
- Digital Industries & Information Communication Technology
- Health & Life Sciences
- Environmental Sustainability
- Resources & Energy
- Food and Agribusiness

**BRISBANE CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTRE (BCEC)**

- **Exhibition space:** 20,000 sqm/215,278 sq. ft
- **Meeting rooms:** 44
- **Largest tiered theatre capacity:** 3,500 people
- **Walking distance to city centre:** 15 minutes

**EVENTS**

- SIGGRAPH Asia 2019
- International Air Transport Association (IATA) Slot Conference 2019
- The International Peptide Symposium 2021

**KEY EXPERIENCES**

- **Offsite venues:**
  - *Howard Smith Wharves (HWS):* Brisbane's newest riverside entertainment and lifestyle destination with 1,500 sqm/16,145 sq. ft of exhibition space, dining options, an onsite brewery and a five star Art Series Hotel (164 rooms).
  - *Queensland Gallery of Modern Art (GOMA):* Capacity for 220 seated guests in the GOMA Watermall venue, multiple event spaces.

- **Off the beaten track:** Visit Spicers Hidden Vale, just an hour’s drive from Brisbane, a luxury retreat set on 12,000 acres of Australian bush.

**PLANNING**

**ACCESS**

Brisbane Airport is a 20-minute trip to the city centre via a direct rail link. There’s an extensive network of non-stop direct flights to Brisbane from 34 international destinations and 51 domestic locations. It was named ‘Best Airport (Australia/Pacific)’ at the global Skytrax World Airport Awards 2016, 2017 and 2019.

**ACCOMMODATION**

Over 20,760 hotel rooms within the city centre and another 3,070 in development.

**KEY DEVELOPMENTS**

The AUD 3 billion Queen’s Wharf Brisbane development will feature five hotels, including The Ritz-Carlton, which is scheduled to open in 2022.

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Cairns is the only destination in the world where two World Heritage-Listed wonders lie side-by-side – the Great Barrier Reef and Australia’s Wet Tropics Rainforest. Cairns also offers access to Port Douglas, located a scenic one-hour drive away.

**INSTITUTE OF TROPICAL HEALTH AND MEDICINE**

Cairns is home to the Institute of Tropical Health and Medicine, offering programs encompassing public health, bi-molecular, clinical, and translational health systems research. Research is conducted across several James Cook University centres, exploring key areas including tropical infectious diseases, health security and biosecurity, chronic disorders with high prevalence in the tropics, genetic diseases and health services in regional and remote communities.

**KEY INDUSTRY SECTORS**

- TROPICAL HEALTH & MEDICINE
- BIOTECHNOLOGY & BIO FUELS
- AGRICULTURE
- TOURISM
- RENEWABLE ENERGY
- EDUCATION

**CAIRNS CONVENTION CENTRE**

- Exhibition space: 4,055 sqm/43,647 sq. ft
- Meeting rooms: 22
- Largest tiered theatre capacity: 5,000 people
- Walking distance to city centre: 5 minutes

Cairns Convention Centre is undergoing refurbishment and expansion which will include 10,000sqm/107,639 sqft of additional meeting space. The refurbishment of the existing building will open in 2020 and the Expansion in early 2022.

**EVENTS**

- World Congress of the International Society of Toxinology 2020
- Congress on the International Society of Autonomic Neuroscience 2021
- Congress of International Plant Molecular Biology 2021

**PLANNING**

**ACCESS**

Cairns International Airport is a 10-minute drive to the city centre. The airport is serviced by five international airlines, with direct flights from Asia. All major domestic carriers connect Cairns directly to Australia’s capital cities.

**ACCOMMODATION**

Over 7,100 hotel rooms within the city centre and another 620 in development.

**KEY DEVELOPMENTS**

Two new luxury hotels are currently in development as part of the Crystalbrook Collection. Within the city centre, Bailey (220 rooms) in October 2019 and Flynn (311 rooms) in 2020.

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Canberra, Australia’s capital city is located 3 hours from Sydney. Canberra has a vibrant food and wine scene, national attractions including galleries and museums, and is surrounded by expansive forests and natural reserves.

Higher Education and Research

Five of Australia’s top universities are based in Canberra including: Australian National University, University of Canberra, UNSW Canberra located at the Australian Defence Force Academy, Australian Catholic University and Charles Sturt University. Canberra is also home to nationally significant research institutions such as the Australian Academy of Science, the NASA/JPL Canberra Deep Space Communication Complex, Australian Institute of Sport, the National Archives of Australia, National Gallery of Australia, National Library of Australia and the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO).

Key Industry Sectors

- Space
- Satellite & Spatial Sciences
- Defence & Cyber Security
- Renewable Energy
- Digital Economy & E-Government
- Health & Sports Science
- Innovation & Higher Education

National Convention Centre Canberra

Exhibition space: 2,000 sqm/21,527 sq. ft  
Meeting rooms: 15  
Largest tiered theatre capacity: 2,440 people  
Walking distance to city centre: 5 minutes

The National Convention Centre Canberra recently completed its AUD 5.4 million refurbishment in early 2018, which included an upgrade of its digital infrastructure in the Royal Theatre and theatrettes.

Events

- GEO Week 2019 Ministerial Summit  
- IEEE Symposium Series on Computational Intelligence (IEEE SSCI) 2020

Planning

Access

There are 875 flights in and out of Canberra Airport every week, with direct flights from most Australian capital cities. Daily flights from Qatar Airways and Singapore Airlines connect Canberra to Asia, Europe and beyond. By car Canberra is three hours from Sydney.

Accommodation

Over 7,500 hotel rooms within the city centre and another 700 in development.

Key developments

The National Arboretum Canberra features 94 forests of rare, endangered and symbolic trees from around Australia and the world. Over 44,000 trees from over 100 countries are growing across the huge 300 hectare/617 acre site, making it one of the world’s largest living collections of rare, endangered and significant trees.

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As the Northern Territory’s tropical capital, Darwin is surrounded on three sides by the ocean. Darwin provides a gateway to Asia and to the unique landscapes of Australia’s Top End and Red Centre.

HEALTH EDUCATION AND RESEARCH
The Northern Territory has an outstanding reputation in healthcare including the specific fields of Indigenous, rural and remote delivery, tropical research and emergency response. Darwin is home to the National Critical Care & Trauma Response Centre (NCCTRC), which forms a key element of the Australian Government’s disaster and medical response to incidents of international significance. While the Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS) and Menzies School of Health Research undertake important work in tropical, Indigenous and remote health.

KEY INDUSTRY SECTORS
- OIL & GAS
- LAND MANAGEMENT
- RENEWABLE ENERGY
- AGRIBUSINESS
- HEALTH
- EDUCATION
- TOURISM & CREATIVE INDUSTRIES
- DEFENCE
- MINING

DARWIN CONVENTION CENTRE (DCC)
- Exhibition space: 4,000 sqm/43,055 sq. ft
- Meeting rooms: 7
- Largest tiered theatre capacity: 1,200 people
- Walking distance to city centre: 5 minutes

EVENTS
- World Federation of Neuroscience Nurses Quadrennial Congress 2021
- International Biolron Society 2021 Congress
- South East Asia Survey Congress 2019

PLANNING
ACCESS
Darwin International Airport has direct non-stop flights from major hubs in Asia. Over 20 direct flights including six international airlines fly to and from the airport every week.

ACCOMMODATION
Over 5,539 hotel rooms within the city centre and another 240 in development.

KEY DEVELOPMENTS
Marriott International hotel group will open The Westin Darwin in 2022. The eight-storey luxury hotel will offer 240 rooms, three dining venues, over 1,100 sqm/ 11,840 sq. ft of meeting and event space and is just a six-minute walk to the Darwin Convention Centre.

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KEY EXPERIENCES
- Offsite venues:
  - *Mindil Beach Casino Resort*: Situated on 12 hectares/30 acres of tropical gardens, Mindil Beach Casino Resort has a range of indoor and outdoor event spaces, including The Lawns which can accommodate 700 guests seated.
  - *Peewee’s at the Point*: Waterfront venue, capacity for 110 seated guests in the restaurant, and an outdoor lawn seating option for 200 guests.
- Adventure: Take the Outback Floatplane Adventure and enjoy views of the pristine waters of Sweets Lagoon from a floatplane.
Offering sundrenched beaches and a World Heritage-Listed rainforest, the Gold Coast boasts some of Australia’s newest infrastructure following its hosting of the 2018 Commonwealth Games.

GOLD COAST HEALTH AND KNOWLEDGE PRECINCT

The Gold Coast’s emerging health and innovation hub, the 200 hectare/494 acre Gold Coast Health and Knowledge Precinct (GCHKP) is a unique global business location where people live, learn and work. Already home to the Gold Coast University Hospital and Griffith University, the precinct was home to the Athletes’ Village during the 2018 Commonwealth Games.

GOLD COAST CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTRE (GCCEC)

Exhibition space: 10,000 sqm/107,639 sq. ft
Meeting rooms: 22
Largest tiered theatre capacity: 6,000 people
Walking distance to city centre: 35 minutes

EVENTS

SportAccord 2019 – World Sport and Business Summit
28TH World Congress for Medical Law 2022
9th World Rett Syndrome Congress 2020

KEY INDUSTRY SECTORS

DIGITAL INDUSTRIES & INFORMATION COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY
TOURISM
CREATIVE INDUSTRIES
FILM
ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY
HEALTH & SCIENCE
SPORT

KEY EXPERIENCES

Offsite venues:
*The Collective Palm Beach: Capacity for 400 seated guests, multiple event spaces including a courtyard dining room and rooftop function space.
*Kurrawa Terrace: Capacity for 200 seated guests, offering a beachside ‘sand in the toes’ event space.
Explore: Visit Tambourine Mountain and take the Tamborine Rainforest Skywalk to see the World Heritage-Listed rainforest up close.

PLANNING

ACCESS
The Gold Coast is serviced by two international airports, Gold Coast Airport and Brisbane Airport, which is an hour’s drive from the city. There are over 50 direct flights in and out of the Gold Coast Airport every week and the airport services seven international airlines.

ACCOMMODATION
Over 20,700 hotel rooms within the city centre and another 3,430 in development.

KEY DEVELOPMENTS
The Star Gold Coast will welcome the first Dorsett hotel (316 rooms) in Australia in 2022. In addition to this, The Star will begin construction of a new tower in 2020 that will house a five-star hotel, lagoon pools, a nightlife venue and additional restaurants and bars.

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Hobart, the capital of Australia’s island state Tasmania, is a city brimming with heritage charm, culture and a thriving dining scene.

**ANTARCTICA RESEARCH CENTRES**
Hobart is home to Australia’s national Antarctic program research efforts. The University of Tasmania’s Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies (IMAS) and the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) Oceans and Atmosphere Flagship are both situated in purpose-built facilities on the Hobart waterfront. They support more than 800 scientists and technical staff, making Hobart the world’s largest centre of cold climate expertise and research.

**HOBART CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTRE**
- Exhibition space: 2,000 sqm / 21,527 sq. ft
- Meeting rooms: 11
- Largest tiered theatre capacity: 1,100 people
- Walking distance to city centre: 8 minutes

**EVENTS**
- Interferry Annual Conference 2020
- The Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research (SCAR) Delegates’ Meeting and Open Science Conference 2020
- Asian Wave and Tidal Energy Conference 2020

**KEY EXPERIENCES**
- Offsite venues:
  - *Frogmore Creek Winery*: Capacity for 210 seated guests, food and wine tastings, set in a vineyard homestead.
  - *Hobart’s Museum of Old and New Art (MONA)*: Capacity for 300 seated guests, event spaces include galleries, restaurants and an onsite winery. MONA is currently undergoing a AUD 200 million redevelopment including the development of five-star Hotel Mona (172 rooms).
- Taste: Enjoy assorted seafood plucked straight from the water as part of the Seafood Seduction Tour with award-winning Pennicott Wilderness Journeys.

**PLANNING**
- **ACCESS**
  Five airlines operate regular daily services between the Australian mainland and Hobart.
- **ACCOMMODATION**
  Over 3,360 hotel rooms within the city centre and another 2,730 in development.
- **KEY DEVELOPMENTS**
  New hotel developments include The Tasman (128 rooms), part of the Marriott International Luxury Collection, expected to open in 2019 and the Crowne Plaza Hobart (235 rooms) opening in 2020.

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**KEY INDUSTRY SECTORS**
- Aquaculture & Fisheries
- Marine Manufacturing
- Antarctic Research
- Mining
- Food & Agriculture
- Marine Manufacturing
- Health & Medical Research
- Manufacturing
- Health & Medical Research
- Mining

**HOBART ASSOCIATION FACT SHEET**
Melbourne is one of the world’s most liveable cities and enjoys a reputation for culture, fine dining, and close proximity to regional destinations including the Yarra Valley and The Twelve Apostles.

**Biomedical Precinct**

Located at the edge of the city centre, the Melbourne Biomedical Precinct delivers clinical care, education and research. It is Australia’s most important life science cluster and there are only five of its calibre in the world. Collectively the Precinct partners employ over 28,000 people including 10,000 researchers in 30 technology, engineering and medical facilities, all within walking distance of each other.

**Events**

- World Engineers Convention 2019
- Global Public Transport Summit 2021
- World Ophthalmology Congress 2022

**Key Experiences**

- **Offsite venues:**
  - *Old Melbourne Gaol:* Capacity for 120 seated guests, entertainment and dining options include a private tour of the gaol and performances about legendary Australian bushranger Ned Kelly.
  - *National Gallery of Victoria (NGV):* NGV is Australia’s oldest, largest and most visited art museum, dine under the stained-glass ceiling in the Great Hall with capacity for 700 seated guests.

- **Try:** Over 80 cellar doors within an hour’s drive of the city in the Yarra Valley wine region.

**Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre (MCEC)**

Exhibition space: 39,000 sqm / 419,792 sq. ft  
Meeting rooms: 63  
Largest tiered theatre capacity: 9,500 people  
Walking distance to city centre: 15 minutes

MCEC is the largest convention and exhibition centre in Australia with more than 70,000 sqm/753,473 sq. ft of flexible space. The venue has a strong commitment to sustainable business practices.

**Planning**

**Access**

Melbourne Airport is a 25-minute drive to the city centre. 35 airlines fly non-stop direct to Melbourne from 40 international destinations, 520 times a week.

**Accommodation**

More than 25,000 hotel rooms within a 10-minute commute from the Convention Centre, and another 5,875 in development.

**Key Developments**

Melbourne Park, home of the Australian Open Tennis Grand Slam Tournament, is undergoing a multi-million dollar transformation delivering new and improved facilities. This includes a new function and media centre—CENTREPIECE at Melbourne Park.

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PERTH ASSOCIATION FACT SHEET

Situated between the wine growing regions of the South West and the Australian outback of the North, Perth is the biggest city in Australia’s West and connected to Europe with new non-stop direct London-Perth Qantas flights.

WORLD ENERGY CITIES PARTNERSHIP

Perth is a founding member of the World Energy Cities Partnership (WECP). This partnership of 19 international cities worldwide, promotes the exchange of industry knowledge research, economic development strategies and expertise within the energy sector. Eight of the world’s top fourteen international energy companies have their head office in Perth, making it Australia’s largest concentration of global oil and gas company headquarters.

KEY INDUSTRY SECTORS

- CYBER SECURITY
- MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY & HEALTH
- FOOD & AGRIBUSINESS
- RESOURCES & ENERGY
- MINING EQUIPMENT TECHNOLOGY & SERVICES

PERTH CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTRE (PCEC)

- Exhibition space: 20,000 sqm/215,278 sq. ft
- Meeting rooms: 27
- Largest tiered theatre capacity: 2,500 people
- Walking distance to city centre: 5 minutes

EVENTS

- 24th World Orchid Conference (WOC) 2023
- Asia Pacific Autism Conference (APAC) 2021
- Asia Pacific International Astronomical Union (IAU) Regional Meeting (APRIM) 2020

PLANNING

ACCESS

Perth Airport is a 25-minute drive to the city centre and well serviced by 18 international and 12 domestic and regional airlines. Perth is accessible by non-stop direct flights from London, Dubai, Bangkok, Kuala Lumpur, Singapore and Hong Kong. Domestic flights connect Perth with other Australian cities.

ACCOMMODATION

Over 12,760 hotel rooms within the city centre and another 4,730 in development.

KEY EXPERIENCES

- Offsite venues:
  - Optus Stadium: The new 60,000-seat stadium offers 18 multi-purpose event spaces and two on-site restaurants.
  - Crown Perth: Luxury resort with multiple event spaces catering for up to 3,000 guests for a cocktail style event.
- Visit: Cottesloe Beach for drinks and dinner beside an Indian Ocean sunset, less than 25 minutes’ drive from the city centre.

PERTH CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTRE (PCEC)

- Exhibition space: 20,000 sqm/215,278 sq. ft
- Meeting rooms: 27
- Largest tiered theatre capacity: 2,500 people
- Walking distance to city centre: 5 minutes

EXHIBITION SPACE:

- 20,000 sqm/215,278 sq. ft

MEETING ROOMS:

- 27

LARGEST TIERED THEATRE CAPACITY:

- 2,500 people

WALKING DISTANCE TO CITY CENTRE:

- 5 minutes

ACCESS:

Perth Airport is a 25-minute drive to the city centre and well serviced by 18 international and 12 domestic and regional airlines. Perth is accessible by non-stop direct flights from London, Dubai, Bangkok, Kuala Lumpur, Singapore and Hong Kong. Domestic flights connect Perth with other Australian cities.

ACCOMMODATION:

Over 12,760 hotel rooms within the city centre and another 4,730 in development.

KEY DEVELOPMENTS:

In 2018, Perth welcomed a new five-star accommodation option, the 240-room InterContinental Perth. While in 2019, the Ritz-Carlton brand will make a return to Australia with the 204-room Ritz-Carlton Perth.

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Sydney is Australia’s oldest, most populous city. It is home to the world’s largest naturally formed harbour, the Sydney Opera House, Sydney Harbour Bridge and more than 100 beaches including the famous Bondi Beach.

**A SMART CITY**

Sydney is the capital of Australia’s digital and information communication technology (ICT) industries and is home to the Sydney Startup Hub, the largest startup powerhouse in the southern hemisphere, and it is the regional headquarters of 600 multinational companies including Amazon, Google and Microsoft. The city is also responsible for the development of Google Maps and a groundbreaking ‘quantum hack’.

Sydney is also home to many of Australia’s leading industry associations, financial institutions and insurers, and is the location of choice for headquarters of 60 out of 64 banks in Australia.

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**INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION CENTRE SYDNEY (ICC SYDNEY)**

- **Exhibition space**: 35,000 sqm/376,736 sq. ft
- **Meeting rooms**: 70
- **Largest tiered theatre capacity**: 8,000 people
- **Walking distance to city centre**: 10 minutes
- **Direct access**: To the newly built, five-star hotel Sofitel Sydney Darling Harbour (600 rooms)

**KEY EXPERIENCES**

- **Offsite venues**:
  - Taronga Zoo: Capacity for 250 seated guests, three event spaces, access via car or ferry on Sydney Harbour.
  - Luna Park: Multiple event spaces including The Big Top which has capacity for 1,152 seated guests. Set on Sydney Harbour right under the Harbour Bridge, the historic multi-ride theme park can be hired exclusively.
  - Explore: The UNESCO World Heritage-listed Blue Mountains region, a 90 minute drive from the city centre.

**EVENTS**

- 43rd Scientific Assembly of the Committee on Space Research (COSPAR) 2020
- World Meeting of the International Association of Forensic Science 2020
- World Conference on Family Doctors (WONCA) 2022

**PLANNING**

**ACCESS**

Sydney’s Kingsford Smith International Airport is a 20-minute drive to the city centre, and connects the city to over 25 international destinations. Over 40 international airlines have flights into Sydney with non-stop direct flights from almost every continent on Earth. Australia’s three domestic airlines allow easy transfers to and from cities around Australia.

**ACCOMMODATION**

Over 41,600 hotel rooms within the city centre and another 7,140 in development.

**KEY DEVELOPMENTS**

Sydney Harbour continues to transform with the Barangaroo precinct development, located near the city centre and on Darling Harbour. The development includes new ferry terminals, harbourside parks and plazas, cultural spaces and dining options.

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