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END OF AN ERA: STATE'S CORONIAL AND FORENSIC MEDICINE HEADQUARTERS ON THE MOVE

The NSW Coroner's Court and Department of Forensic Medicine will move to a purpose-built facility in Western Sydney, the NSW Government announced today.

Health Minister Jillian Skinner and Attorney General Gabrielle Upton said a state-of-the-art facility will be constructed on a Government-owned site along Joseph Street in Lidcombe, which was formerly home to the old Lidcombe Hospital.

The relocation of the Coroner's Court and NSW Health Pathology's forensic medicine services from inner-city Glebe to the city's west will bring down the curtain on a rich chapter in Sydney's public life.

"For over four decades, many of Sydney's high-profile police cases and inquests have unfolded in Glebe but the time to modernise has come," Ms Upton said.

"Better integrating the coronial and forensic pathology services in a state-of-the-art facility on a single site will enhance coordination between these agencies."

In 2014, the NSW Government opened three forensic laboratories on the Lidcombe site dedicated to solving crime through sophisticated DNA and chemical analysis.

"Adding the Coroner's Court and forensic pathology services to the Lidcombe site will cement its reputation as Australia's leading forensic and coronial precinct," Mrs Skinner said.

"The Lidcombe site has a larger footprint than Glebe, allowing us to revolutionise the full suite of advanced forensic and coronial services we provide. The new precinct will not only provide a better and more collaborative working environment for staff but offer a more comfortable environment for grieving families."

Health Infrastructure has commenced planning and design work on the multi-storey building which will have an estimated total cost of about \$100 million. Coronial and forensic pathology staff and local residents will be consulted during the process.

The facility is expected to open by 2020. A feasibility study will be conducted to determine the future of the Glebe site.

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