Approval for three new buildings at the University of Sydney

The Department of Planning and Environment has paved the way for enhanced learning and state-of-the-art research facilities at the University of Sydney with the approval of three new education buildings.

The proposals by the University of Sydney to build a new Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences building (FASS), the Science Research and Teaching Facility and the Administration Building at its Camperdown campus will generate more than 500 construction jobs and inject more than $187 million into the local economy.

“These new educational establishments will enhance the University’s Camperdown Campus and its tertiary educational facilities and teaching resources and will reinvigorate the campus entry from City Road as well,” a Department spokesperson said.

“The proposed buildings will demonstrate design excellence and will integrate seamlessly into the surroundings and significantly add to this highly accessible education and health precinct.”

The proposed six-storey FASS building will include a research centre, lecture theatre, general teaching spaces, office and meeting rooms and a rooftop terrace. The sustainable building will consolidate staff and students from the Faculty’s School of Economics and the School of Social Sciences who are currently fragmented across different buildings on the campus.

The new building, located on the campus’ northern Parramatta Road boundary, will be connected by an awning to the existing RD Watt building, which will also be refurbished.

The proposed new eight-story science research and teaching building, the LEES 1 Building, and new five-storey Administration Building will be developed opposite one another at the University’s Camperdown Campus City Road entry, creating a new gateway to the University.

In its assessment of the proposal, the Department took into account heritage, urban design, transport, traffic, environmental and amenity impacts, and is satisfied the key concerns raised in the submissions have been addressed.

The proposals were approved subject to conditions including construction noise limits and preparation of a traffic and pedestrian management plan.

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