JOBS AND HOUSING BOOST FOR SYDNEY’S NORTHWEST

The NSW Government has rezoned Marsden Park Industrial, a 550-hectare precinct in Sydney’s growing northwest, which will become the city’s largest fully integrated commercial, industrial, bulky goods and residential community.

Minister for Planning, Tony Kelly, said the precinct, 40 kilometres north-west of Sydney’s CBD near the M7, was another step in a long term plan to deliver jobs closer to where people live.

“Marsden Park Industrial Precinct will provide new jobs for people in the adjoining suburbs of Shalvey, Bidwell and Hassall Grove as well as future residents in new suburbs in the North West Growth Centre,” the Minister said.

Member for Riverstone, John Aquilina, welcomed the announcement.

“This precinct will accommodate 10,000 new jobs and around 1,200 new homes,” Mr Aquilina said.

Mr Kelly said the NSW Government has been planning for sustainable growth on Sydney’s fringes since 2005, when it established the North West and South West Growth Centres, to focus urban development in 34 precincts totalling 27,000 hectares.

“Over the next 30 years, the growth centres will become communities with more than 180,000 new homes for 500,000 people,” the Minister said.

“Marsden Park Industrial Precinct is the ninth precinct rezoned for development since 2005, with planning underway for a further six.”

Marsden Park Industrial has been rezoned to allow for a variety of uses including:

- 1,200 homes near the planned Marsden Park town centre for 3,500 people;
- 70 hectares of commercial land;
- 40 hectares of bulky goods retailing;
- 206 hectares of industrial land; and
- 63 hectares of conservation land and open space.

The Precinct’s largest landowner, Marsden Park Developments Pty Ltd, is expected to lodge plans to develop the first project soon - a $2 billion, 265 hectare industrial, office and residential precinct known as Sydney Business Park.

Mr Kelly said the NSW Government has now rezoned enough land in both growth centres to develop more than 39,000 new homes for 116,000 people and employment land for more than 33,000 jobs.

“Almost half of the 34 growth centre precincts have been rezoned or released for planning in the first five years,” the Minister said.