



# Gladys Berejiklian MP

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### **TENDERS CALLED FOR NORTH WEST RAIL LINK SKYTRAIN**

Minister for Transport Gladys Berejiklian announced tenders will be officially called today to build the skytrain section of the North West Rail Link.

“We’ve reached another major milestone on this important infrastructure project as we get on with the job of delivering the North West Rail Link,” Ms Berejiklian said.

“This is the key contract to build the 4km elevated skytrain section of the North West Rail Link between Bella Vista and Rouse Hill as well as other surface works like bridges, embankments, railway cuttings and other earthworks.”

The NSW Government issued a request for tenders from the three groups which were earlier this year shortlisted for the Surface and Viaduct Civil (SVC) Works contract. The three groups, made up of 33 companies, are:

- Impregilo Salini Joint Venture – Impregilo SpA, Salini Australia Pty Ltd;
- Leighton Rizzani De Eccher Joint Venture – Leighton Contractors Pty Ltd, Rizzani De Eccher Australia Pty Ltd;
- Abigroup Contractors Pty Ltd.

The SVC contract is expected to be awarded at the end of this year and, like the tunnelling contract, is fully-funded by the NSW Government.

“Work is pushing ahead on the North West Rail Link and we are on track to have tunnel boring machines in the ground next year,” Ms Berejiklian said.

The SVC contract is one of three major contracts to deliver the North West Rail Link.

The other two are:

- Tunnels and Station Civil (TSC) Works contract to build the twin 15km tunnels and underground station excavation - expected to be awarded in the middle of this year;
- Operations, Trains and Systems (OTS) contract to deliver the new-generation single deck trains, install tracks and signalling and operate the North West Rail Link - this multi-billion-dollar contract is also out to market and will be a Public Private Partnership, subject to value for money, to be awarded in 2014.