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**UNSW Biological Sciences Project approved**

The University of NSW's proposed expansion to its biological sciences facility at Kensington has been approved by the Department of Planning and Environment, subject to conditions.

A departmental spokesperson said the proposal would see more than $129 million invested in the project, which would create 95 new jobs at the university.

The proposal includes:
- building a new nine storey building connected to existing facilities
- refurbishing existing Biolink building, including the outside to improve its appearance
- various landscaping measures.

“The proposal will contribute to the growth of one of Sydney’s major education and health precincts, identified as a centre for job creation and education in *A Plan for Growing Sydney*,” the spokesperson said.

“The University of NSW is already the largest employer in Randwick. This purpose-built facility will create more jobs, as well as providing state-of-the-art research and teaching facilities for the scientists of today and tomorrow.”

The Department is satisfied that the height, size and scale of the proposed development is compatible with adjoining development on the campus and would not result in any unreasonable visual or amenity impacts.

The proposal was exhibited in March and April this year and received seven submissions from government agencies and Council.

Issues raised in those submissions, relating to urban design, access and parking, were incorporated into the final plan.

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