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30,000 JOBS FOR BLACKTOWN IN NEW PLAN

Blacktown’s new Local Environmental Plan is set to pave the way for a revitalisation of the area, bringing more employment and creating vibrant neighbourhoods with good connections to transport.

The new plan has now been signed off, as a plan for a 24-storey apartment and office building in Blacktown is being assessed by Blacktown Council. If approved, it will be the largest building in Sydney west of Parramatta.

The Blacktown Local Environment Plan 2015 was approved by the Department of Planning and Environment as part of a statewide program to make the planning system easier to use and understand.

The document includes plans to accommodate up to 30,000 new jobs in the area, fitting with Blacktown being earmarked as a strategic centre in the NSW Government’s A Plan for Growing Sydney.

Zoning changes for the Blacktown Industrial Area will allow expansion from the industrial employment uses currently permitted in the precinct. This will mean the area can now include a diverse new range of employment options including cafes, restaurants, warehouses and even tourism information centres and museums.

The new LEP also provides new planning guidelines to foster a lively community with homes close to jobs, transport links, shops and leisure activities.

Planning Minister Rob Stokes said Blacktown had a bright future with the LEP paving the way for a range of exciting development in the area.

“This signals a new era for Blacktown and its residents, with more jobs, top-notch public facilities and leisure opportunities,” Mr Stokes said.

“It is exciting to see what is in store for this important regional city of Western Sydney.”

The LEP standardisation process has been underway since 2006 simplifying planning guidelines in more than 99 per cent of Local Government Areas in NSW.

For more information visit the Department’s website