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LOCAL JOBS START TO GROW AT QUEEN'S WHARF BRISBANE

The Queen's Wharf Brisbane development is only into its first month of a demolition and enabling works program, but the mega \$3 billion project is already creating scores of local jobs.

From archaeologists to website developers, Destination Brisbane Consortium has engaged more than 80 external firms which has resulted in hundreds of local job opportunities for the people of Brisbane and South East Queensland.

Consortium Project Director, Simon Crooks, says more than 2000 people will be employed to construct the Integrated Resort Development.

"This is a project for Queensland, and we are passionate about having Queenslanders be a part of it," Mr Crooks said.

"We've now got a consortium project team of 25 in place and we're working with local consultants including structural engineers, geotechnical engineers, architectural designers, computer animated specialists, heritage engineers and archaeologists.

"The project so far has created jobs and opportunities in the areas of photography – accounting – risk management – legal – landscaping – cleaning – security – traffic management – graphic design – heritage management – building design – and communications.

"This is as well as the up to 150 people who will be employed by Probuild to carry out the demolition and enabling works throughout 2017.

"Our focus is on jobs for Queenslanders and working with organisations that share our vision.

"We require our contractors on Queen's Wharf Brisbane to agree to support local jobs, local suppliers, local training and apprenticeships, Indigenous participation and to enforce the highest level of health and safety standards for our people.

"We also have a long-held commitment to local content and training. We're committed to 10 per cent of hours being for trainees/apprentices during Queen's Wharf Brisbane's construction and this part of our contractual agreements signed with the Queensland Government in November 2015."

Mr Crooks said when construction reaches a peak in 2020/21, the number of construction jobs will be more than 2000.

When Queen's Wharf Brisbane opens, expected in 2022, The Star Entertainment Group will then require 8000 operational roles.

"The Star Entertainment Group already has one of Australia's largest apprentice chef programs with its Culinary Institute, and it's also partnering with TAFE Queensland to train Queensland's hospitality workers of the future and offer inaugural six-star training in Queensland," Mr Crooks said.

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Brisbane-based firms already engaged on the project include:

- Butler Partners
- TTM
- Urbis
- Cottee Parker
- CUSP
- Soak Creative
- Tomahawk Creative
- Proof Research
- Livewire
- KDPR
- Mike Curtain Photography
- PDC BIM
- Ironside Risk
- Bennett & Bennett

About Queen's Wharf Brisbane:

Queen's Wharf Brisbane is a \$3 billion integrated resort development. It is being built by the Destination Brisbane Consortium which is comprised of The Star Entertainment Group, Far East Consortium and Chow Tai Fook Enterprises. The development will be a game changer for the city, and will feature:

- 50 new restaurants and bars.
- More than 1000 premium additional hotel rooms.
- 2000 residential apartments.
- Reactivation of some of the city's most significant heritage buildings.
- More than 2000 jobs during peak construction and 8000 operational jobs.
- A 100 plus-metre Sky Deck.
- 12 football fields of enhanced public open space.
- A new pedestrian bridge from the CBD to South Bank.

Milestones for the Queen's Wharf Brisbane development will be updated online at www.queenswharfbrisbane.com.au and on the Queen's Wharf Brisbane Facebook page www.facebook.com/queenswharfbrisbane/.

Local Brisbane businesses available for interview:

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