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$10 MILLION FOR GREENER, MORE INCLUSIVE OPEN SPACES

Minister for Planning and Housing, Anthony Roberts, today welcomed the start of construction on a new inclusive play space in Sydney’s west, funded by a $1.5 million NSW Government grant.

Inspecting the site of the future play space in Parramatta Park, Mr Roberts launched two new grants programs, totaling $10 million that will continue to help councils deliver greener and more inclusive spaces that everyone in NSW can enjoy.

“Today I’m delighted to announce that we will be supporting councils across NSW create better places for residents and visitors to play and relax, with $4 million in funding available to upgrade existing or create new play spaces across the state, as part of our Everyone Can Play in NSW initiative,” Mr Roberts said.

“A further $6 million will be available to councils throughout Greater Sydney to green the city and help us reach our target of five million trees by 2030.

“This funding demonstrates our strong commitment to work with our colleagues in local government to support healthier, more resilient and more inclusive communities,” he said.

Councils will match NSW Government funding dollar for dollar, to create and improve open and inclusive spaces across Sydney and the state.

Member for Parramatta, Dr Geoff Lee said: “This funding will ensure everyone in Parramatta can enjoy attractive, safe and accessible parks and outdoor spaces.

“It will build the places our communities want and need - places that are a part of everyday life.

“It will also help make our open spaces wonderful places to come and play and explore,” he said.

Commissioner of Open Space and Parklands, Fiona Morrison said green infrastructure, such as parks, trees and wetlands, makes our cities more connected, cooler and healthier places to live.
“Open space is one of our State’s greatest assets. Our national parks, harbours, coastal walks, waterfront promenades, playgrounds and reserves are integral to the character and life of NSW,” Ms Morrison said.

Applications for both grant rounds are open from November 12 2018 to December 21 2018 and successful applications will be announced in early 2019.

For more information visit: www.planning.nsw.gov.au/openspace

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