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MORE JOBS FOR WESTERN SYDNEY

Planning Minister Rob Stokes today released new figures showing industrial development creating jobs across Western Sydney.

The Department of Planning and Environment’s annual audit of land available for jobs shows more than 80 per cent of Sydney’s industrial development was approved in the west, providing accessible employment for Western Sydney residents.

Mr Stokes said this was evidence of the strength of Western Sydney’s economy.

“Western Sydney’s economy is driving new jobs closer to people’s homes, cutting commutes and allowing workers more time with family and friends,” Mr Stokes said.

“Across Sydney almost $800 million worth of industrial development was approved in 2014, $650 million of which was in Western Sydney.

“Companies like Lindt and TNT are leading the charge of companies setting up shop in Western Sydney, providing a steady stream of jobs for local people.”

About 6,500 hectares of proposed employment land are in the pipeline close to homes and transport in the Western Sydney Employment Area and the South West Priority Growth Area.

The report shows at January 2015 there is:

- 13,548 hectares of existing land zoned for industrial-related jobs across Sydney
- 3,029 hectares of zoned land that is undeveloped, that once serviced with roads and infrastructure will be ready for economic activity
- 6,486 hectares of land proposed for future structure planning and rezoning in the Western Sydney Employment Area and South West Priority Growth Area.