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\$100 MILLION WATER BOOST FOR SYDNEY HOMES

The NSW Government has approved a \$100 million project to provide vital water infrastructure to enable the development of 13,000 new homes Sydney's north-west.

The 14km of water pipelines, two reservoirs, two pumping stations and 10km of pipelines will service residential and land release areas in Box Hill and Schofields.

The project was approved by the NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure after a comprehensive assessment and public consultation process.

Minister for Planning and Infrastructure Brad Hazzard said the project would cater for the development of three precincts in the North West Growth Centre over 30 years.

"There's capacity for 9,450 new homes at Box Hill and 3,000 homes at Schofields, while the Box Hill Precinct will also contain 20 hectares of commercial land.

"There is potential to create around 17,500 jobs across the precincts in the business park, light industrial and retail and commercial areas," Mr Hazzard said.

"Schofields has already been zoned for urban development and revised plans for the Box Hill industrial precincts were recently put out for public feedback.

"This is on top of \$481 million committed in the State Budget to a Housing Acceleration Fund for infrastructure needed to support housing across the state," he said.

Minister for Finance and Services Greg Pearce said construction would be staged to meet the demands of residential and industrial developments.

"We anticipate that construction of the first stage will begin next year and be completed by 2015, with the remaining stages progressively rolled out by 2025," Mr Pearce said.

"Sydney Water is on the front foot with a tender process worth more than \$90 million underway to expand water and wastewater services in this region," Mr Pearce said.

Wastewater from the project will be transferred to the Riverstone Treatment Plant and Rouse Hill Water Recycling Plant.

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