



MEDIA RELEASE

GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY FOR NEW STATE COURTS COMPLEX ON 28 MAY 2014

1 The Honourable the Chief Justice Sundaresh Menon officiated the groundbreaking of the new State Courts Complex this morning, 28 May 2014. A multi-media presentation showcased the facilities and provided guests with a virtual tour of the new Complex.

2 The new State Courts Complex, scheduled for completion in 2019, will be located at the current URA public carpark in front of the current State Courts building (see Annex, Image 1). It comprises two towers, each about 150m high, with an area of 110,000sqm. The twin towers are linked by a series of sky bridges that enable the controlled circulation of court visitors and staff of the State Courts. An eco-friendly building, the new complex features naturally-ventilated corridors and high-rise gardens to filter the afternoon sun. The high-rise sky terraces bring green relief to the built-up city and provide soothing gardens to the users.

3 When completed, the new State Courts Complex will accommodate over 60 courtrooms and over 50 hearing chambers.

4 At the groundbreaking event, The Honourable the Chief Justice Sundaresh Menon said, "When completed, the new (State Courts Complex) will have a symbolic presence in the city.... The new towers complement the 'octagon' without trying to dominate it. Each building will be representative of the period it was conceived in. The existing 'octagon', which is a distinctive landmark associated with justice for nearly 40 years, has been slated for conservation. Retrofitting works will commence when the new complex is operationally ready."

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Image 1: Location of the new State Courts Complex

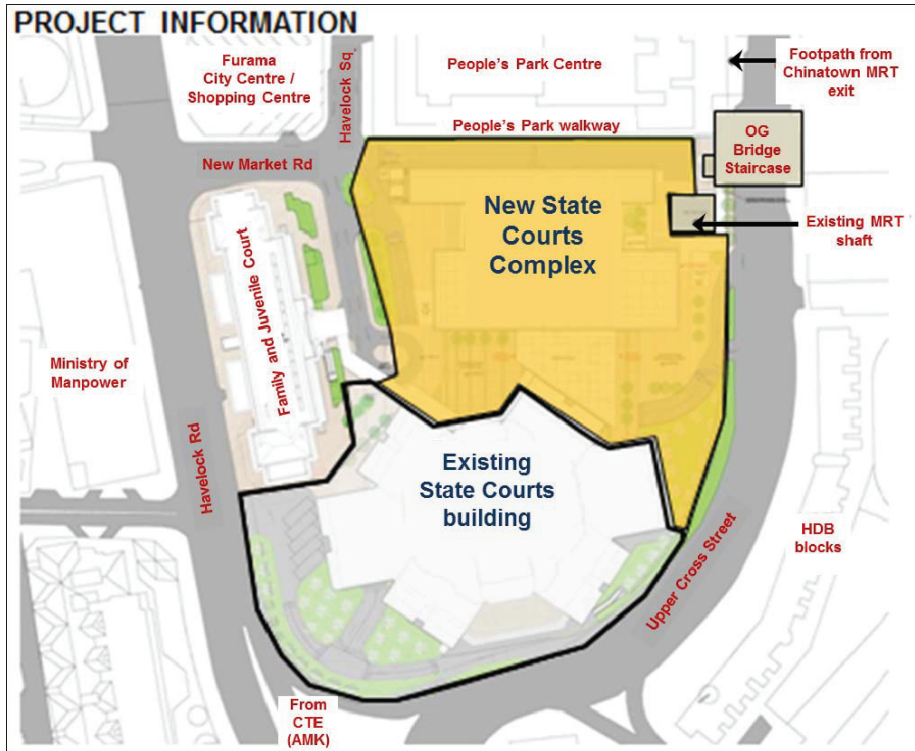


Image 2: Artist's impression of the new State Courts Complex

