

NEWS RELEASE
For immediate release
Monday 20 July 2020

Ceremony marks construction start of new South Australian Emergency Services Headquarters

The Honourable Steven Marshall MP, Premier of South Australia and the Hon Corey Wingard MP, Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services took part in a sod-turning ceremony to mark the start of construction on the new \$80m Emergency Services Headquarters at Keswick today (Monday 20 July).

The ceremony represented a significant milestone for the purpose-built facility which will see the Headquarters for the Country Fire Service (CFS), Metropolitan Fire Service (MFS), State Emergency Service (SES), and the South Australian Fire and Emergency Services Commission (SAFECOM) co-located for the first time.

The new Headquarters, which is currently being developed by Axiom Properties Limited, includes construction of a four-storey office building for more than 300 staff as well as a multi-level car park, a storage facility, parking for heavy vehicles and landscaping.

The facility, located at 33 Richmond Road on the edge of Adelaide's CBD, has been designed to withstand natural disasters, such as earthquakes and flood events with provisions for backup power, water as well as wastewater storage.

Axiom Properties Limited General Manager Paul Rouvray said the company teamed with specialist consultants and government representatives to design a world-class facility that can accommodate multiple emergency agency commands under one roof.

"The facility will be a critical infrastructure asset for South Australia so it is vital key emergency response agencies can remain fully operational, without any interruption to service delivery, should a natural disaster occur," Mr Rouvray said.

"When this project is completed in 2021, the new Headquarters will become the second facility in South Australia, after the Royal Adelaide Hospital, built to the Building Code of Australia's Importance Level 4 standard highlighting its essential role in post-disaster recovery efforts.

“Axiom Properties Limited is incredibly proud to be delivering this key piece of infrastructure for the South Australian Government.”

The Emergency Services Headquarters, to be built by Pike Constructions, is expected to create nearly 200 local jobs during construction and inject an estimated economic benefit of more than \$50m into local industry by incorporating a majority of South Australian materials such as steel and concrete.

Axiom Properties Limited is working with the local National Australia Bank (NAB) Corporate Property Team who is providing finance for the project.

National Australia Bank Director Head of Corporate and Property SA/NT Ben Sullivan said NAB was proud to be a finance partner to Axiom in delivering a key infrastructure asset that will benefit all South Australians.

“Not only will this project provide a valuable economic stimulus, and support many jobs at a difficult time, it will deliver social and community benefit to our state well beyond the practical completion of construction,” Mr Sullivan said.

The project is scheduled for completion before the 2021-22 bushfire season.

Axiom Properties Limited is an ASX listed property development and investment company focused on developing and delivering quality property solutions.

For further information or to request an interview with Axiom Properties Limited General Manager Paul Rouvray please contact Briony Petch from Algo Mas on 0409 361 730 or brionyp@algomas.com.au