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New land rezoned for 45,000 people in Sydney's northwest

The NSW Government today rezoned almost 1300 hectares of land in northwest Sydney to allow construction of homes, schools and parks for 45,000 future residents.

Planning Minister Tony Kelly said the Riverstone and Alex Avenue Precincts – two of 16 in the North West Growth Centre – will also receive upgraded transport and community infrastructure.

“The Growth Centres represent the biggest and best coordinated land release in the state’s history,” Mr Kelly said.

“These Precincts will have capacity for more than 15,000 new homes for 45,000 people, six new schools, parks, playing fields and two large conservation reserves to protect native vegetation.”

Member for Riverstone, John Aquilina, welcomed the announcement.

“These precincts are the foundations of the region’s long term future,” Mr Aquilina said.

“It is also important that these attractive, well-planned residential communities will be near future employment precincts at Riverstone West, Marsden Park and Box Hill.

“All the identified sites for homes, employment zones, conservation areas, town centres, schools and leisure facilities will have to meet strict sustainability criteria.”

Mr Kelly said this is part of the Government’s plan to provide new housing sites close to employment areas.

“If people spend less time commuting, it will improve family and community life, is more environmentally sustainable and is less costly to society,” Mr Kelly said

“We have been planning for sustainable growth on Sydney’s fringes since 2005, when we established the North West & South West Growth Centres, covering some 27,000 hectares.

“Over the next 25-30 years, the Growth Centres will jointly accommodate more than 180,000 new homes and 500,000 people in 34 precincts.

“Today’s rezonings are the next stage of that plan, and bring to eight the number of precincts rezoned since 2005.

“We have now rezoned enough land in both Growth Centres to develop more than 38,000 new homes for 113,000 people and employment land for more than 23,000 jobs.

“Planning is under way to rezone a further seven precincts to provide land for an additional 38,600 homes and more than 500 hectares of employment land.

“This means almost half of the 34 Growth Centre Precincts have now been rezoned or released for planning in the first five years.”



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Mr Kelly said Growth Centre planning is being coordinated with infrastructure provision:

- Stage 1 of the Quakers Hill to Vineyard rail duplication is being constructed with a new railway station
- Sydney Water is constructing trunk water and sewer infrastructure to enable development to occur
- The RTA is planning major road upgrades including Schofields Road and Garfield Road, to ensure the road network can cope with population growth
- Integral Energy is planning major electricity supply upgrades to service these Precincts

Mr Kelly said the rezoning had been done in collaboration and with support of the Blacktown Council.

“I want to thank Blacktown Council for their cooperation in the rezoning of these Precincts,” Mr Kelly said.