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NSW GOVERNMENT SECURES HISTORIC FERNHILL ESTATE FOR OPEN SPACE

The NSW Government has entered into a contract to purchase the central precinct of the historic Fernhill Estate at Mulgoa to enhance quality green open space for the people of Western Sydney to enjoy for future generations.

Minister for Western Sydney and Member for Penrith Stuart Ayres said the purchase of the 385-hectare site for community green space is a huge coup for Western Sydney.

“The ability to combine heritage, regional open space and a gateway to the Blue Mountains National Park creates a strong tourism opportunity that will be boosted by the development of Western Sydney Airport,” Mr Ayres said.

“Fernhill holds a special place in the heart of the Western Sydney community, and now it will be owned by all of NSW.”

Member for Mulgoa, Tanya Davies, said bringing this historic estate into public hands has delivered a massive win for her community.

“Fernhill Estate homestead is a colonial treasure built in 1842 surrounded by Cumberland Plain Woodland, which will provide a haven for threatened species and create a green gateway to the world heritage listed Blue Mountains National Park,” Mrs Davies said.

“The jewel in Mulgoa’s crown, bringing it into public ownership will enable its location and uniqueness to be enjoyed by the whole community and generation to come.”

Minister for Planning and Housing, Anthony Roberts said Fernhill is located next to Mulgoa Village, comprises the heritage-listed homestead, another home and outbuildings, gardens, lakes, paddocks, equine facilities and 2km horse race track.

“The Government jumped on this unique opportunity to buy this significant property to ensure the people of Western Sydney have quality green open space to enjoy for future generations as our city grows,” Mr Roberts said.

The Government acquired the property from Angas Securities for \$27.25 million. Settlement of the purchase is likely to occur within the next 3 months with state agencies to develop a management plan for the long term future of the estate.