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Premier of New South Wales

\$110 MILLION GARVAN CANCER RESEARCH FACILITY

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Premier Kristina Keneally today announced planning approval for an \$110 million state-of-the-art cancer research and care facility in Sydney.

The Garvan St Vincent's Campus Cancer Centre on Liverpool Street, Darlinghurst, will support 130 construction jobs, and a further 365 jobs upon completed.

"The Garvan cancer research facility will be home to cutting edge cancer research and world-class patient care," Ms Keneally said.

"It will bolster New South Wales' position at the forefront of innovative cancer research.

"I have no doubt this new centre will be the site of important breakthroughs in cancer research, and the very highest quality care for cancer patients."

Planning Minister, Tony Kelly, said the approved plans incorporate a two-storey height reduction from the original proposal.

"This change followed public feedback, and will reduce overshadowing and make the proposal more compatible with surrounding buildings," Mr Kelly said.

"The originally proposed 11-storey building has been reduced to nine and overall height from around 51 to 39.5 metres."

Mr Kelly said that he has imposed 49 conditions to reduce the bulk of the building and deliver a more attractive facility, including:

- Greater contrast between the building's podium and upper levels, and use of a variety of colours and materials in the façade design;
- Limits on hours of construction and use of heavy machinery to minimise building noise impacts on nearby homes and the Lowy Packer building; and
- Establishment of an archival recording of the "Pomona" residence at 372 Victoria Street, as the building will be demolished as part of the development.

Mr Kelly said measures had also been taken to address potential traffic increases on local roads, which was another issue raised during the public consultation process.

"The development will have a negligible traffic impact on local roads, as traffic to and from the new building will use existing driveways on West Street," Mr Kelly said.

"There is also a requirement the Institute put in place measures to prevent illegal traffic access from West Avenue."

The number of car parking spaces was also reduced by 67 to 150 in total, which will further limit the Institutes traffic impacts.