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NORTH WEST RAIL LINK SKYTRAIN DELIVERS MORE THAN 180 NEW LOCAL JOBS IN \$20 MILLION MULGRAVE FACTORY UPGRADE

North West Sydney MPs today announced construction of the North West Rail Link skytrain will create more than 180 new jobs at a Hawkesbury factory which will be significantly upgraded to help build Australia's biggest public transport project.

Concrete manufacturer Hanson Australia will upgrade its factory at Mulgrave, near Windsor, in a \$20 million deal which includes building the concrete segments that make up the 4km skytrain on the \$8.3 billion infrastructure investment.

"This is great news for the local community. The NSW Government is delivering major projects and with that comes local jobs," Member for Riverstone Kevin Conolly said.

"This agreement brings immediate jobs to Sydney's North West as we get ready to start building the skytrain," Mr Conolly said.

Member for Hawkesbury Ray Williams said "The local workforce will be bolstered and trained in the latest international techniques in pre-cast concrete production, while the facility will be significantly upgraded with the construction of a new concrete batching plant.

"This is another great example of innovation on this landmark infrastructure project – instead of having to build a temporary concrete plant and demolish it at the end of the project, this deal leaves a legacy of new manufacturing infrastructure in Sydney's North West and real jobs growth for the future," said Mr Williams.

Subject to planning approvals, Hanson – which currently employs about 35 people at the Mulgrave plant – will supply more than 1,150 pre-cast concrete skytrain segments to the builders of the skytrain, Salini Impregilo.

“Upgrade work at the Mulgrave plant is expected to start next month, subject to approvals, and production of the concrete skytrain segments is expected to start late this year,” Member for Baulkham Hills David Elliott said.

“The Mulgrave facility is purpose-built for this kind of construction work and segments will be delivered to the skytrain construction site at night, further reducing impacts on the community,” said Mr Elliott.

Salini Impregilo country manager Marco Alpini said “We are keen to build a long term major infrastructure presence in Australia and to bring new skills and expertise to the construction industry. A partnership like this, with the NSW Government and Hanson, makes for a bright future for all.”

Kevin Gluskie, the chief executive of Hanson Australia said “We are committed to continuing to build the economy of Sydney’s North West and look forward to showcasing our work as part of this iconic public transport project.”

The \$340 million contract to build the 4km skytrain, including a landmark cable-stayed bridge over Windsor Road at Rouse Hill, was awarded in December 2013 to Salini Impregilo.

FAST FACTS – SKYTRAIN

\$340 million skytrain contract awarded in December 2013 including 4km skytrain viaduct between Bella Vista and Rouse Hill and 2km of associated surface civil construction works and railway embankments.

70 metres of skytrain built every week, on average.

Average height of skytrain – 9 metres.

More than 1,150 pre-cast concrete segments, ranging in weight from 70 tonnes to 100 tonnes.

Skytrain crosses over seven roads and the T-way, which will be kept open during construction.

Concrete used for the skytrain SVC contract – about 73,500 cubic metres, or 30 Olympic swimming pools.

Steel reinforcing – 14,700 tonnes.

Two 130m long gantries with 1,400 tonne capacity will start at opposite ends and work simultaneously towards the middle of the skytrain structure, meeting between Old Windsor Road and Sanctuary Drive.