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Lightning talk: Development of a major Museum storage facility – the changing expectations in a time of high staff turnover

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ABSTRACT

A new 3000m storage facility opened in 2017 at the Castle Hill complex managed by the MAAS. This is the first Museum grade storage building for off-site collections which the Australian Museum has been able to use in its 190-year history. The joint business case for a new building for overflow collections was put to government by MAAS, Sydney Living Museums and the Australian Museum in 2009

When the case was accepted and funding allocated by the NSW Government, a clear set of conditions were placed on the project. In the intervening years, the nature of the collections to be moved into the building altered and the manner in which the building would be managed shifted. This presentation will explore the shifts in expectations and drivers which occurs when the key staff change through the development process of a project.