



PROPOSED APPROVAL DECISION FOR THE TAKING OF ACTIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH AN ENDORSED PROGRAM UNDER THE ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AND BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION ACT 1999 (EPBC ACT)

PROGRAM FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THE SOUTH WEST AND NORTH WEST GROWTH CENTRES IN WESTERN SYDNEY, NSW

Explanatory note

This proposed decision is made under section 146B of the EPBC Act which provides for the Minister to approve actions, or classes of actions, undertaken in accordance with a policy, plan or program which has been endorsed following a strategic assessment undertaken under Part 10 of the EPBC Act. An approval under section 146B of the EPBC Act has the same effect as an approval given under Part 9 of the EPBC Act, therefore actions approved under this decision will not require separate referral, assessment or approval under the EPBC Act prior to being taken.

The Minister for Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities, the Hon Tony Burke MP (the Minister), has endorsed the program of the NSW Government for development of the Growth Centres (*Sydney Growth Centres Strategic Assessment Program Report* (NSW Government, November 2010)).

The endorsed program provides for all actions associated with development of the Growth Centres, including infrastructure (such as rail and road) and services within the boundaries of the Growth Centres. This proposed approval decision is for actions falling within the specified class of actions below within the Growth Centres.

Approved action/class of actions	All actions associated with the development of the Sydney Growth Centres as described in the <i>Sydney Growth Centres Strategic Assessment Program Report</i> (NSW Government, November 2010)
Relevant controlling provisions	The approval has effect for: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• World Heritage properties (sections 12 & 15A)• National Heritage places (sections 15B & 15C)• Wetlands of international importance (sections 16 & 17B)• Listed threatened species and communities (sections 18 & 18A)• Listed migratory species (sections 20 & 20A)
Period for which approval has effect	The approval has effect until 31 December 2041
Person authorised to make decision	
Name and Position	The Hon Tony Burke MP Minister for Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities
Signature	NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MAKE DECISION ONLY
Date of decision	NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MAKE DECISION ONLY