

# Melbourne Arts Precinct Transformation

## Deconstructing 77 Southbank Boulevard

**October 2023**

The former CUB building, located on 77 Southbank Boulevard, is being deconstructed to make way for The Fox: NGV Contemporary.

The deconstruction has begun with services decommissioning and the internal strip out to remove furniture, fittings and equipment.

From now until mid-2024 you will see scaffolding go up and the building gradually come down.



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- Built in the 1980s
- 6 storeys high
- Single level basement
- Reinforced concrete structure

## What will the site look like?

Once the internal strip out is complete a full perimeter scaffold will be erected around the building, covered with shadecloth.

Pedestrians will still be able to access the footpaths and no car parks will be impacted as all scaffold and hoarding will be erected on or over the surrounding footpaths.

After the building has been deconstructed, the 2.4 metre hoarding will be maintained on site by the contractor until construction of The Fox: NGV Contemporary begins.



Example of shadecloth wrap to full perimeter scaffold

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Long reach excavator with water cannons in situ

## The process

To start with, the top 2 levels of the structure will be deconstructed using small excavators with hydraulic pulverisers – also known as ‘munchers’ – working from the level below the one being deconstructed. Water sprays will be used behind the scaffold to reduce the amount of dust generated.

The material will be loaded into the basement to produce a pad for a long reach excavator to sit on and to also retain the basement walls. This will also be fitted with a muncher.

The long reach excavator then deconstructs the building from the inside, working from the top down.

Once complete, the demolished material in the basement is removed, and the basement slab and walls are deconstructed and backfilled with mudstone. This will create a piling platform for the future use of the site.

Retaining the material in the basement until completion reduces the number of trucks and the time they need to come and go from the site.

For information on the management of construction noise and vibration see: **MAPT construction noise and vibration fact sheet.**

## Contact

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