



**Stuart Ayres**  
Minister for Western Sydney

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### **NEW AUTHORITY TO BRING WESTERN PARKLAND CITY AND AEROTROPOLIS TO LIFE**

The design and delivery of the Western Sydney Aerotropolis is taking shape with the establishment of the Western City and Aerotropolis Authority (WCAA).

The WCAA will drive local and international investment - the catalyst for job creation and education opportunities across the Western Parkland City.

NSW Minister for Western Sydney Stuart Ayres said the Aerotropolis will drive employment growth in the metropolitan centres of Liverpool, Penrith and Campbelltown, Camden and the broader Western City.

“The Aerotropolis will be the catalyst for the 200,000 jobs that the three levels of government committed to creating in the Western Parkland City through the Western Sydney City Deal,” Mr Ayres said.

“International industries are already being attracted to the Aerotropolis including Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group and Northrop Grumman.”

Federal Minister for Cities, Urban Infrastructure and Population Alan Tudge said the WCAA will lead the master planning of the Aerotropolis.

“Over the next 20 years, the eight council areas within the Western Parkland City will collectively grow by 500,000 residents - as a result we are working to deliver a new city with a population of 1.5 million - bigger than the current size of Adelaide,” Mr Tudge said.

“The Aerotropolis will provide employment and lifestyle opportunities for generations to come.”

The eight councils will also join the WCAA in planning key strategic sites across the Western Parkland City.

Health Infrastructure NSW CEO Sam Sangster has been appointed as CEO of WCAA with the Western Parkland City Chief Coordinator and Greater Sydney Commission Deputy Chief Commissioner Geoff Roberts **is** in place as interim Chair.

Establishing the Authority was a commitment under the Western Sydney City Deal, as signed by three levels of government in March this year. The Authority will begin by designing and overseeing delivery of the metropolitan centre of the Aerotropolis, to be established on 114 hectares of Australian Government land at North Bringelly.

The Authority will identify and complete masterplans for sites that kick-start development of the Aerotropolis and support growth of the Western Parkland City, creating vibrant and connected places to work and live. The specific roles played by the Authority will be:

- Master-planning and master-developing
- Placemaking, precinct activation and precinct management
- Infrastructure planning, prioritisation and coordination
- Securing both national and foreign investment.

The Authority will also have a key role in delivering on NSW strategic plans, including:

- The Western City District Plan (Greater Sydney Commission)
- The Land Use and Infrastructure Implementation Plan (LUIIP) for the Western Sydney Aerotropolis (Department of Planning and Environment)
- Future Transport Strategy (Transport for NSW).

New CEO Sam Sangster's career spans both the public and private sectors, including time with some of Australia's largest ASX-listed companies and professional service firms. Sam has worked with the Victorian Government, delivering multi-billion dollar projects such as Melbourne's Docklands in partnership with the private sector.

As CEO of Health Infrastructure NSW, Sam was responsible for steering the delivery of the largest portfolio of health capital works in Australia, spanning metro, regional and rural NSW. During the five years of his tenure, Sam oversaw the growth of the portfolio from \$3.2 billion in 2011-12 to \$14.4 billion in 2018-19.

He is an experienced leader, an astute businessman, an expert negotiator and a tertiary qualified lawyer, accountant and computer scientist.

More information about the Authority is available at [www.wcaa.sydney](http://www.wcaa.sydney).

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