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JOBS BOOST AS SYDNEY FISH MARKET HITS MAJOR MILESTONE

The new Sydney Fish Market has hit a major milestone with a contract awarded to begin construction, creating jobs for NSW now and into the future.

Minister for Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney Stuart Ayres said the award of a contract on the pivotal \$750 million project demonstrates the NSW Government's commitment to stimulating the economy while providing infrastructure for the local community and visitors alike.

"The new Sydney Fish Market is set to become a world-class cultural icon for Sydney, creating jobs for the economy, boosting tourism and showcasing Sydney's beautiful Blackwattle Bay," Mr Ayres said.

"After careful consideration and a competitive process Multiplex has been appointed to start construction on the fish markets, with work to start early next year.

"Fast-tracking our infrastructure projects is vital in stimulating our State's economic recovery in these challenging times."

"More than 700 jobs will be created during construction, with a further 700 jobs to be supported upon completion in 2024, providing a much-needed boost to the local economy.

"Once complete, the new Sydney Fish Market will play a vital role in attracting local and international visitors to bolster tourism in Sydney and stimulate the local economy."

David Ghannoum, Regional Managing Director Multiplex said the new Sydney Fish Market is set to become one of Australia's best tourist destinations.

"We are excited to have been awarded the tender and to work with the NSW Government on this game-changing project," Mr Ghannoum said.

"With its award-winning design, the modernised Sydney Fish Market will retain an authentic marine and seafood market experience and strengthen its position as one of Australia's leading tourist destinations."

Greg Dyer, CEO of Sydney Fish Market said the new Sydney Fish Market will transform the area, returning the foreshore to the public, opening more public space, and improving pedestrian and cycling links.

"The new market will be world class. Representing the very best traditions of the present market but utilising stunning design and architecture to house our operations - fishers, wholesalers, retailers and restaurants - in what will be an amazing experience for local, interstate and overseas visitors"

The Sydney Fish Market redevelopment is one of many projects fast tracked through Government's new Planning System Acceleration Program, introduced to keep people in jobs and the economy moving in response to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Multiplex will begin work in early 2021, after the completion of early works and site preparation, and the entire project is on track to be completed in 2024.

The current Sydney Fish Market site will remain fully operational while the new site is being built.

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