



# **Brad Hazzard MP**

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### **HOMES AND JOBS ALONG NORTH WEST RAIL**

More than 27,000 new homes and 49,500 new jobs will be built in and around the eight new stations on the North West Rail Link, under a new strategy unveiled today by the NSW Government.

NSW Planning and Infrastructure Minister Brad Hazzard has released the North West Rail Link Corridor Strategy which proposes a vision of sustainable, well-connected, liveable communities.

“This vital new rail line will make the North West of Sydney an even more attractive area to live and work,” Mr Hazzard said.

“It’s important that we plan for predicted growth to ensure current lifestyles are maintained and improved, as well as catering for new residents and workers.”

The corridor strategy will be coordinated across three local government areas for a predicted 27,400 homes and 49,500 jobs over the next 25 years. It is one part of a massive housing supply program announced by the NSW Government today, for up to 172,000 new homes across Sydney.

“The rail corridor communities will kick-start investor and consumer confidence in Sydney’s housing construction industry – unlike under Labor when housing construction all but stopped, pushing home prices up.”

“Different housing types are proposed in these areas to suit a range of families, budgets and lifestyles, and each station will have a local mixed-use centre to provide for the day-to-day needs of residents and workers.

“Local councils have already done a lot of planning for these areas and we’ll build on this work to ensure coordinated development across the three local government areas – The Hills, Blacktown and Hornsby.”

Mr Hazzard said the corridor strategy includes a draft structure plan for each of the eight station precincts - **Cudgegong Rd, Rouse Hill, Kellyville, Bella Vista, Norwest, Showground, Castle Hill, and Cherrybrook.**

“These draft structure plans look at the current constraints and opportunities and predicted growth, and present a vision for each area for the next 20-25 years.

“We’re now asking the community for their feedback by 30 April 2013. Public exhibitions and drop-in sessions will allow the community to find out the detail about the plans for their area,” Mr Hazzard said.

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