



**Troy Grant**  
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### **NEW NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE HEADQUARTERS UNDERWAY**

Work has started on the new state-of-the-art NSW Rural Fire Service Headquarters with Minister for Emergency Services Troy Grant and NSW RFS Acting Commissioner Rob Rogers officially turning the first sod today.

Mr Grant said the new facility will give the NSW RFS the emergency management resources they need to continue their world-leading firefighting responses and strategies.

“During peak operational times, the State Operations Centre within the Headquarters can swell to over 200 multi-agency personnel and this new facility will enhance inter-agency coordination and collaboration,” Mr Grant said.

“The new Headquarters will provide the best possible support to more than half of the State’s RFS personnel and volunteers who are based in rural and regional locations across NSW.”

Fire & Rescue NSW, Bureau of Meteorology, Transport, Railcorp, NSW SES, Forestry Corporation, NSW National Parks & Wildlife Service and NSW Police will be among the agencies that will co-locate together at the new Headquarters in an event of an emergency.

NSW RFS Acting Commissioner Rob Rogers said the Headquarters building is critical to the management of fire emergencies across the State.

“Under our coordinated firefighting arrangements in NSW, all agencies work together to ensure the community is kept safe through the deployment of resources, as well as the transmission of information and emergency warnings.

“The new State Operations Centre will continue to provide an integrated approach, while also providing valuable support to our volunteers day-to-day.”

The new Headquarters building, located at 4 Murray Rose Avenue at Sydney Olympic Park, is expected to be completed before the end of 2018.

The design of the new building is being finalised, in consultation with the building’s owner, GPT and the builder, Lend Lease.

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