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AJ+C WINS DESIGN & COORDINATION ROLES IN PARRAMATTA SOUTH GATEWAY PRECINCT DESIGN COMPETITION

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Allen Jack+Cottier has won the role of co-ordinating architect and architect for the largest of three sites in a major design excellence competition for an approximately \$800 million mixed use development on three prime sites in Parramatta, NSW. The competition was run by The Heartland Group.

AJ+C has been selected for the role of co-ordinating architect, and will also design the largest of the three sites, located on Church Street at the edge of Parramatta's central business district, west of Sydney. Turner and Associates has been chosen as the architect to design the second site and Oculus will design the park on the third site, together with the extensive public domain components.

The project includes three residential towers between 30-40 storeys with retail/commercial uses on the lower levels, two 10 storey commercial buildings fronting Church Street, approximately 3,000 m² of public open space, a 2000 m² public park, basement supermarket and parking for approximately 1200 cars.

'This is the first cab off the rank for the planned revitalisation of the 'Auto Alley' end of Parramatta's Church St,' said Michael Heenan, Principal and CEO of Allen Jack+Cottier. 'It will set a new civic benchmark and form the southern gateway to Parramatta CBD. Our first landmark Parramatta building, V by Crown, is currently under construction on the western side of the CBD – both will add immeasurably to this vibrant new city precinct.'

Road widening, new bus and cycle lanes and tree planting will transform Church Street into a boulevard, while a planned pedestrian plaza running through the middle of the three sites will provide new social spaces and opportunities for cafes and outdoor dining.

AJ+C's residential tower design features a subtly rippling glass façade, a reference to 'the meeting of the waters' – the point where fresh river water meets salt harbour water at Parramatta. The plaza, park and public domain introduce natural elements into the urban environment, with water features creating a cooling, soothing atmosphere and tree planting along the plaza to provide shade and shelter.

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