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### **WORLDWIDE INTEREST IN BUILDING NORTH WEST RAIL LINK SKYTRAIN**

Minister for Transport Gladys Berejiklian today announced that three consortia have lodged bids to build the skytrain for the North West Rail Link.

Tenders closed today on the Surface and Viaducts Civil (SVC) works contract, which includes building the 4km skytrain between Bella Vista and Rouse Hill as well as about 4km of bridge, embankment and cutting works.

“This is a key contract that will see work start on the iconic skytrain structure,” Ms Berejiklian said.

“Already, the O’Farrell Government has awarded the \$1.15 billion contract to build the 15km of twin tunnels between Bella Vista and Epping – the longest rail tunnels ever built in Australia.

“Together, these two contracts will see work underway along 23km of the North West Rail Link project.”

The SVC contract covers major civil engineering work between Bella Vista and the end of the line at Cudgegong Road, Rouse Hill. The contract is fully-funded by the NSW Government.

“Tenders will include significant design detail about the skytrain and key bridges,” Ms Berejiklian said.

“Also included in the works are the sites for the Kellyville, Rouse Hill and Cudgegong Road railway stations, with both Kellyville and Rouse Hill to be built into the skytrain structure.

“Once completed, Kellyville and Cudgegong Road stations will have two of the largest commuter car parks in Sydney, with 1,200 and 1,000 car spots respectively.

“It’s full steam ahead on the North West Rail Link, which is on target to open by late 2019.”

The tender will now be evaluated by a team of experts over coming months and is expected to be awarded by the end of this year.

Three consortia, comprising 33 companies including specialist international bridge and viaduct contractors, are bidding for the SVC contract:

- 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 project's third major contract – the Operations, Trains and Systems contract – is also underway and expected to be awarded before the end of next year.

Two shortlisted consortia are competing to operate the North West Rail Link, lay the rail tracks, provide the rapid transit trains, build the stations and then operate the new automated rapid transit system.