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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **JOBS BOOST FOR WESTERN SYDNEY**

The NSW Government has given approval for the construction of a \$31 million warehouse and distribution facility on almost 11 hectares of land at Eastern Creek.

Minister for Planning, Tony Kelly, said the project by Australand Holdings Ltd will create more than 280 jobs.

“There will be 220 ongoing jobs and up to 80 jobs during a 12-month construction period,” the Minister said.

“Once completed, the warehouse would be occupied by Kmart to store consumer products for distribution to 43 of its retail outlets throughout the State.”

The project includes:

- Construction and operation of a 49,850 square metre warehouse with 1700 square metres of office space;
- A gatehouse;
- Storage area for large containers; and
- Parking for 330 cars.

Both the Department of Planning and Blacktown City Council agree the surrounding road network has ample capacity to accommodate traffic generated by the project, with access to the site mainly via Wonderland Drive from Wallgrove Road.

Minister for Western Sydney, David Borger, and Member for Mount Druitt, Richard Amery, welcomed the announcement.

“The project is an exciting one for western Sydney and follows recent approvals of other industrial developments within the Eastern Creek and Erskine Park Industrial Precincts,” Mr Borger said.

“It represents a major economic investment in the area and will provide jobs closer to home for the people of western Sydney,” Mr Amery said.

A total of 33 conditions have been imposed on the project, including:

- Australand to provide approximately \$1.9 million towards the surrounding regional road network;
- The development of a Traffic Management Plan for the construction phase as well as during operation once completed;
- Australand to build internal roads, parking and truck access around the warehouse building;
- Compliance with strict noise criteria; and
- Development of an Energy Management plan to reduce on-site energy consumption.

The proposal was considered as a major project and assessed under Part 3A of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* due to its capital investment value of more than \$30 million.

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