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New tunnel leads to new recreation space

The disused Hornsby Quarry will soon get a new lease on life, with excavated materials from tunnelling on the NorthConnex project being relocated to form the foundation of a new recreational precinct.

Visiting the quarry site today, Minister for Urban Infrastructure Paul Fletcher said final environmental approval was granted earlier this week, allowing around one million cubic metres of excavated material to be taken to Hornsby Quarry during construction.

“The quarry site will now be set up over the rest of the year, with tunnelling and quarry filling expected to start early next year,” Mr Fletcher said.

Member for Berowra Julian Leeser said, “This project has dual benefits in both the recycling of unwanted material to an area in need of rehabilitation, while giving valuable green space back to the community.

“I commend Hornsby Shire Council on their vision in making plans to turn this piece of our commercial past into an exciting part of our community’s future.”

Setting up the site includes widening Bridge Road and Old Man’s Valley access track to cater for soil carrying trucks, building a conveyor system to transport material to the quarry floor and a second conveyor system in the pit to spread and place the excavated material.

Member for Hornsby Matt Kean said, “Not only will the local council be able to build a new recreational area after tunnelling is complete, but before construction starts we will ensure a new access road for Hornsby TAFE is built as well as noise suppressing mounds around the quarry site.”

Mayor of Hornsby Shire Council Steve Russell said, “The community were front and centre in our plans for reusing the quarry site.”

“This is a long standing issue for residents and it’s great to see a win-win situation come as a result of the NorthConnex project.”

Member for Epping Damien Tudehope said the Construction and Environmental Management Plan approved this week made sure community members and the environment would see the least disturbance possible from the project.

Work will be completed on weekdays between 7am and 6pm and Saturdays between 8am and 1pm, weather permitting, and the community will be kept informed of changed traffic conditions.

The Hornsby Quarry Project is being jointly funded by the Australian and New South Wales Governments and Hornsby Shire Council.

NorthConnex will provide a nine kilometre tunnel connection between the M1 Pacific Motorway at Wahroonga and the M2 Hills Motorway at West Pennant Hills. For more information, visit www.rms.nsw.gov.au/projects/sydney-north/hornsby-quarry or northconnex.com.au

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