



# Gladys Berejiklian MP

## Minister for Transport

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#### **FIRST MAJOR DEMOLITION FOR NORTH WEST RAIL LINK**

Minister for Transport Gladys Berejiklian today visited the first major building demolition for the North West Rail Link, where a new station will be built to serve a thriving business hub.

Today marks a significant milestone in the construction of the North West Rail Link, with excavators moving in to demolish office buildings above where the new Norwest Station will be located.

“The O’Farrell Government is getting on with the job of delivering this priority public transport infrastructure project,” Ms Berejiklian said.

“Demolition work has begun at what will become the Norwest Station construction zone.

“Demolition of these vacant office buildings will allow us to start setting up this major construction site as soon as possible.

“The station at Norwest will be built underground as part of the 15km of twin tunnels – the longest and deepest rail tunnels ever built in Australia.

“The above ground entrance will be integrated into the surrounding area, which includes the Norwest Marketown Shopping Centre, commercial and residential developments and Hillsong Church.”

Norwest is one of the fastest growing employment centres in Sydney and is home to the headquarters of major national and international companies like Woolworths, Subaru and medical supply specialists ResMed and B.Braun.

About 15,000 people from across Sydney work at this specialised employment centre and this is expected to grow to 30,000 by 2031.

“The North West Rail Link will give workers the opportunity for the first time to catch the train to work, instead of battling congestion in the car, and they will come from all across Sydney,” Ms Berejiklian said.

“This important link between transport, land use and employment was recognised in the draft Long Term Transport Master Plan.”

An artist’s impression of the proposed station was also released as the NSW Government prepares to put on exhibition the second Environmental Impact Statement for the project soon

## **NORWEST STATION – FACT SHEET**

- Norwest is one of eight new railway stations that make up the North West Rail Link. It is about 35km from the Sydney CBD.
- Following community and business feedback from the first Environmental Impact Statement earlier this year, the location of the station has been moved slightly to the south east – significantly reducing the disruptions to road traffic using Norwest Boulevard during construction.
- It will be an underground station integrated within Norwest Business Park, which is expected to house 30,000 workers by 2031.
- At street level, the station entrance will be at the intersection of Norwest Boulevard and Brookhollow Ave and opposite the Norwest Marketown Shopping Centre.
- Surrounding roads and footpaths will be upgraded to provide access to the station, with the roundabout at Norwest Boulevard and Brookhollow Ave to be replaced by traffic lights to improve pedestrian and road safety.
- The station will have bus shelters, kiss-and-ride waiting areas, a taxi rank and cycling facilities.
- The planning process for the North West Rail Link is underway, with ongoing community consultation still taking place and the second Environmental Impact Statement to be released soon for public comment.
- Every effort will be made during construction to minimise impacts on local residents and businesses and to keep traffic flowing.