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### **REGIONAL HUB REACHES SIGNIFICANT MILESTONE**

Construction of the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment's new Hub in Orange has reached a significant milestone, with the building reaching its highest structural point today.

The new, environmentally sustainable building will provide 8,500m<sup>2</sup> of A-Grade mixed use commercial space in the Orange CBD once completed next year.

Minister for Water, Property and Housing, Melinda Pavey, said the new regional hub was key to supporting the growth and development of NSW's regional communities.

"It has been a challenging time for regional and rural NSW and this project is a bright spot that should be celebrated," Mrs Pavey said.

National Party Duty MLC for Orange, Sam Faraway said "Having a new regional head office for the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment in Orange is a huge win for local jobs and the economy.

"The new Hub will accommodate around 800 public service workers, ensuring our staff can live and work in the communities they are supporting," Mr Faraway said.

The development will deliver a contemporary workspace, providing an inspiring and modern work environment and enabling government employees to deliver quality services for NSW.

The new three-story building boasts green credentials (including solar panels and electric car recharge stations). It has been designed and built to 5-Star NABERS Energy, 4-Star NABERS Water and a 5-Star Greenstar rating, which will reduce operating costs and the building's impact on the local environment.

Once complete, the site will be a vibrant well-utilised extension of the Orange CBD precinct.

The Orange Hub is set for completion in mid-2020, with staff to move in soon after.

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