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## **AEROTROPOLIS AND WESTERN PARKLAND CITY VISION TAKES SHAPE IN THE NSW BUDGET**

Realising the vision for the Western Parkland City has taken a big leap forward in the NSW Budget, with funding allocated towards several key projects in and around the Western Sydney Aerotropolis.

Minister for Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney Stuart Ayres said the NSW Budget includes funding to kick start business cases on the Advanced Manufacturing Research Facility (AMRF) and the New Education Training Model (NETM).

“Our vision is for the Western Parkland City to be Australia’s home of science, technology, engineering, mathematics and the catalyst for advanced careers,” Mr Ayres said.

“That is why we are getting on with the job of producing a business case for an initial 13,000sq m AMRF with space for business, industry and government to test great ideas and take them from a concept to a reality.

“At the same time a separate business case will be produced for a new model of education (NETM) centred around micro-credentials to close skills gaps and create a highly skilled local workforce.”

The business cases for the AMRF and NETM are a crucial stage in the delivery of the key projects which will help drive the creation of more than 200,000 jobs across the Western Parkland City and are expected to be finalised by mid-2021.

“The NSW Government already has 18 Memorandums of Understanding in place with global and local companies keen to have a presence in the Aerotropolis, and the CSIRO has agreed to move 450 of its staff into a new state of the art facility at the heart of the new CBD,” Mr Ayres said.

“We are now well on the way to realising our vision for the Western Parkland City which will support a jobs boom.”

Other wins for Western Sydney in the NSW Budget include:

- **\$1.3 billion** in 2020-21 to continue construction of the WestConnex Motorway including delivery of the final stage of the project, the M4-M5 link tunnels and Rozelle Interchange by 2023;
- **\$810 million** in 2020-21 for the planning and construction of the Sydney Metro – Western Sydney Airport rail line (State and Federal funded);

- **\$547.9 million** in 2020-21 for roads upgrades to support the new Western Sydney Airport at Badgerys Creek, including The Northern Road between Narellan and Penrith and the M12 Motorway (State and Federal funded);
- **\$656.5 million** in 2020-21 for the continued construction of Parramatta Light Rail Stage 1;
- **\$197.4 million** over the next four years for the Prospect Highway upgrade (State and Federal funded), including \$13.9 million in 2020-21;
- **\$150 million** over next three years for Land and Housing Corporation to accelerate place-based redevelopment projects at the Airds-Bradbury and Claymore housing estates in south-west Sydney. This will deliver more than 500 new social homes and 1,000 new land lots for sale to build private homes as part of the Government's Fast-Track Housing Construction Package;
- **A share of \$16.6 million** over two years for infrastructure at the Botanic Gardens Western Sydney. \$16 million to increase participation in sport and cultural activities and improve visitor experiences at key Sydney Olympic Park facilities, including a refurbishment of the Aquatic Centre, upgrade of the Quay Centre and the enhancement of Bicentennial Park;
- **\$269.9 million** in 2020-21 (total Government contribution of \$840 million) to continue the new Powerhouse Museum at Parramatta and the expansion of the Museum Discovery Centre in Castle Hill. These facilities incorporate exhibition spaces to enable the delivery of an ambitious, dynamic and constantly changing program of exhibitions showcasing Powerhouse Collections;
- **\$39.9 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$81.4 million project over three years) for capital works and maintenance at Stadium Australia;
- Commencement of the \$1.3 billion Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital and Community Health Services Redevelopment;
- **\$224.1 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$632 million project) for the Campbelltown Hospital Redevelopment Stage 2;
- **\$221.3 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$550 million project) for Stage 1 of the Nepean Hospital and Integrated Ambulatory Services Redevelopment and **\$15 million** (as part of a \$450 million project) for the commencement of Stage 2 of the Nepean Hospital Redevelopment and Associated Community Based Services;
- **\$87.2 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$832.3 million project) for the Westmead Hospital Redevelopment Stage 1, **\$19.8 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$95 million project) for the completion of the Children's Hospital at Westmead 1 Stage 1, and **\$16.5 million** 2020-21 (as part of a \$619 million project) for the Children's Hospital at Westmead Stage 2;
- **\$53.1 million** in 2020-21 (as part of a \$740 million project) for the Liverpool Innovation Precinct;
- A new primary school at Edmondson Park and upgrades at Carlingford West Public School;
- **\$46.3 million** in 2020-21 to deliver the upgraded Picton High School;
- **\$40.8 million** in 2020-21 to continue construction of the new primary school at Leppington;
- **\$35.5 million** in 2020-21 to continue construction of the new primary school at Marsden Park; and
- **\$24.7 million** in 2020-21 to deliver the upgraded Wentworthville Public School.

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