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## ***Regatta Point revitalisation set to inspire visitors***

The redevelopment of the National Capital Exhibition (NCE) at Regatta Point has begun with the co-location of the Canberra Region Visitors Centre (CRVC).

National Capital Authority Chief Executive, Malcolm Snow, stated that the design will capitalise on the iconic location and unique vistas from the site. “The design for the Regatta Point redevelopment is sensitive to the heritage significance of the original Rotunda and architectural character of the building.”

“The interior design will take advantage of the spectacular views of the Parliamentary Zone, national attractions and Lake Burley Griffin, which is an advantage given the complementary nature of the two functions of the NCE and CRVC in promoting Canberra as the nation’s capital,” said Mr Snow.

“Regatta Point provides the perfect location to show the wonderful proximity and diversity of tourism experiences available to visitors,” said Ian Hill, Director of VisitCanberra.

“We will also be encouraging visitors to share their experiences through a range of digital channels.”

The NCA is confident that their shared vision for the new facility will maximise the synergies between the two entities. The design incorporates an improved entry, foyer and administration areas, expected to enhance the visitor experience.

“The co-location strategy will encourage visitors to start their Canberra journey at Regatta Point. They will have an opportunity to explore the exhibition to learn about the story of the people, events, history and design of Canberra, which have collectively contributed to the development of the National Capital. They then can discover what the Capital has to offer at the Visitor Centre and plan a truly memorable visit,” said Mr Snow.

Parking arrangements are currently being finalised but are expected to accommodate oversized vehicle spaces to cater for buses and caravans.

Works commenced on site in March 2016 with the base building and fit-out works undertaken concurrently. It is anticipated that all works will be finalised in mid-2016.