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WEST PENNANT HILLS

New training hub to tap into NorthConnex

Will use tunnel project for on-the-job training

Nigel Gladstone

A NEW training hub for 300 apprentices and other workers opened yesterday in West Pennant Hills at the NorthConnex work site.

New Deputy Premier and Minister for Skills John Barilaro, NSW Roads Minister Duncan Gay and Hornsby state Liberal MP Matt Kean opened the skills centre, which will use the motorway project for on-the-job training.

“More than 8700 jobs will be created during the life-time of the NorthConnex project, and 300 of those will be trained here at the NorthConnex training hub,” Mr Kean said. “That is 300 chippies, sparkies, tunnellers and labourers newly qualified or refining what they already know at a



An artist impression of NorthConnex.

job which will provide work for the next two years.”

Mr Kean said it was also a chance to create “pathways for the next generation of apprentices in NSW”.

“NorthConnex will not be the only project that benefits from investing in these workers,” Mr Kean said.

“We are in the midst of an infrastructure boom. We’re not just providing the jobs for qualified workers –

we’re helping the unemployed start a career and making sure the workers we do have on-site are building world-class projects using state-of-the-art skills and machinery.”

NorthConnex is a 9km tunnel that will link the M1 Pacific Motorway at Wahroonga with the Hills M2 Motorway at West Pennant Hills. It is due to open in 2019.