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HOUSING BOOST FOR WAGGA WAGGA

Around 57 hectares of former rural land has been rezoned on the outskirts of Wagga Wagga to will help meet the city's growing demand for new housing.

Minister for Planning, Tony Kelly, said the Boorooma East urban land release on the city's northern edge would provide capacity for an additional 524 dwellings adjacent to Charles Sturt University and existing residential areas to the west.

"This represents a logical expansion of the city's existing urban area," the Minister said.

The land to be rezoned is located on the northern side of the Olympic Highway and is also bound by Kingsford Smith Road to the east, Amundsen Street to the west and Farrer Road to the north.

Mr Kelly said its location just 3.5 kilometres from the city centre and close to the highway means the area is already well serviced and ideally-placed to help provide for the city's housing needs in the short to medium term.

"The release, which also incorporates additional public open space and areas for environmental protection, follows the approval in December last year of a residential release area at Lloyd West with the capacity for another 350 dwellings," the Minister said.

"Council and the Department of Planning are working closely on the preparation of Wagga Wagga's city-wide local environmental plan which will guide future land use planning.

"While this important work continues, these two recent rezonings will ensure there is enough land available in the interim to cater for continued growth in housing demand."

The rezoning is consistent with the *Wagga Wagga Spatial Plan 2008* and the site was also identified as future urban land in the *Wagga Wagga Development Control Plan 2005*.
