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SYDNEY MODERN TO BE THE MOST SUSTAINABLE PUBLIC GALLERY IN AUSTRALIA

The final designs for the massive expansion of the Art Gallery of New South Wales will be revealed next week.

The \$344 million Sydney Modern is designed by Pritzker Prize-winning architects SANAA.

The building will double the floor space of the gallery, with construction starting in 2019 and completed in time for its 150th anniversary in 2021.

Plans for the State Significant Development Application go on display on Wednesday, November 15, for 28 days.

The proposed project will partly extend over the Eastern Distributor land bridge, re-use former WWII naval oil tanks into a contemporary art space and create an outdoor public art garden that provides access between Woolloomooloo and the CBD via the Domain.

NSW Minister for the Arts, the Hon Don Harwin MP said NSW was creating one of the world's great art museums.

“An expanded Art Gallery of NSW will deliver significant benefits to all of NSW by injecting more than \$1 billion into the NSW economy over 25 years and creating more than 240 full-time jobs.

“The application also creates an enhanced connection between the Art Gallery of New South Wales and Royal Botanic Garden.”

NSW Minister for Environment and Heritage, the Hon Gabrielle Upton MP says the team behind the Art Gallery of NSW expansion has focused on a building that respects the heritage and environment of the Domain.

“As well as this, the Gallery expansion will incorporate the latest building and operational technology to allow the Gallery to achieve the maximum possible environmental and economic sustainability standards including a five-star Green Star rating under the Green Building Council of Australia.

“The project will create powerful synergies between the Royal Botanic Garden and the Art Gallery of NSW.”

It will be the first public art museum in Australia to achieve the maximum possible rating under from the Green Building Council of Australia.

Key features will include no artificial light directed into the night sky, rainwater harvesting, solar roof panels, minimal car-parking and low-energy air-conditioning.

Art Gallery of New South Wales Board President David Gonski AC said: “It is certainly exciting to have the expansion of the Art Gallery of New South Wales one step closer to breaking ground and we look forward to providing an expanded gallery for all of NSW to enjoy”.

Executive Director of Royal Botanical Garden, Kim Ellis said: “We have been working closely with the NSW Government, the Gallery and other stakeholders to ensure that together we can provide Australia’s premier cultural precinct.”

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