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SOD TURNED ON 1000 NEW HOMES IN WESTERN SYDNEY

The NSW Government has given Western Sydney residents an early Christmas present, starting construction on 1000 new homes at North Penrith.

Just over a month after the NSW Government announced approval of the site, the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, Brad Hazzard has turned the first sod and officially started the building process.

“When this Government says it’s committed to ending the housing shortfall, it’s serious, and that means getting straight down to business,” Mr Hazzard said.

“The 40 hectare site adjoins the existing Penrith city centre and will play a crucial role in meeting Western Sydney’s housing needs and providing new jobs close to public transport.

“Around 2,500 jobs will be created, including permanent employment in the approved 22,125 square metres of new commercial, retail and industrial space.

“Today is an exciting milestone for Western Sydney and a clear sign the neglect endured under Labor is well and truly dead and gone.

“The construction of 1000 new homes will provide a welcome boost for new homeowners and assist struggling families in finding their dream home.

“Key elements of the development include:

- Approximately 1000 dwellings;
- A variety of housing types including detached houses, terraces, townhouses, lofts and apartments;
- A vibrant new ‘Station Square’ with retail and commercial space;
- Public open space including; a new oval, water parks and public art;
- A ‘Community Pavilion’ with a children’s playground and barbeque area;
- Public transport and pedestrian links;
- Local heritage features, including restoration of the 19th century Thornton Hall and its surrounds.

“The good news is that new homes won’t be far away: Landcom expects to have homes ready for sale by the end of next year.

“In its first nine months of Government, the Liberals and Nationals have paved the way for construction of more than 55,000 new homes – Labor’s disastrous housing legacy won’t be fixed overnight – but the NSW Government is well on its way,” Mr Hazzard said.

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