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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **NORTH WEST RAIL LINK ICONIC WINDSOR ROAD BRIDGE APPROVED**

Minister for Transport Gladys Berejiklian, Minister for Planning Pru Goward and Member for Hawkesbury Ray Williams today said the new landmark bridge carrying North West Rail Link trains over Windsor Road at Rouse Hill has now been approved by the Department of Planning & Environment.

The new iconic bridge with cables similar to the Anzac Bridge near the Sydney CBD is part of the \$340 million skytrain construction contract on the North West Rail Link, awarded late last year by the NSW Government to the Impregilo-Salini joint venture.

Ms Berejiklian said the NSW Government is transforming north-western Sydney with the \$8.3 billion North West Rail Link project.

“We are getting on with this fantastic project - major construction work is well underway and the first of four massive tunnel boring machines will be in the ground in October this year, digging Australia’s longest railway tunnels between Bella Vista and Epping,” Ms Berejiklian said.

“For the first time people in Rouse Hill will have their own modern train station and now it will be complemented by a well-designed, spectacular looking bridge that will be a landmark in the region.

“The new bridge is a superior design to what was previously proposed and will be a fantastic new addition to the area’s skyline.”

The bridge has a total length of about 270m and two towers up to 45m tall, with cables that support the bridge deck.

Ms Goward said the new design of the bridge is the result of community feedback, and is superior to what was previously proposed, meaning there will be much less impact on motorists using Windsor Road while the project is being built.

“Under the previous plan, there would have been significant traffic delays and diversions for an extended period as a viaduct was built above Windsor Road to carry the North West Rail Link,” she said.

“The bridge also means any future upgrade of the Windsor and Schofields Roads intersection will not be impacted by the North West Rail Link.”

Mr Williams welcomed the approval of the bridge as another step forward in delivering the much-needed improvements to transport services in the North West.

“The NSW Government saw an opportunity to build something terrific in Rouse Hill and grabbed it with both hands. This bridge will be something that we’ll all be proud – a new landmark for Rouse Hill,” Mr Williams said.

“This is another important step in delivering the transport infrastructure our community needs to attract local jobs and investment and make it easier for people to travel in and out of Rouse Hill.”