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MAJOR DEMOLITION MAKES WAY FOR FUTURE WESTERN SYDNEY HOME OF SPORT

Demolition has started on the Western Stand at Pirtek Stadium, where the site is almost leveled for the world-class 30,000 seat Western Sydney Stadium to be delivered.

Minister for Sport Stuart Ayres said demolition of the historic stadium is bittersweet as buzz continues to build around Western Sydney's future home of sport.

"As we see the old stands being torn down we can rest assured Western Sydney Stadium will set a new standard for sporting experience in Sydney- a precinct of global significance we can all be proud of, designed with the entire fan experience in mind," Mr Ayres said.

"Almost 31 years to the day it first opened, the Western Stand of this 31 year old stadium is being pulled to the ground using cranes, bobcats and excavators.

"Valuable items have been safely stored and smaller clubs across NSW like the Moree Boars and Blue Mountains Cricket Association have collected items like chairs and signage.

"We're now ready to release Stage Two plans this month and offer the community a chance to give their views on detailed design, construction and operation of the new stadium," Mr Ayres said.

Member for Parramatta Geoff Lee said community feedback will inform the next stage of plans for the project which will eventually employ about 2000 people during construction and ongoing operations to support major sporting events.

"The new Western Sydney Stadium is the centerpiece of an infrastructure boom occurring across Parramatta, thanks to unprecedented NSW Government investments in health, cultural, public transport and residential infrastructure in our region," Mr Lee said.

"Designed to respect Parramatta's cultural heritage, the Western Sydney Stadium precinct will offer pedestrian and public transport links and improved access to Parramatta Park.

"We are seeing cranes as far as the eye can see and the infrastructure to match and we strongly urge the community to have a say on this exciting new development," Mr Lee said.

Council and Parramatta Park Trust are continuing their investigations into two possible locations to relocate Parramatta War Memorial Swimming Centre with interim arrangements in place for users of the pool. Stage Two plans will be published at planning.nsw.gov.au.

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Drone footage of demolition: <https://app.frame.io/f/xMyEkdr4>

New artist impressions of new Western Sydney Stadium precinct:

https://www.dropbox.com/sh/o3083gdym2og9b1/AADhA7LRvrjilnpogbqyhJX_a?dl=0