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Jobs boost for western Sydney

The NSW Government has supported a major jobs boost in western Sydney with the approval of a \$65 million distribution centre near Blacktown that will create up to 1,000 jobs, including 600 ongoing operational positions.

The purpose-built distribution centre to be occupied by Metcash Trading will occupy 18.7 hectares of the 56-hectare Bungaribee Industrial Estate at Huntingwood West, for which the Government gave concept plan approval in 2006.

The site is ideally located close to the intersection of the M4 and M7 Motorways.

Planning Minister Tony Kelly said the approved project represents an important contribution to the Government's key Metropolitan Plan goal of delivering jobs in Sydney's west, allowing more people to work closer to home.

"Delivering jobs closer to home has been a major part of the Government's strategic planning in recent years, and western Sydney has been a key focus in that regard," the Minister said.

"As populations in this part of Sydney continue to grow, it is imperative that jobs are created at the same time, particularly in locations that are located close to major transport infrastructure, as this is.

"Facilities like this one, and the Government's major projects assessment system which approved it, are critical to delivering these jobs."

The approval, granted by the NSW Department of Planning, allows for:

- staged construction of three warehouse buildings and office block with a total floor space of 103,000 square metres;
- a two-level car park; and
- associated infrastructure and landscaping.

An associated application for necessary infrastructure works on the site, including construction of internal roads, upgrades to intersections, bulk earthworks, landscaping and stormwater and drainage management, was also recently approved.

Mr Kelly said the Department's assessment of the proposal gave thorough consideration to a number of issues including stormwater infrastructure, road layout and traffic impacts.

No public submissions were received on the proposal during its exhibition.

"The Department's assessment found that potential impacts could be adequately and appropriately managed, allowing a balance to be struck with the project's clear economic benefits.

"In particular, it found that due to the proposed intersection upgrades, including intersections with the Great Western Highway, the proposal would not result in any significant impacts on the operation of the surrounding road network.

"The approval also imposes a total of 36 conditions to ensure the local environment and amenity are protected during both construction and operation of the facility."
