

Brisbane Supreme Court and District Court Bovis Lend Lease Project Update

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Welcome to the first community update for the iconic Brisbane Supreme Court and District Court Project. The first sod has now been turned and construction is well underway on what will become a unique new legal precinct for Queensland. Keeping you informed along the way, this update aims to provide you with all of the latest news and information about the project as we progress.



MANAGING CONTRACTOR

As managing contractor, Bovis Lend Lease is working with the design team and stakeholders to create a world-class facility on the George Street site.

Bovis Lend Lease has committed to deliver a sustainable development and apply the principles of resources efficiency, particularly in water and energy. The building will embrace a range of sustainability measures including water harvesting and recycling, passive solar design, recycled building materials, low energy air cooling systems, and the use of the double glass cavity.

Bovis Lend Lease Australia CEO, Tony Costantino, said, "The Brisbane Supreme Court and District Court Precinct will be a powerful and iconic place, the centrepiece for Queensland's judicial system. We are delighted to be playing a role in delivering an asset of this quality and importance to the people of Queensland."

Bovis Lend Lease has had a strong partnership with the Queensland Government over the past 30 years, delivering a number of the State's major public building projects including Millennium Arts at the Queensland Cultural Centre, Royal Brisbane Hospital, the recently completed Preparatory Year Schools project, Brisbane Correctional Centre redevelopment and Arthur Gorrie Correctional Centre expansion. The organisation is also currently providing building consultancy services for the Gold Coast University Hospital project and undertaking the upgrade of Brisbane Airport's international terminal.

INTRODUCING A NEW PUBLIC PLACE

This landmark project will see the transformation of the entire Brisbane city block between George, Roma and Turbot Streets. The new Supreme Court and District Court building will link with a major public square and the existing Brisbane Magistrates Court.

The square will also provide a link between the new Tank Street pedestrian crossing over the Brisbane River and the proposed Roma Street pedestrian bridge to Roma Street Parklands. Public access to the precinct is exceptional, with the Roma Street Station and King George Square bus station situated within 100 metres.

THE NEED FOR A NEW COURT BUILDING

The Queensland Government has commissioned the \$600 million building to meet the future needs of the courts. It will be one of the largest court buildings in Australia and a major public building in Queensland, with approximately 60,000 square metres of floor space spread over 19 floors.

This important new building will help to ensure the courts continue to meet the needs of the community in the administration of justice in Queensland.

There are a number of reasons why Brisbane's Supreme and District Courts need new accommodation. The existing court buildings:

- Are too small to accommodate the expected growth of the courts;
- No longer provide a standard of accommodation sufficient to meet the needs of court users and occupants; and
- Because of their age, are increasingly expensive to maintain.

BUILDING DESIGN

The design will provide a radical departure from traditional court design, providing an open, accessible and transparent design in sharp contrast to the existing precast concrete courthouse. The building has a double skin glass façade with integrated screening and glass fritting to achieve shading and light control. This façade will provide both outlook and privacy for those inside the building and an external appearance of lightness and transparency.

Use of natural light is a major feature of the building. All courtrooms and jury rooms have one external glass wall, along with internal walls with high level glass allowing passage of light from public areas. All public areas have extensive views over adjacent streets, the square or parkland.

Please note: the content of this newsletter is correct as of November 2008, however may be subject to change.

OFFICIAL PROJECT COMMENCEMENT - SOD TURNING

Justice in Queensland entered a new era with the official start of construction on the state's new \$600 million Supreme Court and District Court complex in Brisbane's legal precinct on 6 October 2008.

Premier Anna Bligh, Attorney-General and Minister for Justice Kerry Shine and Minister for Public Works Robert Swarten marked the start of construction of the complex at the corner of George, Roma and Herschel Streets.

The 19-storey building will deliver world class facilities for victims of crime, witnesses, jurors and members of the legal fraternity.

It is an example of the government's Towards Q2 commitment to a fair society and delivering a modern, responsive and inclusive justice system for the people of Queensland. The project is scheduled for completion by the end of 2011, which will coincide with the 150th anniversary of the Supreme Court's establishment in Queensland.



UPCOMING CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES

Project construction commenced on the 22 September with initial site establishment, accommodation and secure fencing.

Additional work undertaken to date includes:

- Decontamination of the existing ground conditions;
- Removal of all inground obstruction and old foundations; and
- Diversion of the existing stormwater drainage through the site.

The activities which will be occurring over the next three months include:

- Retention piling for the Roma and George Street footpaths;
- Bulk excavation for the basement structure and lift pit overruns;
- Commencement of the inground foundations;
- Construction of access ramps to the George Street alignment for entry to the site; and
- Foundation for the first crane erection forecasted for early February.

CONSULTANT SPOTLIGHT - ARCHITECTUS

Architectus and Guymer Bailey Architects are pleased to be working with the Queensland Government and Bovis Lend Lease as design architects for the Brisbane Supreme Court and District Court project. Having recently completed the award-winning Queensland Gallery of Modern Art (GoMA), Architectus began working on the Courts project in association with Guymer Bailey in 2007 after winning the limited design competition.

The design team is being led by Professor John Hockings as Design Director and John Grealy as Project Director. Both are well-known for other significant projects, including the Commonwealth Law Courts in Brisbane.

Professor Hockings says the winning design jettisons the fortress approach of the old and introduces an extraordinary degree of transparency, openness and legibility. "These are qualities," he says, "sought by a contemporary justice system."

"The result is a highly legible, crystalline building with outstanding sustainable design qualities," says Professor Hockings who describes the project as "simple, elegant and bravely uncluttered."

The project is a fully collaborative effort involving staff from all four Architectus offices from Auckland, Brisbane, Melbourne and Sydney, in addition to the Guymer Bailey team.

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