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NEW VISION FOR NORTH SYDNEY CBD TO BECOME REALITY

A new Sydney Metro station, more public space and a new office tower are one step closer for North Sydney residents and workers, with the NSW Government today giving the green light to build the Victoria Cross over station development.

The project includes construction of a 42-storey commercial office tower, a new community hub, a pedestrian link from the station plaza to Denison Street and almost 1,300 square metres of new public open space.

Minister for Planning and Public Spaces Rob Stokes and Minister for Transport Andrew Constance today inspected Victoria Cross Metro Station's underground railway site, including the largest rail cavern in Australia at 265 metres long, 25 metres wide and 20 metres high.

A \$476 million contract was awarded to Lendlease in 2018 to deliver Sydney Metro's Victoria Cross Station and the landmark building above it.

With more than 357,000 tonnes of crushed rock removed, excavation of the Metro and service tunnels is now complete, and the cavern and these tunnels are being lined with concrete.

Mr Stokes said the project will combine world-class public transport infrastructure with a connected community hub in the heart of the North Sydney CBD.

"The integrated station development at the new Victoria Cross Metro Station will double the available public open space near the tower and create a continuous 'civic green spine' along Miller Street, with landscaped terraces, outdoor dining, casual seating areas and pedestrian paths," Mr Stokes said.

"North Sydney is already a strong commercial hub for Greater Sydney and this project will provide a much-needed boost, injecting \$315 million into the economy and creating between 400-600 construction jobs to deliver the over station development."

Mr Constance said the integrated development will provide better connectivity for a growing part of the city.

“This tower will provide space for more than 4,000 office workers on top of a world-class public transport system, which is not only transforming our city’s public transport network, it’s transforming the areas around it,” Mr Constance said.

“This project is a great example of the NSW Government’s commitment to ensure our communities have access to great public transport infrastructure regardless of where they live, work or play.”

With tunnelling complete and remaining excavation underway, station fit-out works on the Victoria Cross Metro Station are scheduled to commence in early 2021, with the tower expected to be completed by mid-2024.

The Victoria Cross Metro over station development is one of 19 projects included in Tranche 3 of the NSW Government’s Planning System Acceleration Program that is fast-tracking planning assessments to keep people in jobs and the economy moving during the COVID-19 crisis. To date, the program has created opportunities for more than 25,000 jobs and injected more than \$13 billion worth of investment into the NSW economy.

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