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SYDNEY CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTRE GETS \$16 MILLION FACELIFT

The Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre will receive \$16.3 million in the 2009/10 State Budget, with the new funding supporting around 145 jobs.

Planning Minister, Kristina Keneally, said the extra funding was great news for the iconic convention and exhibition facility.

"The upgrade is part of a \$50 million, five-year plan to maintain the centre's status in the Asia-Pacific region," Ms Keneally said.

"Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre employs more than 800 people and injects hundreds of millions of dollars into NSW every year through conventions, exhibitions and other events.

"The upgrade works will ensure Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre continues to attract events, investment and jobs to Sydney.

"The funding and upgrades complement future expansion plans for the centre that were announced in May 2009."

Ms Keneally said The Rocks precinct will also benefit from the State budget, with \$8.7 million to be invested in the upgrade of heritage buildings in the area.

"This \$8.7 million will go towards restoration, conservation and refurbishment works for heritage buildings in The Rocks, which will support around 77 jobs," Ms Keneally said.

"The Rocks is home to over 90 heritage buildings and provides a unique experience for both local and international visitors. It is important that these heritage buildings are maintained for future generations.

"This funding will ensure that The Rocks will remain a premier destination in Sydney for years to come."

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