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400 NEW JOBS IN SYDNEY’S WEST

A major new meat packing and processing facility at Erskine Park, which will employ 400 people within the Western Sydney Employment Area, has been approved by the NSW Government.

The new facility will benefit significantly from major infrastructure investments being made by the NSW Government to develop the Erskine Park Link Road network which will unlock employment land, supporting jobs close to homes in new growth areas.

The facility, which was approved today by the Department of Planning and Infrastructure, will process 2,000 tonnes of bulk refrigerated red meat and poultry each week. At the facility the meat will be graded, cut, re-packaged, labeled and distributed to the retail market by truck.

Construction of the $134 million facility will employ 650 people, while ongoing operation will create 400 new jobs.

“This new plant is entirely consistent with the goals of our draft Metropolitan Strategy for Sydney – to support the expansion of the Western Sydney Employment Area and for half of all of Sydney’s new jobs to be created in Western Sydney,” said Mulgoa MP, Tanya Davies.

“This is great news for Western Sydney and a sign of growing confidence in the Western Sydney Employment Area,” said Smithfield MP, Andrew Rohan.

“New jobs are always important but it is an important focus of our work to bring jobs to Sydney’s West. “

The state-of-the-art facility will be built and operated by CIP Constructions (NSW) on behalf of one of Australia’s largest food retailers. Work is expected to begin shortly with the plant to begin operating in early 2015.

The Department exhibited an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the meat facility earlier this year. All submissions received were from Government authorities.

In finalising its approval, the Department found that the impacts of the development can be reduced or managed to ensure an acceptable level of environmental performance.

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