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REBUILDING NSW:
PICTURING A GREATER SYDNEY

Minister for Planning Pru Goward today released the NSW Government’s Plan for Growing Sydney to make Sydney an even better place to live and cement our status as one of the world’s most exciting cities.

“The metropolitan strategy, A Plan for Growing Sydney, will reinvigorate key Sydney suburbs with more choice of homes linked to improved public transport and access to services like shops, restaurants and education and health facilities,” Ms Goward said.

“It is time to take action to realise the community’s ambition for the greatest city in the world – and A Plan for Growing Sydney is the roadmap.”

Some of the Plan’s key actions include:

- Shifting the city’s gravity from east to west by establishing Parramatta as a major CBD, alongside the Sydney CBD, for jobs and world-class shopping and entertainment
- Creating vibrant new neighbourhoods with access to local jobs and first-class local amenities by renewing the area between Greater Parramatta and the Olympic Peninsula
- Delivering the Sydney Green Grid project to link open space across the Greater Metropolitan area
- Transforming Western Sydney by delivering more jobs closer to home, including confirming Penrith, Campbelltown and Liverpool as Regional City Centres

Ms Goward said the Plan was the product of extensive community consultation and would shape the city’s future.

“This is our picture for a greater Sydney and will help Sydneysiders get the most out of their neighbourhoods, their region and their city,” Ms Goward said.

“The Sydney way is to roll up our sleeves and get involved in creating the communities we want.

“The result of this Plan will be the creation of places to walk the dog or take the kids to the park on the weekends. It will be homes near transport and jobs, which means shorter commutes and more time with family.

“Sydneysiders love the outdoors and they want to live in exciting communities – where what they need to make their lives more convenient is right on their doorstep.

“This is our Plan to create these kinds of places – with more parks and strong local centres that have the shops and services people need to make their lives easier.
“People want to enjoy where they live. That’s why our Plan is focussed on improving the lifestyle people in Sydney love by creating great places to spend their downtime that are close to home.”

Ms Goward said the Plan includes 59 specific actions to deliver, many of which will be implemented by the Greater Sydney Commission over time.

“This is different to other plans – it is measurable, it is deliverable and there is unprecedented opportunity for the community to get involved,” Ms Goward said.

“This is a new way of delivering for our city – working side-by-side with communities and councils to deliver plans for Sydney’s regions.

“The Greater Sydney Commission will oversee the implementation of the Plan and be responsible for making sure its actions are implemented.

“We’ll take it step-by-step. The differences people will see will be gradual and unfold over time, but we’re getting the ball rolling with an injection of $6.5 million to start work and to establish the Greater Sydney Commission over the next six months.

“I’d encourage Sydneysiders to join their neighbours in registering their interest to participate in shaping the future of their local area by visiting the website. Everyone in Sydney can join the conversation by also using #plansydney on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram.”

Ms Goward said that while the actions would be delivered over time, the NSW Government had already started work on delivering the Plan.

“Just this morning, I announced that our urban renewal program would be bolstered with the addition of two priority precincts – Arncliffe and Banksia,” Ms Goward said.

“We have also started work on delivering more jobs for Western Sydney by locking away land around the Commonwealth’s second airport for employment, backed by the $200 million Western Sydney upgrade package.”

The Plan is backed by the NSW Government’s four-year $61 billion commitment to building better infrastructure to improve public transport, improve the efficiency of freight routes and unclog congested Sydney roads.

As part of the State Infrastructure Strategy, Western Sydney is also set to benefit from an infrastructure boost to get the region moving. This includes:

- An extra $600 million for the Parramatta Light Rail Project
- $1 billion to upgrade Sydney’s existing rail network – including the Western Sydney Rail Upgrade Program
- A share of $7 billion to deliver the Rapid Transit program
- A share of $300 million to upgrade Pinch Points to get traffic moving in Western Sydney.

For more information go to www.planning.nsw.gov/sydney.

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