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PLANS TO HOUSE 50,000 REVEALED

The Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, Brad Hazzard has today unveiled plans for two new housing precincts which will provide homes for more than 50,000 in Sydney’s South West.

Mr Hazzard says the homes will be serviced by the new Leppington Station which is due to open in 2016 as part of the new South West Rail Link.

"Known as Austral and Leppington North, the new precincts will provide more than 2000 hectares of land for development – enough for 16,000 homes, ten schools, 89 hectares of parks, and 59 hectares of sporting fields.

"The plans include the development of a major town centre which - once complete - will service a community comparable to Canberra in size.

"This Government is doing more than planning for new homes, it is committed to creating well serviced communities where populations can grow, and families can prosper.

"The new Leppington Major Centre will provide educational opportunities, jobs close to home and access to healthcare services.

"There are plans for a TAFE, regional health care facility, Business Park and light industrial zone.

"In addition to the South West Rail Link, the Government is committed to major upgrades at Camden Valley Way, Bringelly Road and the area’s major road network.

"In sixteen years the Labor Government failed to address the housing shortfall and successfully plan for Sydney’s future.

"In just over six months the Liberals and Nationals have paved the way for the construction of more than 44,000 new homes in Western Sydney - this Government is well on track to reversing Labor's housing crisis.

"Families will soon be able to buy a home in South West Sydney at a rate they can afford, with options varying from apartments to 2000sqm blocks.

"Plans for the Austral and Leppington precincts have been developed in close consultation with Camden and Liverpool Councils and now the community will have their say," Mr Hazzard said.

The plans are on exhibition until Friday December 2 and can be viewed online at www.growthcentres.nsw.gov.au or in hard copy at Council or Department offices.

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