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JOBS, ECONOMIC INVESTMENT BACKBONE OF SUCCESSFUL WESTERN SYDNEY CITY DEAL IN FIRST ANNUAL REPORT

One year in, a boost in jobs, a ramp-up in economic investment and funding of congestion-busting infrastructure are key achievements of the Western Sydney City Deal.

Today's release of Western Sydney City Deal Annual Progress Report outlines progress made in the 12 months since the City Deal was signed by the Australian and NSW governments, along with the eight local governments.

Minister for Cities, Urban Infrastructure and Population, Alan Tudge, said the City Deal, the biggest in the country, had kick started the economic transformation of Western Sydney.

"At Western Sydney International Airport we have already created hundreds of new jobs, more than half of which have been won by people living in Western Sydney," Mr Tudge said.

"Over the 20-year life of the deal, there will a \$20 billion investment in game changing infrastructure making Western Sydney an enviable place to live, work and play."

Minister for Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney Stuart Ayres said the Annual Progress Report showed an unprecedented level of partnership across the three tiers of government was already bringing opportunities to residents of the Western Parkland City.

"By attracting international landmark businesses we're creating jobs and an economic ecosystem in which local small and medium size businesses can grow and thrive," Mr Ayres said.

"It's phenomenal to see what, a year in, the City Deal delivered for Western Sydney – with another 19 years left of this 20 year agreement we are sewing the seeds of a 22nd century city."

The City Deal will capitalise on the opportunities presented by the new Western Sydney International (Nancy-Bird Walton) Airport and provide 200,000 jobs within the Western Parkland City.

There are 38 commitments across the City Deal that are being progressed and delivered.

For more information on the Western Sydney City Deal, visit <https://citydeals.infrastructure.gov.au/western-sydney>

WESTERN SYDNEY CITY DEAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN: MAYORAL QUOTES

Councillor Mark Greenhill OAM, Mayor of Blue Mountains City Council

“Multiple community infrastructure projects planned for the Blue Mountains over the next three years will make it easier for our residents and visitors to access town centres, parks, pools, playgrounds and bushland. They will create more liveable and sustainable neighbourhoods.”

Councillor Barry Calvert, Mayor of Hawkesbury City Council:

“We are looking forward to working with all levels of government to deliver transformative change to Western Sydney. Hawkesbury City Council also welcomes the opportunity to work on local community infrastructure projects funded through this City Deal agreement.”

Frank Carbone, Mayor Fairfield City Council

“While there is much more to do, we are pleased to be working with all levels of government to ensure there is a greater focus and delivery of education opportunities, skilled jobs, industry connections, better transport options and quality of life benefits for the people of Fairfield and the region, as a result of the growth of the Western Parkland City.”

Councillor Ross Fowler OAM, Mayor of Penrith:

“The Western City Deal is clearly providing a framework to create a smart city that is more liveable, more productive, has more advanced skills and is more innovative. There is no doubt that the Western City will be the powerhouse of the state and a key player on the world stage. It’s an exciting time to live in Penrith; the heart of this new Western City.”

Councillor Theresa Fedeli, Mayor of Camden Council:

“The collaboration between all levels of government has delivered some fantastic outcomes for the Western Parkland City and our local communities, and I am looking forward to seeing many more great initiatives delivered out of the City Deal agreement in the years to come. “

Wendy Waller, Mayor of Liverpool City Council:

“I congratulate the Western Sydney City Deal, of which Liverpool is a proud partner, on its first year. It’s been a productive one.

I’d like to call out for special mention the Western Sydney Investment Attraction Office being established in Liverpool, the \$150 million Liveability Program launch and the strength through collaboration that is delivering planning and public transport outcomes that will realise our goal towards the 30-minute city.”

Councillor George Brticevic, Mayor of Campbelltown City Council:

“We’re committed to working with three levels of government to ensure much needed transport and infrastructure is in place so that our community enjoys the benefits of the Western Sydney Airport.

Planning is already underway to develop the Campbelltown Billabong Parklands project which is funded through the Western Sydney City Deal’s Liveability Fund. The realisation of this project will contribute positive outcomes for our community and the broader Western Parkland City. ”

Outcomes of the Western Sydney City Deal within 18 months of signing

1. Realising the 30-minute city by delivering public transport for the Western Parkland City
 - Significant progress towards delivery of Sydney Metro Greater West from St Marys to the Western Sydney Aerotropolis — with the \$100 million jointly funded business case underway. Construction will commence in 2021 and the line will become operational in 2026
 - The Australian Government announced \$3.5 billion to develop the first stage of Sydney Metro Greater West and the NSW Government announced a contribution of \$2 billion over the next four years to the project as part of its commitment to joint funding

2. Creating 200,000 jobs by supercharging the Western Parkland City
 - The Western City & Aerotropolis Authority has been established as master planner and master developer of the Aerotropolis
 - The Western Sydney Aerotropolis: Land Use and Infrastructure Implementation Plan was released for consultation
 - The \$5 million Investment Attraction Fund was launched
 - The Western Sydney Investment Attraction Office was established in Liverpool
 - The NSW Government has signed 10 Memoranda of Understanding with Aerotropolis ‘foundation participants’. These include investment agreements with Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation, Hitachi, Urban Renaissance Agency (Japan), Vitex Pharmaceuticals, Northrop Grumman, 18 NSW space-focused small and medium-sized enterprises, Sydney Markets and the University of Sydney
 - An agreement has also been signed with the NUW Alliance (Universities of Newcastle, NSW and Wollongong) and Western Sydney University to establish a higher education presence in the Aerotropolis by 2026
 - An Indigenous Business Hub has been established to deliver coordinated business support services to grow a thriving Indigenous business sector
 - NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission (NDIS Commission) opened in Penrith providing up to 160 local jobs
 - An Agribusiness Precinct Feasibility Study was released. It showed that there is great potential to capitalise on Western Sydney’s existing peri-urban agriculture sector, leverage the opportunities arising from the Aerotropolis and create 14,500 jobs over 10 years. Future development of the Agribusiness precinct is being led by the Western City & Aerotropolis Authority

3. Skilling our residents in the region and initiating new education opportunities

- The NUW Alliance (University of Newcastle, University of NSW Sydney, University of Wollongong), Western Sydney University and the NSW Government signed a Statement of Intent to jointly deliver a world-class higher education and research presence specialising in STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) by 2026
 - A TAFE Skills Exchange on the Western Sydney International (Nancy-Bird Walton) Airport will provide local training for the workers needed to construct the airport
4. Respecting and building on local character, enhancing liveability and improving the quality of the local environment
- The \$170 million Liveability Program was launched and successful council projects from the first round of applications for funding commenced in early 2019. This program will give Western Parkland City communities new and redeveloped parks, sports facilities, rejuvenated town centres and cultural spaces. Round 2 of the Liveability Program recently closed and applications are currently being assessed.
5. Coordinated and innovative approaches to planning and delivery of housing
- A Planning Partnership has been established, drawing together representatives of all eight Western Parkland City councils as well as Blacktown Council, and representatives from the NSW Department of Planning and Environment, Transport for NSW, Sydney Water and the Greater Sydney Commission. This partnership will achieve more efficient and higher quality outcomes for communities
 - The Project Agreement was signed covering the Australian Government's \$15 million contribution for the Western Sydney Housing Package to streamline planning and housing development
 - The Greater Sydney Commission has commenced work on two Growth Infrastructure Compacts to identify the local and regional infrastructure required to support the growth of the Western Parkland City
6. Getting on with delivering for the Western Parkland City through enduring tri-level governance
- Tri-level governance through the Leadership Group, Implementation Board and Coordination Committee (meeting regularly since April 2018) has been established to oversee the delivery of the City Deal.
 - An implementation plan—which clearly articulates how and when the commitments of the City Deal will be delivered and how their progress will be measured—was released in December 2018. Agreed by the three tiers of government, this document supports greater public awareness and understanding of the shared vision for Western Sydney in practical terms.
 - This inaugural annual progress report was finalised and released. This and subsequent reports will enable the community to track the City Deal's progress and be confident in the Western Parkland City's long-lasting success.