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JOBS BOOST FOR WESTERN SYDNEY

The establishment of a regional distribution park within the Western Sydney Employment Area will provide significant economic benefits to the region by injecting $60 million into the local economy.

The development of the Minchinbury Employment Park (MEP), near the junction of the M4 and M7 motorways, will also deliver around 300 ongoing jobs, once fully operational.

Minister for Planning, Tony Kelly, said the concept plan approval for the proposal would see the redevelopment of the Eastern Creek Quarantine Station, which forms part of the former Wallgrove Army Camp.

“The developer, Afteron Pty Ltd, will create a ‘park’ of warehouses, distribution centres and freight logistics facilities, as well as light industrial, office premises, high technology and associated infrastructure,” the Minister said.

“Afteron will provide local links to the M7 cycleways and monetary contributions towards regional infrastructure.”

Member for Mount Druitt, Richard Amery, said this is great news for Western Sydney, both in terms of capital investment and ongoing employment, as it will deliver jobs closer to home for residents of western Sydney.

“This approval demonstrates the Government’s commitment to delivering jobs and economic investment in key economic corridors across Sydney,” Mr Amery said.

Minister for Western Sydney, David Borger, said the site itself is also located within the Western Sydney Employment Area and is therefore consistent with the Government’s broader strategic planning objectives for the area.

“We are committed to nurturing business development across the State, particularly in key economic regions like Western Sydney,” Mr Borger said.

A total of 11 conditions have been imposed including:

- Preparation of detailed energy assessments for all future applications within the MEP;
- Provision of new traffic lights and lengthened turning bays along Wallgrove Road and the Great Western Highway;
- Preparation of a Construction Traffic Management Plan to be submitted to the RTA and Blacktown City Council;
- A biodiversity offset scheme; and other issues such as stormwater management, noise and infrastructure contributions.

A project application outlining specific details will need to be lodged and approved prior to the commencement of any construction.