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PLAN FOR VIBRANT WILTON GROWTH AREA

Up to \$770 million worth of state infrastructure will help deliver a vibrant community with up to 15,000 homes and 15,000 jobs in Sydney's South West.

Minister for Planning and Housing, Anthony Roberts, today announced the release of *Wilton 2040 – A Plan for the Wilton Growth Area* - a blueprint for the area and will guide infrastructure and future planning decisions of the precincts over the next 30 years.

“The NSW Government is focused on building vibrant and resilient communities in the right areas and we want to make sure the right infrastructure is in place to support these communities as they grow,” Mr Roberts said.

A draft Special Infrastructure Contribution, which is now on exhibition for public consultation, sets out how \$770 million worth of state and regional infrastructure will be delivered over the next 30 years, including roads and land for a bus depot, local schools, a medical facility, open space and environmental conservation measures.

“This provides certainty that funding for essential infrastructure will be provided at the same time as homes are being built,” Mr Roberts said.

“The Wilton Growth Area will be a desirable place to live in 2040, made up of a number of well-connected precincts focused around Wilton Town Centre.

“It will be a sustainable community with a green border of conservation areas framing the entire region and walkways, bike paths, open spaces, tree-lined streets, waterways and bushlands will define the healthy and liveable neighbourhoods”.

Mr Roberts said the NSW Government is committed to protecting Australia's unique native wildlife and vegetation and environmental conservation and protection are central to the sustainable development of the area.

“Strategic planning to ensure our iconic wildlife and vegetation thrives is happening on a large scale. The NSW Government is working with the Commonwealth to prepare the Cumberland Plain Conservation Plan,” Mr Roberts said.

“This is one of the largest conservation planning exercises ever undertaken in Australia and will help to ensure the Wollondilly and Macarthur koala colonies continue to thrive.

“More than 160 hectares of highly significant Cumberland Plain woodland have already been protected in the South East Wilton Precinct to allow koala movements.”

Further extensive areas of conservation land have been identified for protection in Wilton 2040.

A range of other measures have also been included in plans for the area to protect koalas, including identifying and conserving koala corridors, koala fencing requirements, and revegetation.

The draft SIC is currently on public exhibition until 9 November for community consultation. For more information visit www.planning.nsw.gov.au/wilton

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