

Rail infrastructure project making positive impact

Located in the heart of Sydney, Sydney Metro Barangaroo Station will be one of the flagship destinations of the city’s new metro line and is part of Australia’s biggest public transport project. BESIX Watpac is responsible for the construction, fit-out and testing and commissioning of the new underground station including the platforms, lifts and escalators, the northern entrance and public domain works.

Project details

Sydney Metro Barangaroo Station

- Location**
Sydney, New South Wales (Australia)
- Client**
Sydney Metro
- Contract type**
Build Only
- Contract value**
260 million Australian dollars (approx. 157 million euros)



1. Delivery and installation of escalators at ground level of Sydney Metro Barangaroo Station (Australia)
2. Sydney Metro Barangaroo Station northern entrance looking southeast (Australia)
3. Sydney Metro Barangaroo Station northern entrance looking west (Australia)



BESIX Watpac commenced construction in October 2021 and have been fully mobilised on site since November 2021. This is a major infrastructure project with a large footprint at 350 metres long and 25 metres underground over six levels.

Collaboration with the client and key project stakeholders is central to the project’s successful delivery. BESIX Watpac is leading the complex interface with the two main corridor contracting parties (Systems Connect Line-wide Works and MTR TSOM) to complete the fit-out and commissioning of the new station. Regular executive meetings, working group meetings, collaboration workshops, interface meetings and technical workshops are being implemented to ensure alignment between all parties.

Close working and stakeholder relationships was also one of the key factors, along with a high level of planning and delivery, that enabled the track area being handed over four weeks early in April 2022.

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Our collaborative model guides our approach to working with a large number of contractors to ensure the best possible outcome for this landmark project in the heart of Sydney.

Bram Gruwez, BESIX Watpac General Manager, Operational Support

Social impact

Creating lasting legacies throughout project delivery and beyond is central to BESIX Watpac’s shared mission with BESIX: to create sustainable solutions for a better world.

BESIX Watpac has implemented various initiatives on the Barangaroo Station project to increase diversity, create pathways for Indigenous businesses and workers, and to encourage women to consider a career in the construction industry.

Creating employment, training and business opportunities for Australia’s First Nations People is a BESIX Watpac priority. Currently 98 Indigenous workers and 13 recognised Indigenous businesses are engaged on the Barangaroo Station project.

Engagement with Indigenous businesses kicked off with an Indigenous Business Forum early in the project. This was instrumental in connecting not only BESIX Watpac with these businesses, but it also opened pathways to opportunities with BESIX Watpac’s subcontractors. Held in close cooperation with the New South Wales Indigenous Business and Employment Hub, YARPA, the forum was attended by senior BESIX Watpac and Sydney Metro staff.

Barangaroo Station has also been part of BESIX Watpac’s greater commitment to building career pathways for women in construction. The team hosted a group of young female engineering students from the University of Sydney in August 2022. Attendees participated in a site tour as well as a panel discussion about women in construction. The panel was led by five BESIX Watpac women.

The project has also run a successful pre-employment programme to attract new people to the industry.

- 76 women**
in technical roles (traditionally more male-dominated roles)
- 112**
apprentices and trainees
- 372**
people aged under 24
- 98**
Indigenous workers
- 13**
recognised Indigenous businesses