

MEDIA RELEASE

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MINISTER TURNS FIRST SOD FOR NEW ACT ESA HOME AT CANBERRA AIRPORT

The ACT Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Simon Corbell will turn the first sod at 11:30am, today, Wednesday 10 June 2009 for the development of the new ACT Emergency Services Agency headquarters at Canberra Airport.

Managing Director of Canberra Airport Stephen Byron stated “These new facilities will be important for Canberra and the region – facilities with state-of-the-art services and systems that will allow for the management and coordination of all emergency responses as well as the maintenance of all vehicles and equipment.”

The facilities will include office and tactical areas, workshops, compounds, planning and staging areas, and hardstands.

Mr Byron stated that “It has taken a lot of hard work to get here but by working in partnership with the ACT Government we believe that we can deliver facilities that will be able to cope with whatever situation arises.”

Two local companies are involved in the design of these facilities, and at least six local companies will be involved in the building and fitout of the facilities. Completion of the new facilities is planned for 30 June 2010.

What: Sod turn and interviews with Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Simon Corbell and Airport Managing Director, Stephen Byron.

When: 11:30am Wednesday 10 June 2009.

Where: Amberley Avenue, Fairbairn.

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