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Barangaroo praised as 'best of the best'

EXCLUSIVE

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SYDNEY'S \$8 billion Barangaroo South precinct has beaten competition from across Australia to be named the Development of the Year.

Judges said the revamped concrete container wharf was the "best of the best" for design, economic performance, environmental commitment and innovation.

Urban Taskforce CEO Chris Johnson said its mix of state-of-the-art offices, shopping and residential precincts and waterfront restaurants combined to lift "Sydney's position as a global city".

He said the award, presented by NSW Planning Minister



Barangaroo South has won a major development award.

Anthony Roberts at a dinner in Sydney last night, recognised the risk developers take to bring big projects to life.

"Barangaroo South has battled planning delays, campaigns against it, uncertain economic times, yet it has tri-

umphed as the most significant addition to Sydney's global economic status while being an incredibly vital people space loved by Sydneysiders," Mr Johnson said.

NSW Government Architect Peter Poulet, chairman of

judges for the award, said Sydney Lord Mayor Clover Moore and other critics of the project, "need to realise that it works, it's good. It might not be what they wanted but it is a success".

Mr Poulet said Barangaroo precinct was "the development industry thinking smart" making the people's use of the space a priority in planning.

Barangaroo was the judges' unanimous winner against competition from across the country, including Melbourne's Soho Village and the Oran Park Town suburb development in Western Sydney.

Developer Lendlease's managing director Rob Deck said: "Barangaroo South has become a place that people want to be, and we could not be prouder."