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ALMOST 40,000 HOMES FOR GROWTH CENTRES

The NSW Government has cleared the way for almost 40,000 homes in Sydney’s new release areas, close to rail lines, employment areas and other new infrastructure.

“With both the North West and South West Rail Links progressing and another five essential infrastructure projects in these areas funded in the State budget, it’s time to make more home sites available in the Growth Centres,” NSW Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, Brad Hazzard said.

“Unlike the previous Labor government, the NSW Government will only announce new home sites where key infrastructure is being delivered.

“The Growth Centres are well placed to be vibrant, liveable communities where people want to raise their families - close to transport, with land set aside for open space and other important uses such as retail areas, business zones, schools and police stations.”

Mr Hazzard announced the impending rezoning of five precincts in the North West and South West Growth Centres to provide land for 30,250 homes and 29,000 jobs:

- **Austral** and **Leppington North** (17,350 homes and 13,000 jobs)
- **Box Hill** and **Box Hill Industrial** (9,600 homes and 16,000 jobs)
- **East Leppington** (3,300 homes)

Planning will start soon on three additional Growth Centre precincts at **Riverstone East, Vineyard** and **West Schofields** for another 8,200 homes.

The rezoning is one part of a massive housing supply program announced by the NSW Government today, for up to 172,000 new homes across Sydney.

“We’ve also included a timetable to upgrade or deliver key infrastructure such as roads and sewerage to enable new homes to be built as soon as possible,” Mr Hazzard said.

“These steps are the latest in a concerted and ongoing effort by the Government to kick-start housing production in NSW – an approach that is paying dividends.

“Since March 2011, this Government will have rezoned land in the Growth Centres for 35,700 new homes and 29,000 jobs.

“We are freeing up the bottlenecks that have restricted housing supply, which have pushed up house prices in Sydney,” Mr Hazzard said.


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