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## JOBS BOOM FOR WESTERN SYDNEY AEROTROPOLIS

A landmark rezoning will see 6,500 hectares of land rezoned to provide for employment, residential and environmental uses in the Western Sydney Aerotropolis, setting the State up for a strong economic recovery and paving the way for land to be developed before the first plane takes off in 2026.

Minister for Planning and Public Spaces Rob Stokes said the rezoning of the Aerotropolis Core, Badgerys Creek, Northern Gateway, Agribusiness and Wianamatta-South Creek was the catalyst for the creation of Sydney's third city centred on a new global airport.

"These first five precincts will deliver much-needed jobs growth to Western Sydney, providing the potential for 100,000 new jobs, as well as homes for 30,000 residents once fully developed," Mr Stokes said.

Mr Stokes added that the Aerotropolis would be supported by the Wianamatta-South Creek precinct, which sets up a central green spine to protect the environment and provide open space for future residents and visitors to enjoy.

"This 1,300-hectare precinct will include walking and cycling trails that connect open space along the creek as well as cafes and restaurants."

Minister for Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney Stuart Ayres said the Aerotropolis will be a major contributor to the 200,000 future jobs that will be created across the Western Parkland City over the next 20 years.

"This high-skill jobs hub is set to become the most dynamic economic development precinct in Australia with jobs in aerospace and defence, manufacturing, healthcare, freight and logistics, agribusiness, education and research industries," Mr Ayres said.

"Today's approval lays the foundations for the transformation of 6,500 hectares of land into a thriving metropolis with new homes, jobs and public spaces supported by a new, world-class Metro line,"

In addition, the Agribusiness precinct will revolutionise local fresh food farming as produce can go from the farm gate to the international consumer plate in 36 hours.

The Western Sydney Aerotropolis rezoning is one of 10 projects in the fifth tranche of the NSW Government's Planning System Acceleration Program. To date, the program has created opportunities for more than 50,000 jobs and almost \$25 billion worth of economic investment.

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