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REALISING THE GREAT AUSTRALIAN DREAM

The NSW Government has approved the rezoning of land for a further 2,500 homes in Sydney's popular North West Growth Centre, NSW Minister for Planning and Infrastructure Brad Hazzard announced today.

Known as Area 20, the land includes part of the proposed route for the North West Rail Link, giving families a chance to buy their dream home with the certainty of future public transport.

"This is great news for young families and builds on the Government's growing reputation of providing land for new homes across Western Sydney," Mr Hazzard said.

"Since the election the NSW Government has paved the way for the construction of more than 30,000 new homes in Sydney to make home ownership a reality for more young families.

"This includes more than 15,000 homes in the designated Growth Centres - 10,000 dwellings at Marsden Park in Sydney's North West, 3,000 at Catherine Fields in the South West and today we are delighted to make the announcement of 2,500 new homes in Rouse Hill.

"We know Labor's legacy of poor housing starts is hurting families and many are struggling to realise 'The Great Australian Dream', however, this land release is another step to shoring up housing supply.

"Sydney's North West is in high demand, but a lack of commitment to infrastructure by the former Labor Government has stunted the development of new homes.

"The NSW Government is fast-tracking the North West Rail Link – we are addressing not only the shortage of housing supply, but the infrastructure needed to service it."

The Area 20 Precinct is bordered by Riverstone East, Rouse Hill and The Ponds.

"Planning for the Precinct makes provisions for the North West Rail Link corridor and a new station at Cudgegong Road," Mr Hazzard said.

"The railway station will be linked to the award-winning Rouse Hill Town Centre and include a commuter car park and a future stabling yard.

"The precinct includes provisions for low, medium and high density residential housing; six hectares of light industrial land to cater for employment; and 19 hectares of recreation space.

"The 250sqm minimum lot size provides for housing diversity which is something being asked for by builders and developers.

"We expect that there will be very strong demand for new houses in this area given the Government's fast-tracking of the North West Rail Link," Mr Hazzard said.

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