

Media Release

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BUILDING BETTER CITIES ACROSS NSW

The NSW Government's six cities vision will come to life with a significant investment in the 2022-23 Budget for some of our most iconic public spaces and the connections between them.

Minister for Infrastructure, Cities and Active Transport Rob Stokes said a centrepiece of the plan was the \$500 million commitment to bringing faster rail a step closer, with the first stage of the Northern Corridor which includes electrified rail tracks between Tuggerah and Wyong.

"Our cities are engines of productivity and prosperity for our state. Investing in city shaping projects like transport, public spaces and essential infrastructure will make the six cities some of the world's best places to raise families and do business," Mr Stokes said.

"We also want to reimagine Circular Quay which is the gateway to Australia and supports the economy by attracting millions of dollars each year through tourism."

Projects include:

- \$346 million over four years for improvements to the Greater Sydney Parklands, which includes growing the Western Sydney Parklands with a diverse range of recreational, entertainment and tourist facilities
- \$324 million will be invested over four years on the Royal Botanic Gardens including the Brown Building and Domain Depot as part of the reinvigoration of Macquarie Street East
- \$216.4 million will be spent over three years to further progress the design for a significant transformation of Circular Quay which includes renewing the wharves and railway station
- For the inner west, \$48.8 million will be invested into remediation and conservation works for the White Bay Power Station, to return the building to a safe and structurally sound standard to enable its future re-use as part of the wider Bays West development
- \$30.2 million over two years will establish the Greater Cities Commission with its expanded remit over the Six Cities, including \$20.2 million to undertake critical planning priorities on the Central Coast

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