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Works starting on Parramatta Light Rail Stabling Yard

Construction of the Parramatta Light Rail is another step closer following the awarding of the Early Works contract to infrastructure service provider Ventia to remediate the site of the future light rail Stabling and Maintenance site at Camellia.

Member for Parramatta Geoff Lee said, “Light Rail is a game-changer for Parramatta.”

“And it is just one of many major infrastructure projects that make up a record \$80 billion investment in the state over the next four years,” added Mr Lee.

“NSW is delivering the largest transport infrastructure program in Australia and the Parramatta Light Rail will transform how people move around our suburbs.”

“We undertook to deliver better transport for this community and this vital remediation clears the way for construction to begin.”

Remediation works will begin as soon as possible to address contamination resulting from the land’s historical industrial use. The site was previously used to manufacture various chemicals, which led to soil and groundwater contamination.

Ventia CEO Mike Metcalfe said he was proud to be partnering with Transport for NSW to remediate this important piece of land, critical to Sydney’s future infrastructure.

“Ventia has successfully remediated more than 140 major environmental projects over the past 30 years,” said Mike.

“We look forward to partnering with Transport for NSW on the Parramatta Light Rail project, ensuring the proposed light rail depot site is suitable for future commercial and industrial use.”

The Parramatta Light Rail Stabling and Maintenance facility will house light rail vehicles for Stage 1 and future stages of the project, as well as maintenance buildings and a control centre, with the land at Camellia selected for its size and proximity to the light rail route.

Geoff Lee said the remediation of the land would ensure the safe and sustainable management of contamination to benefit the entire local community.

“These works are an important first step to delivering the Parramatta Light Rail and I will work tirelessly for the community to ensure this fantastic project delivers for generations to come,” commented Mr Lee.

“Managing historical contamination is essential to enable the safe construction and long-term operation of the depot and to protect the environment.”

Remediation works is the first of four major contracts announced to facilitate the construction and operations of Stage 1 of the Parramatta Light Rail, with contracts to deliver enabling works, infrastructure works, and supply, operations and maintenance of the Parramatta Light Rail currently out to tender.

The NSW Government advertised expressions of interest for the remediation works in August 2017, with shortlisting for detailed tenders in November 2017.

Work is expected to begin on site in July 2018.

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