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NEW APPRENTICES FOR PARRAMATTA LIGHT RAIL

A group of mature-age apprentices has joined the Parramatta Light Rail project, supporting the NSW Government's commitment to job creation during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Minister for Transport and Roads Andrew Constance said the six apprentices, aged in their 30s, 40s and 50s, are undertaking civil construction apprenticeships on the project, which connects Westmead to Carlingford via the Parramatta CBD.

"Building major infrastructure, like the Parramatta Light Rail, will create long-term jobs and be key to rebuilding the state's economy," said Mr Constance.

"The NSW Government is investing a record \$100 billion in infrastructure over four years and fast-tracking a number of key projects, providing opportunities for mature-aged workers to upskill and gain formal qualifications."

The new apprentices are employed by Parramatta Connect, which is the joint venture delivering the infrastructure works for the new light rail network.

Member for Parramatta Geoff Lee said the intake contributes to the project target of 20 per cent of the workforce to be "learning workers", with some focusing on plant operations and others in pipe laying.

"Upskilling the Parramatta Light Rail project's existing workforce helps to bolster the industry to meet the demands of the growing infrastructure construction sector," Dr Lee said.

"Workers suitable for apprenticeships will continue to be identified and supported throughout the project, by continually assessing skilled labour requirements and creating fresh employment pathways."

The six apprentices have commenced their formal training and will graduate in April 2022.

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