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SYDNEY FOOTBALL STADIUM SUPPORTING ECONOMY

The Sydney Football Stadium is boosting the NSW economic recovery by securing jobs and keeping the State's construction pipeline delivering during COVID-19.

Acting Minister for Sport, Geoff Lee said the start of piling works this week marks a major milestone for the project.

"Over 1500 support piles are going into the ground to form a strong foundation for the new state-of-the-art Sydney Football Stadium," said Mr Lee.

"NSW already has the country's biggest infrastructure program and projects like this ensure we continue to deliver jobs and stimulate the economy."

Over the next two years, the project will create over 800 jobs and inject hundreds of millions into the NSW economy.

John Holland commenced stage two works in December 2019, and the stadium remains on schedule to be ready to host the 2022 NRL Grand Final.

"We want NSW to have the best stadiums in the country and this will be a world-class venue with first-class facilities putting fans closer to the action with the best sightlines," said Mr Lee.

"The new Sydney Football Stadium will seat all 42,500 fans undercover to guarantee a fantastic spectator experience.

"Fans will never have to miss a minute of the action, with the open concourse allowing views of the field of play from the food and beverage outlets."

John Holland's project team have put a number of health and safety protocols in place, consistent with Government advice, to ensure work could continue safely throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

A total of 1539 piles will be drilled up to 33 metres in the ground to support the stadium structure. The remainder of 2020 will see continued bulk earthworks and piling, as well as the construction of the stadium's basement.

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