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NSW BUDGET: CONSTRUCTION STARTS ON SYDNEY'S NEW BASE CAMP FOR THE LIGHT RAIL FLEET

The upcoming Budget will include \$135 million in NSW Government funds for 2016-17 towards planning and delivery of Sydney and Parramatta Light Rail projects.

Major work has begun on the facility where Sydney's fleet of new light rail vehicles will be serviced when the CBD and South East line begins operating in 2019.

Minister for Transport and Infrastructure Andrew Constance and Treasurer Gladys Berejiklian today toured the site that will become home to the maintenance facility for Sydney Light Rail.

Mr Constance said heavy demolition work is now underway on the Lilyfield site and work is progressing rapidly.

"This is essentially base camp for Sydney's new trams – the fleet will be maintained and serviced at this new facility," Mr Constance said.

"It's another exciting step in the project that shows how much is being achieved in our work to extend the light rail system."

Treasurer Gladys Berejiklian said the work shows in concrete terms what the Government's massive investment in public transport is delivering.

"As part of the \$135 million Budget funding commitment, \$71 million will go towards ongoing work on the Sydney Light Rail project while \$64 million will go towards planning and preparatory work for the Parramatta light rail.

"We've always said we're focused on growing transport options across NSW and we're backing that up with this major investment."

Parramatta Light Rail will reshape Sydney's second CBD, by connecting Parramatta, Westmead, Olympic Park, Carlingford, Camelia and Strathfield with about 20 kilometres of new track. Early consultation is currently underway to determine the exact route of Parramatta's new network ahead of further community engagement later this year.

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