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Construction of new courts precinct begins

Attorney-General Simon Corbell, with Supreme Court Chief Justice Helen Murrell, turned the first sod for the historic building project which will deliver a revitalised court precinct in Canberra.

The new ACT Law Courts precinct will meet the territory's needs for the next 50 years in a more functional, flexible and sustainable way, and create around 350 jobs throughout the construction phase of the project.

The turning of the sod for the ACT Courts building project marks the start of construction in two stages with work due to be completed in late 2018.

"The ACT Government, together with the legal community, is pleased to support a project which will create an iconic building for Canberra's future," Mr Corbell said.

"The first stage of works involves construction of a new entrance hall and four-storey wing fronting Vernon Circle which will house six courtrooms, judicial chambers, library, public spaces including a cafeteria and dedicated juror facilities. The first stage is due to be completed in late 2017.

"The second stage of works involves refurbishing and restoring the existing heritage building, breathing new life into the 50 year old building.

"The heritage building will house two courtrooms, a large conference room, a mediation hub with facilities capable of hosting multi-party mediations and dedicated spaces for community and justice support agencies. Stage two is due to be completed by September 2018."

In December 2015 the Territory partnered with Juris Partnership to deliver the new court facilities. The Juris Partnership consortium is made up of companies with national and international experience in delivering PPPs, including Laing O'Rourke Australia Construction Pty Ltd, Macquarie Capital Group Limited, Programmed Facility

Management Pty Ltd and Lyons architects.

As the territory's first PPP, the major infrastructure project is also an important pathfinder, and demonstrates the ACT Government's commitment to working innovatively in partnership with the private sector to deliver Canberra's future infrastructure needs.

Works to construct temporary judicial chambers are due to be completed mid-2016, with excavation work to commence on site shortly after.

For more information on the ACT Courts Facility visit www.actlawcourtsproject.com.au

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