

Probuild to construct \$300 million development of Melbourne's South Wharf precinct

Following a competitive tender process, national tier-one construction company Probuild will construct the \$300 million expansion of the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre (MCEC) and broader South Wharf precinct.

Probuild Group Managing Director Simon Gray said this exciting project in a high-profile location would demonstrate Probuild's experience and skill in delivering major projects in live environments.

"The Probuild team has significant experience in this precinct, we are able to work with the multiple stakeholders and deliver in a short timeframe," he said.

"We are delighted to be delivering this important project for Melbourne. The expansion to MCEC will increase business, trade and conference opportunities in the South Wharf precinct and help it meet the growing global demand for multi-purpose meetings and events spaces."

The 20,000m² MCEC expansion will integrate with the existing spaces and includes an additional 9,000m² of flexible expansion space. A multi-purpose space will have retractable seating for up to 1,100 people; service pods, meeting rooms and informal meeting spaces. There will also be a large concourse and a banquet room with capacity to cater for up to 450 people.

The construction of a 331-room hotel adds a new tier of accommodation to the precinct, complementing the existing Hilton South Wharf hotel.

The expansion also includes a 1,150-space, multi-storey car park and a concourse and pedestrian bridge linking the precinct with South Melbourne and the Yarra River.

Mr Gray said up to 700 workers will be on site during construction.

The project is developed by the Victorian Government in conjunction with leading infrastructure developer, Plenary Group, and its partners in the precinct, Flagship Property Holdings and Vicinity Centres. Design is by Woods Bagot and NH Architecture.

As one of Australia's largest and most successful construction companies, this important project adds to Probuild's growing portfolio of major projects.

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Probuild is one of Australia's largest construction companies with a national pipeline of projects worth \$4 billion and an annual turnover of \$1.8 billion.

Working across commercial, educational, industrial, residential, retail, entertainment and sports and leisure sectors, Probuild oversees all facets of project delivery, construction planning and management.

It is currently delivering some of Australia's largest construction projects including Victoria One, Eastland and Chadstone shopping centres in Melbourne and Grand Central Shopping Centre in Toowoomba.