

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **Government expands presence in Parramatta's CBD**

The NSW Government will expand its office foothold in Parramatta with a further 4,200 office workers to be accommodated in a new building at 6 Parramatta Square from late 2021.

"Parramatta is a winner as we continue to bring more jobs to Parramatta CBD," said Member for Parramatta, Geoff Lee MP.

"More government jobs in Parramatta means more opportunities for people in Western Sydney to live closer to work, spend less time commuting and more time with their families."

Minister for Water, Property & Housing, Melinda Pavey, said the Walker Group would deliver 43,800m<sup>2</sup> of new A-grade leased office space as part of the Government's commitment to establish a major public service presence in Sydney's second largest CBD.

"The Government is committed to providing world-class, flexible office hubs that will enable workers to deliver quality services for the people of NSW," Ms Pavey said.

"We are bringing jobs closer to where people live in Sydney's booming west and supporting the Greater Sydney Commission's vision for Parramatta's CBD."

The new build is predicted to deliver 490 full-time construction jobs and a \$1.04 billion stimulus to the broader economy.<sup>1</sup>

"Once completed, the public-sector workforce occupying 6 Parramatta Square is expected to inject \$37 million a year in retail spending in the CBD<sup>2</sup>, providing a boost for local businesses and the local economy," Ms Pavey said.

The new building will bring together employees from 11 existing locations into a central hub, providing opportunities for cross-agency collaboration.

The flexible workspace will feature modern end-of-trip facilities, a minimum 5.5 Star NABERS Energy, 4 Star NABERS Water and 5 Star Greenstar building ratings.

It will also include a dedicated, whole-of-government flexible touchdown space for public sector workers, further supporting the Government's flexible workplace policy.

The 6 Parramatta Square development will be the Government's second Parramatta CBD office hub, with more than 5,500 public sector employees to occupy the adjoining 4 Parramatta Square later this year.

It also follows the Department of Education's relocation to a new headquarters at 105 Phillip Street in early 2018.

The selection of Walker Group to deliver the new building followed an Expressions of Interest process and subsequent detailed tender phase.

The 12-year lease includes two, five-year lease extension options.

<sup>1</sup> MacroPlanDimasi economic benefits analysis

<sup>2</sup> ibid

The new building will support the Government's Decade of Decentralisation initiative, which pledged to relocate more than 4,200 public service roles from the Sydney CBD to Western Sydney by 2021. A total of 1,872 public sector roles have been relocated from Sydney's CBD to Western Sydney since 2011.