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## Treasurer's message

Western Sydney is the culturally diverse centre of a booming economy, producing the highly skilled jobs of tomorrow.

Western Sydney's population of two million is forecast to expand by a further one million people over the next 20 years.

Greater Sydney is experiencing record levels of home completions: around two-thirds of new homes in the last year were built in, or west of, Parramatta.

Each day, Western Sydney residents make more than 845,000 journeys to and from work.

And the new Western Sydney Airport at Badgerys Creek will be a significant driver of activity in the area. It is forecast to inject \$1.9 billion into the local economy and 11,000 new jobs during construction, and create 60,000 jobs over the longer term.

While this growth is a sign of the region's many opportunities, it also presents challenges for housing, infrastructure and traffic, as well as putting pressure on the region's hospitals and schools. However, as a good government should, we are taking action to address these challenges.

We are providing the region with strong transport links, which will also create additional job opportunities for local residents. This Budget includes more than **\$1.0 billion** to fund better roads across Western Sydney, complementing the **\$3.6 billion** Western Sydney Infrastructure Plan.

To meet the educational needs of this fast-expanding region, the Government will invest around **\$1.7 billion** over the next five years for additional classrooms across Western Sydney. This investment in the region's future includes upgrades to public schools and a new primary school in North Kellyville.

The Government is also committed to expanding vital healthcare services, commencing major redevelopments at Campbelltown Hospital and the Sydney Children's Hospital at Westmead.

And in an Australian first, we are proud to include funding for community-based palliative care services in the Western Sydney Local Health District. This approach to funding care at a critical stage of life is part of the Government's **\$100 million** palliative care strategy.

Our investments demonstrate strong commitment to Western Sydney's residents of today and tomorrow.

**Dominic Perrottet**  
NSW Treasurer



# Our vision

The Greater Sydney Commission's draft plan *Towards our Greater Sydney 2056* sets out a long-term vision to create a more productive, liveable and sustainable Greater Sydney. The future of Western Sydney, defined as the South West, West and West Central Districts of Greater Sydney's District Plans, is crucial to delivering this vision.

Western Sydney is a rapidly growing employment and residential centre with vibrant multicultural communities. It is rich in indigenous, colonial and migrant heritage, and is close to green spaces and national parks.

Over a quarter of the New South Wales population lives in Western Sydney and it continues to grow at a faster pace than the rest of the State. Employment is also growing at a faster rate than the State as a whole, and Western Sydney accounts for almost half of total housing approvals. Job opportunities will continue to grow with the construction and completion of the Western Sydney Airport.

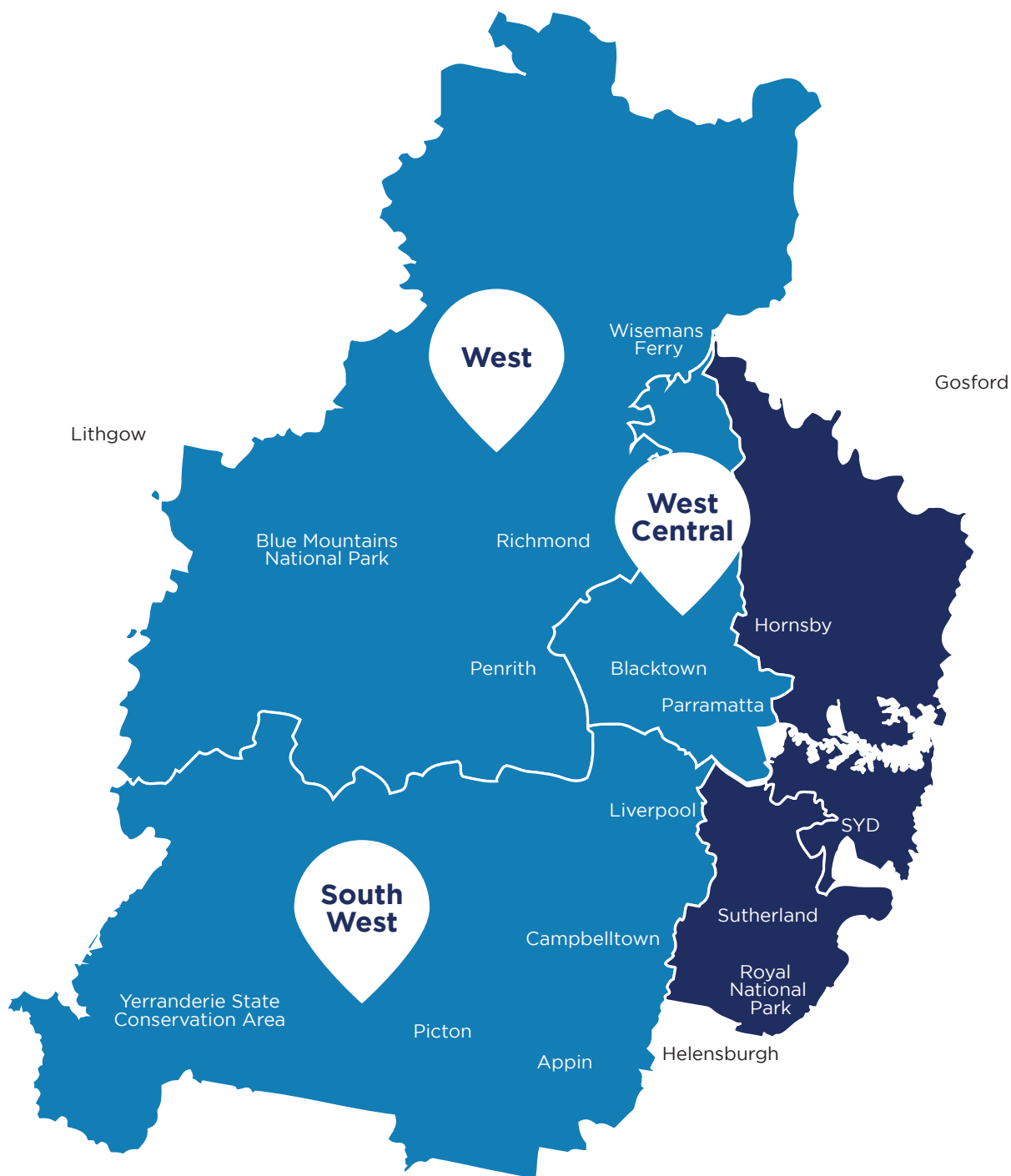
That is why the Government is continuing to invest in hospitals, schools, roads, public transport, sporting facilities and green spaces; to address the needs of Western Sydney residents and help support a productive and thriving community.

The Government is also taking an innovative approach to planning and investment. In October 2016, the NSW Premier and Commonwealth Prime Minister signed a *New South Wales City Deal Memorandum of Understanding*. The Commonwealth and NSW Governments are working together with local governments across Sydney's West and South West Districts towards a landmark City Deal agreement for Western Sydney.

The City Deal is bringing together all three levels of government in a collaborative partnership to realise the potential of Sydney's outer west, and will focus on:

- » an increase in infrastructure investment, including transformative public transport projects to unlock the economic potential of the region, reduce congestion and support local needs
- » a program of employment and investment attraction to support the development of the region, through reduced business regulation, investment in skills and removing barriers to employment, including a focus on youth and indigenous employment
- » improving housing affordability through support for increased supply and housing diversity, including improvements to planning and zoning regulations and medium to higher density developments in appropriate locations
- » improved environmental and liveability outcomes, including streamlined and coordinated biodiversity conservation, support for clean air, green spaces, and vibrant arts and cultural experiences
- » coordination between governments to deliver regulatory reforms that better integrate infrastructure, land use, housing and environmental planning decisions to facilitate growth.

# Western Sydney at a glance



Number of residents:

- » West Central District: 971,700
- » West District: 348,900
- » South West District: 705,700

There are 143,781 businesses operating in Western Sydney, and the five largest employing industries in Western Sydney are:

- » healthcare (11.1 per cent)
- » retail (10.9 per cent)
- » construction (10.2 per cent)
- » manufacturing (9.5 per cent)
- » transport (7.8 per cent)\*.

*\* On ABS Statistical Area Level 4 basis*



# Investing for the future

## Connecting Western Sydney

Connecting people to their workplace and to one another, safely and quickly, is a key priority of this Government. This Budget allocates more than **\$1.0 billion** in 2017-18 to new roads and road upgrades across Western Sydney. This program of work includes an investment of **\$153.0 million** in 2017-18 towards the **Western Sydney Growth Roads Program**. Highlights for 2017-18 include:

- » **\$43.9 million** for the Schofields Road upgrade (from Tallawong Road to Vernon Road, and Vernon Road to Richmond Road, via South Street)
- » **\$26.9 million** to widen Narellan Road to six lanes from Camden Valley Way to Denham Court Road
- » **\$17.5 million** towards the stage one upgrade of Campbelltown Road from Camden Valley Way to Denham Court Road
- » **\$16.0 million** for Memorial Avenue from Old Windsor Road to Windsor Road
- » **\$13.4 million** towards planning for the upgrade of Jane Street and Mulgoa Road
- » **\$11.1 million** for traffic improvements at Riverstone
- » **\$4.5 million** to widen Appin Road with intersection upgrades at Menangle Park.

In addition, we are working with the Commonwealth Government to fund the **\$3.6 billion Western Sydney Infrastructure Plan**, which includes scoping work on a rail connection to the Western Sydney Airport.

A total of **\$648.0 million** of the **Western Sydney Infrastructure Plan** will be spent in 2017-18 including:

- » **\$485.2 million** in 2017-18 towards works on the Northern Road
- » **\$99.3 million** in 2017-18 to upgrade Bringelly Road.

The **Western Sydney Growth Roads Program** and **Western Sydney Infrastructure Plan** complement other Government initiatives in Western Sydney including planning for Parramatta Light Rail (**\$25.0 million**) and for new ferries to support growth in the Parramatta River services (**\$10.0 million**).



Parramatta Light Rail



## Making Western Sydney a great place to live and work

The Government is investing **\$160.5 million** in 2017-18 in a new Western Sydney Stadium at Parramatta, which will deliver major benefits to the Western Sydney economy. The stadium will not only attract world-class sporting and entertainment events, but will also employ 1,200 people during construction and more than 900 people once up and running.

In addition, the 2017-18 Budget announces:

- » up to **\$30.0 million** to partner with the City of Parramatta to construct a new aquatic centre
- » **\$2.4 million** to upgrade systems at the Sydney International Shooting Centre.

As more people continue to move to Western Sydney, this Government is committed to supporting businesses to locate within the region. The 2017-18 Budget provides **\$10.0 million** towards creating new infrastructure for business hubs at The Horsley Drive, Eastern Creek and Bringelly Road, providing benefits for the community and economy.

This complements the new concept plan for a business hub in West Hoxton announced in 2016 that will create 120 construction jobs, provide 130 jobs once complete and will inject a total of **\$14.7 million** into the economy.

This Budget also announces environmental initiatives that will provide great leisure facilities for residents, as well as encouraging local biodiversity.

A park improvement program is being funded with **\$11.0 million** in 2017-18 provided to Western Sydney Parklands Trust. The program includes the activation and linking of the Northern and Southern Parklands, improved play and recreational areas and restoration and expansion of the bushland corridor.

The Government is also providing **\$54.0 million** over five years for land management and biodiversity conservation reforms and strategic conservation planning for Western Sydney. This funding package is one way in which the Government is fulfilling its election commitment to deliver major productivity benefits for farmers, cost savings for developers and better biodiversity conservation.

## Providing world class healthcare and hospitals

The 2017-18 Budget recognises the need for quality, local health facilities to serve the growing population of Western Sydney. Investments include:

- » **\$5 million** in 2017-18 to commence Campbelltown Hospital redevelopment (including the Mental Health and South West Paediatric services), at an estimated total cost of **\$632.0 million**
- » **\$5.0 million** in 2017-18 to commence redevelopment of the Sydney Children's Hospital Westmead, at an estimated total cost of **\$95.0 million**
- » **\$34.0 million** in 2017-18 for redevelopment of Nepean Hospital and Integrated Ambulatory Services, at an estimated total cost of **\$550.0 million**
- » **\$104.1 million** in 2017-18 to continue the redevelopment of Blacktown and Mount Druitt Hospitals, with an estimated total cost of **\$659.0 million**
- » new capital projects for Campbelltown Hospital car park and Nepean Hospital car park
- » the Resolve mental health social impact investment, including a support centre in Penrith
- » **\$38.9 million** over the next four years for community based palliative care services in Western Sydney Local Health District. This includes a 24-hour, seven-day-a-week on-call specialist palliative care service at home and nursing services in residential aged care facilities
- » continuing works on the redevelopment of Westmead Hospital (Stage 1) and the Westmead Hospital car park, Blacktown Hospital car park and Forensic Pathology/Coroner's Court in Lidcombe.



### Supporting a skilled community

Western Sydney will benefit from the record **\$4.2 billion** investment over four years in new and upgraded schools infrastructure, announced in this Budget.

Education investments in Western Sydney include:

- » St Clair Innovation Centre rebuild and upgrade
- » Carlingford Public School upgrade
- » works are continuing on new schools at Arthur Phillip High School, Bella Vista Public School, Hurlstone Agricultural High School, Narellan School, North Kellyville Public School, Parramatta Public School, O’Connell Street Public School and Wentworth Point Public School
- » upgrades are progressing at Ajuga School, Auburn North Public School, Bardia Public School, Campbell House School, Cecil Hills Public School, Glenfield Park School, a selective high school at Glenfield, Lidcombe Public School, Oran Park Public School, Prestons Public School, Rosehill Public School and William Stimson Public School.

The Government is also establishing the Aboriginal Centre for Excellence in Western Sydney, which has a particular focus on assisting young Aboriginal people to effectively transition to education, training and sustainable employment and connecting them to the economic opportunities stemming from the region’s growth.



### Protecting our communities

The Government is stepping up its investment in emergency services and justice in Western Sydney to provide state-of-the-art facilities and training to keep residents safe. These initiatives create local jobs through both construction and operation. Other investments include:

- » **\$5.0 million** in 2017-18 towards training equipment at the new fire and rescue training academy at Erskine Park
- » the Government has approved new fire stations at Oran Park and Marsden Park at estimated costs of **\$4.9 million** and **\$5.0 million** respectively with construction on both stations to commence in 2018-19
- » continued works on the new Mount Druitt Fire and Rescue Station (total cost of **\$3.1 million**) and the new police station at Mount Druitt (total cost of **\$25.0 million**)
- » **\$740,000** in 2017-18 to deliver the Youth on Track program in Blacktown, Mount Druitt and Quakers Hill.



