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MASSIVE BUDGET BOOST FOR WESTERN SYDNEY

From record investments in transport and roads to six new schools and unprecedented funding to start delivery of the Bradfield City Centre in the Western Sydney Aerotropolis, billions of dollars are being injected into Western Sydney in today's 2021-22 NSW Budget.

Minister for Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney Stuart Ayres said the NSW Budget includes funding that will deliver infrastructure to help realise the vision of Western Sydney as a thriving metropolis supporting thousands of jobs.

“As we lock in our strong recovery, we want to create 200,000 jobs in the Western Parkland City over the next 20 years and by building critical infrastructure now we are positioning Western Sydney for a prosperous future,” Mr Ayres said.

“The Bradfield City Centre will be Australia’s newest city, it will be a hub of advanced manufacturing, aerospace and defence, as well as health and education and create new economic opportunities for residents and businesses of the Western Parkland City.

“These investments are a huge win for the people of Western Sydney – this area is one of the fastest-growing regions in Australia and by making these investments now we are laying the foundations for a truly world-class city.”

Wins for Western Sydney in the NSW Budget include:

TRANSPORT

- **\$2.9 billion** capital expenditure in 2021-22, (\$12.0 billion over four years), to progress construction of Sydney Metro West, which will provide a faster and more reliable journey between Westmead and the Sydney CBD;
- **\$943 million** capital expenditure in 2021-22, (\$8.0 billion over four years), for the planning and construction for the NSW and Commonwealth Government funded Sydney Metro - Western Sydney Airport, to be completed in time for the opening of the new Western Sydney (Nancy Bird Walton) International Airport;
- **\$657 million** capital expenditure in 2021-22 to continue construction of Parramatta Light Rail Stage 1 and 2 to support growth in Western Sydney by growing communities and places, and to continue planning for Stage 2 which would connect to Stage 1 and run north of the Parramatta River through the rapidly developing suburbs of Ermington, Melrose Park and Wentworth Point to Sydney Olympic Park;
- **\$269.4 million** capital expenditure in 2021-22, (\$1.3 billion over four years), for NSW and Commonwealth Government funded road upgrades to support the new Western Sydney Airport at Badgerys Creek, including The Northern Road between Narellan and Penrith and the M12 Motorway;

- **\$201.4 million** capital expenditure in 2021-22, (\$899.7 million over four years), for the Western Sydney Growth Roads program to accommodate population and employment growth in Western Sydney.

HEALTH

- **\$162.3 million** in 2021-22 for the \$1 billion redevelopment of Nepean Hospital;
- **\$162 million** in 2021-22 (as part of a \$632 million project) for the Campbelltown Hospital Redevelopment Stage 2, including the Mental Health and South West Paediatric services;
- **\$111.3 million** in 2021-22 for the \$790 million investment in Liverpool Hospital and car park;
- **\$109.6 million** in 2021-22 (as part of \$1.3 billion project) for the Bankstown and Lidcombe Hospital and Community Health Services Redevelopment;
- **\$101.4 million** in 2021-22 for the more than \$1.6 billion development of the Westmead Precinct;
- **\$43.3 million** in 2021-22 (as part of \$300 million project) for the Rouse Hill Health Service.

EDUCATION

The Budget provides an additional \$2.1 billion for 44 new and upgraded schools, half of which are in Western Sydney. These 22 schools represent a \$1.2 billion investment over four years

The new schools are at:

- Edmondson Park (new high school);
- Gregory Hills (new primary school);
- South-West Sydney (new selective high school);
- Marsden Park (new high school);
- Westmead South (new primary school); and
- Wilton Junction (new primary school).

INFRASTRUCTURE

- More than **\$1.0 billion** to kick start work on the Bradfield City Centre, including:
 - **\$975.5 million** for Stage 1 Enabling Works to establish, remediate and allow site access to the new Bradfield City Centre which includes \$105.5 million in operating expenditure from 2025-26
 - **\$138.5 million** for Bradfield's First Building which includes a \$24.9 million high-tech facility which will house \$22.9 million worth of shared-used equipment for research institutions and industry to collaborate.

- **\$139.3 million** in 2021-22 to deliver the Accelerated Infrastructure Fund 2, which will provide funding to councils in high growth areas, including Wollondilly, Liverpool, Blacktown, The Hills, Campbelltown and Camden, to support construction activity and the release of new homes and employment areas in key greenfield sites.

SKILLS

- \$37.4 million over five years on a pilot of the New Education Training Model (NETM) which is a new model of tertiary education aimed at helping advanced industries access skilled labour. It will provide more than 7,000 courses for almost 3,000 students.

CULTURAL INVESTMENT

- **\$156.2 million** in 2021-22 towards continuing plans for the Powerhouse Museum in Parramatta as the flagship Museum, as well as funding for the Castle Hill Museum Discovery Centre.
- **\$4.5 million** to upgrade venues at the Eastern Creek Motor Sports Precinct, improving safety, lighting and attendance facilities as part of the Government's Motor Sports Strategy. These upgrades will help establish a night-time racing economy, increase visitation and participation in motor sports at all levels.

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