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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **WALSH BAY ARTS PRECINCT CONSTRUCTION BEGINS**

Work on Stage One of the redevelopment of the Walsh Bay Arts Precinct is set to begin now that the NSW Government has signed a contract with Richard Crookes Constructions, Minister for the Arts Don Harwin announced today.

Demolition will begin immediately, with hoardings and environmental controls now being set up around Wharf 4/5 in preparation for the start of work.

“Walsh Bay has been put on the map thanks to the work of some of our leading performing arts companies and it is exciting to be able to enter this next stage in turning our vision for a world-class Arts Precinct into a reality,” Minister Harwin said.

“Once complete we will double the arts and cultural offering at Walsh Bay as well as helping transform the Sydney Theatre Company, Sydney Dance Company, Bangarra Dance Theatre and the Australian Theatre for Young People.

“We are hugely excited to be able to house the Australian Chamber Orchestra and Bell Shakespeare at Walsh Bay,” he said.

Sydney Theatre Company Executive Director Patrick McIntyre added, “We are very excited about the future of Walsh Bay as one of the world’s most distinctive cultural precincts, and we can’t wait to get back into our refurbished premises at The Wharf.

“The development brings together the evocative maritime history of Sydney, including the existing heritage buildings, with state of the art facilities providing new opportunities in NSW for engagement between artists, audiences and visitors,” he continued.

The NSW based firm, Richard Crookes Construction, has a track record in delivering a range of NSW Government projects across the health, education and justice sectors.

Infrastructure NSW has invited the local community to attend a consultation session on 10 October to meet the project team, discuss the work and explain any changes (such as access routes) that will take place during the construction period.

For more information on the Walsh Bay Arts Precinct redevelopment work visit:  
<https://www.create.nsw.gov.au/cultural-infrastructure/completion-of-the-walsh-bay-arts-precinct/>

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