



Media Release

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Eastern Concourse taking shape

The new Eastern Concourse at EnergyAustralia Stadium is taking shape, with work now started on the concrete pour for the tiered terrace.

Contractors undertook detailed excavation and foundation work during December and January to allow the concreting to take place on schedule.

Concrete sections of 9m x 9m will be poured daily until completion in mid-March. While the pouring continues, work will start in mid-February on the installation of more than 5,000 permanent seats.

Hunter ISC Trust President Ted Atchison said that he was pleased with the progress to date and is confident that the concourse will be ready for the Newcastle Knights first home game of the 2004 NRL season against the Sydney Roosters on the weekend of April 16-18.

"The contractors are working to a very tight schedule and to date have met the construction targets as expected," Mr Atchison said.

While work continues on the concourse, a committee comprising representatives of the Department of Commerce, the Trust and project consultants will be assessing the tenders for the construction of the grandstand superstructure which have now closed.

An announcement on the successful tenderer is expected early February, with work expected to start immediately. The project is due for completion by the end of the year.

For further information

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