



# Media Release

**David Campbell MP**

**Minister for Transport**

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## **THREE BUSINESS CONSORTIA BID FOR SYDNEY METRO PROJECT**

*The NSW Government has invested \$3.6 billion in 626 new rail carriages for passengers.*

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Three short-listed construction consortia have been asked to bid for the contract to build Sydney Metro stage one, NSW Transport Minister David Campbell today said.

Mr Campbell said tenders for the PRI (Permanent Route Infrastructure) contract had been issued to the consortia, which is made up of leading national and international companies.

“This is an exciting step forward for the Sydney Metro project as we move towards the beginning of construction,” Mr Campbell said.

“During construction the winning bidder will drill up to 4 kilometres per year beneath the city’s streets.

“The NSW Government is delivering the transport step change to metro rail through the construction of the fully funded Sydney Metro stage one Central to Rozelle.

“While the Government is investing in the state’s transport future, and delivering a project that will create thousands of jobs, the Opposition has committed to killing off metros for Sydney.”

Mr Campbell said the short-listed bidders who had received tender documents were (in no particular order):

<b>Line 1</b>	McConnell Dowell Corporation / Abigroup / Obayashi Corporation
<b>Metro Primo</b>	Leighton Contractors / S.E.L.I. Spa
<b>Thiess / John Holland JV</b>	Thiess / John Holland JV

The contract involves construction of twin 7 kilometre tunnels and also excavation of the station caverns along the route.

“Over 1.27 million cubic meters of material will be removed as part of the tunnel construction,” Mr Campbell said.

“The three consortia will be requested to submit a tender later this year, with a contract expected to be awarded by mid next year and construction work starting by the end of 2010.”

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