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### **SYDNEY FOOTBALL STADIUM READY TO RISE**

Construction of the new Sydney Football Stadium site is powering on through the COVID pandemic with contractor John Holland laying the first concrete building slabs at Moore Park today.

Acting Minister for Sport Geoff Lee said development hasn't stopped during COVID, providing job security for workers, boosting NSW's COVID-19 recovery and ensuring the project remains on schedule.

"The Sydney Football Stadium project is investing in local companies during the pandemic with a Western Sydney business providing the concrete for today's pour," Mr Lee said.

"Over 150 cubic metres of concrete will be poured this week, over an area that will be part of the new stadium's player and coaching facilities.

"This is another exciting milestone setting the foundations for the stadium to start rising from the ground."

To complete the stadium, a further 40,000m<sup>3</sup> of concrete will be poured which is the equivalent of 16 Olympic swimming pools.

The project will utilise as many local suppliers and subcontractors as possible through to completion.

Over the next two years, the Sydney Football Stadium Redevelopment will create over 800 jobs and inject hundreds of millions into the NSW economy through the procurement of construction materials and labour.

"Our stage two contractor John Holland has already safely logged over 140,000 hours by workers on site since the beginning of the outbreak and there has been an average of 180 workers on site in July alone," Mr Lee said.

"We have extended hours on weekends to enable work to continue safely with social distancing, no job losses or reduced hours for employees."

The new Sydney Football Stadium will be a modern, world-class sporting and entertainment precinct to ensure NSW remains the number one choice for the best events. The stadium remains on track to be ready to host the 2022 NRL Grand Final.

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