

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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## **NSW GOVERNMENT KICKING STADIUM GOALS**

Delivery of the new Sydney Football Stadium remains on time and on budget with the NSW Government shortlisting two firms to construct the world-class facility.

Minister for Sport John Sidoti confirmed Multiplex and John Holland had been identified as companies capable of delivering the new Sydney Football Stadium, with both organisations being invited to participate in the competitive tender process to deliver stage two of the project.

"The two shortlisted parties have a wealth of experience in delivering high quality infrastructure projects," Mr Sidoti said.

"The winning bidder will be announced later this year, following the receipt of stage two planning approval and completion of the tender evaluation."

The Liberals & Nationals Government is committed to delivering its election promises and getting value for money for the people of NSW.

"We know that if we want to continue attracting global events we need our stadiums to be the best in the world but the NSW public expects us to negotiate the best price," Mr Sidoti said.

"Our investment in our stadia network will drive growth in the visitor economy and ensure Sydney remains the major events capital of Australia."

Lendlease will continue to oversee stage one demolition work at Sydney Football Stadium, which is on track for completion by the end of the year.

Mr Sidoti also said the NSW Government was getting on with delivering on its \$810 million redevelopment of Stadium Australia, with the project now proceeding to community consultation and development application.

"The NSW Government's plan delivers the experience fans deserve. The refurbished Stadium Australia will move 46,000 seats up to 25 metres closer to the action to create more atmosphere," Mr Sidoti said.

"Once complete, Stadium Australia will be the biggest rectangular stadium in the

country, enabling NSW to host the best events in the world."

"It also allows us to retain our Olympic legacy, while giving the stadium the refurbishment it needs to be purpose fit for the next 40 years which will see us attract and retain world class events."

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