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GETTING ON WITH THE JOB: WORK STARTS ON NEW SOUTH WEST RAIL LINK STATIONS

Work on the two new stations along the 11-kilometre South West Rail Link has begun, NSW Premier and Minister for Western Sydney Barry O'Farrell and Minister for Transport Gladys Berejiklian announced today.

Mr O'Farrell said the \$2.1 billion twin track passenger rail line from Glenfield to Leppington was fast-tracked after the NSW Liberals & Nationals Government was elected a year ago.

"This project has powered ahead under my Government because we are serious about delivering public transport to Sydney's South West growth zones after years of Labor inaction," said Mr O'Farrell, who was joined by local Liberal MPs Chris Patterson, Jai Rowell and Bryan Doyle.

"Building the South West Rail Link is a priority for the NSW Government and we are getting on with the job of delivering," he said.

"Work has begun on the new stations, progress is being made, jobs are being created.

"The start of work on the stations at Leppington and Edmondson Park is a significant milestone in the development of Sydney's South West which will be home to an additional 300,000 people over the next 30 years."

Ms Berejiklian said that in less than a year in government:

- Work has started on the two new stations at Leppington and Edmondson Park;
- 850 metres of new track has been laid at Glenfield – track which will link the new line into the existing East Hills line;
- The construction of the Glenfield Transport Interchange – the major rail junction connecting the new line with the East Hills line – has surged ahead, with around three-quarters of the structural work completed; and,
- Rail flyovers to the north and south of Glenfield Station – designed to separate the new line from the East Hills line - are nearly completed.

"The new South West Rail Link will provide commuters in the greater South West region with a link to the Sydney CBD, Liverpool and Parramatta," Ms Berejiklian said.

"We are making it as easy as possible for the people in the South West to have access to public transport so they can leave the car at home."

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STATION FACTS AND STATS:

LEPPINGTON

The new Leppington Station will provide modern customer facilities and be a striking landmark for the new town centre. Its concourse areas will cover an area bigger than 10 tennis courts.

The new track will sit in a cutting up to five metres deep, and passengers will alight trains and travel up stairs and lifts to the ground level station concourse, forecourt and transport interchange.

Early works at the Leppington Station site, including vegetation clearing has recently begun. Substantial construction will start in the coming weeks, including the start of installation of the first of 46 piles, each up to 750mm in diameter and up to 15 metres long.

Construction of the station will require concrete equivalent to an Olympic swimming pool, and 410 tonnes of steel reinforcement will be used in construction of the new station.

Passenger facilities and services will include:

- Four 170-metre platforms to accommodate eight carriage trains
- Bus zones to accommodate up to six 12.5 metre buses
- 850 commuter car parking spaces
- Kiss and ride passenger drop off area
- Taxi ranks for up to 10 taxis
- Bicycle racks
- CCTV camera surveillance linked to a central monitoring network.

EDMONDSON PARK

The concourse areas will be the equivalent of around seven tennis courts and, like Leppington, the track will be in a deep cutting with passengers travelling up from the trains to the ground level station concourse, forecourt and transport interchange.

Early works including vegetation clearing have begun and substantial construction, including the installation of the first of 32 piles, 750mm in diameter and up to 12 metres long, will start in April.

Passenger facilities and services will include:

- Two 170-metre platforms to accommodate eight carriage trains
- Bus zones to accommodate up to eight 12.5 metre buses
- 400 commuter car parking spaces
- Kiss and ride passenger drop off area
- Taxi ranks for up to six taxis
- Bicycle racks
- CCTV camera surveillance linked to a central monitoring network.