

Glamorous vision of a western front

An artist's impression of the proposed Western Harbour precinct.



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