



NEW VOLVO GROUP HQ NEARS COMPLETION – DUE AUG, 2018

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VOLVO GROUP AUSTRALIA Headquarters takes up its new prime position this August at a \$30 million facility and dealership in the massive \$350 million, 90-hectare Metroplex Westgate Business Park, near Wacol, 15km south-west of Brisbane.

In addition to the new HQ, there will be a VCV Brisbane South dealership and paint and panel workshop, with around 350 people relocating from other Volvo worksites nationwide into the new area. Overall, more than 550 employees will still work at Volvo Group Australia's five other sites in Wacol.

Metroplex Westgate is a JV between The GPT Group and local developer Metroplex. A recently opened \$20 million road link greatly improves access to the Western Business District site, giving travellers a direct route 20 minutes to Brisbane or Ipswich CBD, or 35 minutes to Brisbane Airport or Port of Brisbane.

Once complete Metroplex Westgate (divided into three section: East, West and South, the latter where Volvo will be based) will include up to 300,000sqm of industrial, commercial and retail floorspace – along with 17 hectares of "green space and nature corridors".

New Volvo Bus Australia GM Lauren Downs told ABC magazine the new head office near Brisbane will be decked out by a Swedish interior design company for an authentic Scandinavian feel, and there will be an official opening of the dealership with all of the Volvo Group companies present, in time.

The new Brisbane HQ move comes at a time when the majority of the Sydney Bus Team will be leaving its Chullora, NSW, base of 13 years in September to take up residence at a brand-new location at Prestons, south-west of Sydney, backed up also by the new Truck and Bus dealership at Blacktown.

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Volvo Group's new \$30 million HQ is in Metroplex South near Wacol, approximately 15km from the Brisbane CBD.

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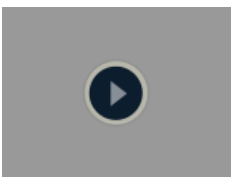


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