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Frankston Mayor marks milestone for new South East Water precinct

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Frankston Mayor Sandra Mayer joined South East Water Managing Director Kevin Hutchings today at the 'topping out' of the water corporation's new head office in Frankston.

"Today marks an important milestone in construction of our new head office here in Frankston – known in the building industry as 'topping out' – the main structure of the building is now complete," said Mr Hutchings.

"Making the move to this modern work space will bring South East Water staff together into a dynamic and inspiring work environment, increasing collaboration and productivity through an open design. This is an exciting time for our business and we are looking forward to fostering an innovative environment and approach to managing an essential service for our customers," said Mr Hutchings.

Internationally recognised architects BVN designed the modern building with sustainable water and energy features. The building will include rainwater capture and storage for toilet flushing and garden irrigation, LED lighting systems and sustainably sourced building materials.

The new building and surroundings are set to rejuvenate the waterfront area and bring energy and activity through generous public spaces, cafés and a retail zone for the community.

It is expected that local businesses will benefit from staff use of local goods and services. Mayor Sandra Mayer said South East Water's arrival will bring enormous economic benefits for Frankston.

"South East Water's new precinct next to Kananook Creek Boulevard will bring hundreds of jobs to the area, provide ongoing employment opportunities and inject millions of dollars into the local Frankston economy each year," said Cr Mayer.

"Nearby cafes and businesses are already seeing the benefits of increased foot traffic via builders and tradesmen from the construction site. South East Water's move is one of a number of significant developments that will revitalise our city centre and attract even more investors to Frankston."

South East Water will make the move to their new head office in Frankston mid-2015.