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Crane to tower over city tomorrow

The biggest lifting-capacity crane used on a Tasmanian construction site in a long time will be erected tomorrow (Saturday 2 July 2011).

The Medical Science 2 (MS2) building contractor, John Holland-Fairbrother Joint Venture will be erecting the tower crane on the MS2 construction site.

The MS2 building will be built adjacent to Medical Science 1 (MS1), on the corner of Liverpool and Campbell streets.

On Saturday the crane will be lifted onto its tower base, which will require all of the adjacent section of Bathurst St to be closed off.

It can lift 12 tonnes at the end of its 40 metres reach, maximum lift capacity of 26.5 tonnes and is approximately 40 metres high.

It will be able to lift precast concrete panels for the building façade and cover most of the construction site, reducing the need for mobile cranes and associated disruption to traffic on adjacent streets.

MS2 will be a six-storey tower with a basement level and will be an extension of MS1, which is a co-location of the Menzies Research Institute Tasmania and the UTAS School of Medicine.

The project will transform the site into a comprehensive medical research precinct with a world-class biomedical and clinical research facility.

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