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LAND FOR BLACKTOWN OPEN SPACE HANDED TO COMMUNITY

Planning Minister Rob Stokes, Member for Mulgoa Tanya Davies and Member for Seven Hills Mark Taylor today announced over 17 hectares of land will be handed to Blacktown City Council for open space and cemetery lands in Western Sydney.

The total of 28 separate lots worth $4.4 million in the Prospect and Mount Druitt areas will be transferred to the council at no cost.

“Blacktown is a thriving community with a strong city centre, cultural diversity, and great restaurants, cafes and shops,” Mr Stokes said.

“This is the time to invest in parks and reserves, to open up space for one of Sydney’s major growth centres and ensure future residents of Western Sydney have the opportunity to enjoy their neighbourhood.”

The parcels of land transferred to Blacktown City Council include:

- Two recreational open space areas totalling 9.5 hectares;
- The Prospect Post Office, which is the last remaining building of the original Prospect Village;
- Land surrounding the ‘Neoblie’ heritage listed property at Mt Druitt; and
- Land around St Bartholomew’s Cemetery.

Mrs Davies and Mr Taylor welcomed the land transfer.

“We want to make sure our community has the open public space to complement the growth we’re experiencing in Western Sydney,” Mrs Davies said.

“I am delighted this land will now be used for community recreation, and for extra cemetery space which is an important asset for our community,” said Mr Taylor.

The land had been progressively acquired through the NSW Government’s Sydney Regional Development Fund for open space purposes.