



Melbourne Market

RELOCATION PROJECT

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Major Construction Contracts Signed for Epping Market

Construction of the new \$300 million Melbourne Wholesale Fruit, Vegetable and Flower Market at Epping is moving into the next phase, with the signing of major works contracts following the completion of early works this week.

Major Projects Minister Tim Pallas announced today major construction contracts had been signed with preferred bidder Bovis Lend Lease and said the new stage of work was an important milestone for the markets project.

“Bovis Lend lease commenced early site works onsite in late 2009 and have now been given the go ahead to commence full blown construction of this vital new facility.

“The new market will provide opportunities to grow and reinvigorate the current market and to expand Victoria’s fruit, vegetable and flower distribution and retail industry, Mr Pallas said.

“The Government will continue to consult with the market community to achieve a smooth transition to the new market and make possible efficiencies in transport, equipment, materials handling and information technology in the fresh food industry.

“The move to Epping is a unique opportunity for the 4,000 wholesalers, growers and retailers who currently trade out of the existing market to take advantage of brand new facilities and grow their businesses into the future.

“In the coming weeks, the input by the market community into the detailed specifications of the new market will be sought by the Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development.

Minister Pallas said that the input from the market community is vital to ensure that the new market meets market user needs and enables the development of the fresh fruit, vegetable and flower industry across Victoria.



Artist impression of main entrance to the new market