Work on the new Perth Stadium is well underway, headlining the transformation of the Burswood Peninsula.

After more than two years of planning, physical work commenced in June 2013, with mobilisation of plant and equipment for the commencement of pre-construction site works.

These works will ensure the site is fully prepared ahead of the main stadium construction programme beginning in December, 2014.

‘Kick off at the new Perth Stadium

Work is underway for the new Perth Stadium.

While the pre-construction site works are taking place, three shortlisted consortia have been reviewing the 2,000 plus pages that form the Request For Proposals (RFP) for the stadium and sports precinct. Their full proposals, including costs and designs, are due by mid-December 2013 ahead of a comprehensive review and evaluation process. This will lead to contract award by mid-2014 to design, build, partially finance, and then maintain the stadium and surrounding sports precinct for 25 years.

The shortlisted consortia bring significant international experience and expertise to the project. They have collectively been involved in the development and delivery of some of the world’s best stadia including the London 2012 Olympic & Paralympic Games Stadium, Singapore Sports Hub and ANZ Stadium, Sydney.

These credentials will ensure that the 60,000 seat new Perth Stadium will be one of the country’s leading venues, capable of attracting and delivering national and international events to the State – providing long term value to the Western Australian community.

The RFP requires the consortia to respond to a range of minimum standards, giving them the opportunity to use their creativity and expertise to develop detailed design proposals. The philosophy of delivering a venue that provides a ‘fan first’ experience remains of utmost importance, and is central to the RFP requirements.

The ultimate design of the stadium and sports precinct will provide: exceptional views of the pitch from every seat; flexibility to allow reconfiguration for different uses and sporting events; state of the art technology based solutions to allow for future advancements; a fully integrated public transport solution; 360 degree access in and around the stadium; recognition of Aboriginal heritage unique to the site; a special home ground advantage for local teams; plus an outstanding range of facilities that cater for everyone – regardless of age, experience or mobility.

Building a stadium that meets the needs, aspirations and requirements of the State, users, the Western Australian community and other key stakeholders over a 25 year plus period is of critical importance. This will ensure that Perth continues to build on its reputation as a modern, vibrant and world-class city.

The RFP specifications are outlined in further detail here.

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