



**LUCY WICKS MP**  
Federal Member for Robertson

**MEDIA RELEASE**

**GOSFORD SITE SELECTED TO START THE  
JOBS**

**Friday, 25 September 2015**

Treasurer, the Hon. Scott Morrison and Member for Robertson, Lucy Wicks today announced the location of a new purpose-built Commonwealth Government building for 600 employees, which will boost jobs and investment on the Central Coast.

The Coalition Government is today delivering on our commitment to bring Commonwealth jobs to the Central Coast through the construction of the office facility at 20 Mann Street, Gosford, with contracts expected to be finalised in the near future. Due to open in 2017, the premises will house staff from Commonwealth agencies with the majority of workers employed by the Australian Taxation Office (ATO).

The Coalition Government had already acted to double the number of jobs coming to Gosford under this development, now we are getting on with delivery.

And the benefits will be even greater - with economic modelling estimating a further 1,400 jobs will be created as a result of this project.

Treasurer Morrison said: "This purpose-built facility will provide an economic shot in the arm for the Central Coast. This is a region that recognizes the value of work and the Coalition Government is proud to be backing the people of the Coast with significant investments like these that enable them to create more economic opportunities for themselves.

"I pay tribute to Lucy's hard work in securing this development. Her commitment and drive ensured it could be delivered for the Central Coast community."

Mrs Wicks said: "This will be a game-changer for Gosford and the Central Coast region, with more jobs generating stronger investment and more services.

"This is a vital step in delivering a significant commitment from the Coalition's positive *Growth Plan for the Central Coast* we took to the last election.

"We will see more jobs, not just in this development but in our cafes, restaurants and small businesses across the Central Coast.

The ATO ran a thorough open market approach for the development in line with Commonwealth Procurement Rules with Doma Group selected as the successful applicant.

The estimated cost to the Government over the next ten years is approximately \$70m from leasing and related expenditure. The construction costs will be met by the developer.

The Government acknowledges the significant work and support of the ATO in relation to the project.