

The Hon Barry O'Farrell MP Premier of NSW Minister for Western Sydney

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5,000 NEW JOBS FOR SOUTH WESTERN SYDNEY: ORAN PARK AT THE STARTING GRID

NSW Premier and Minister for Western Sydney Barry O'Farrell and Minister for Planning and Infrastructure Brad Hazzard today unveiled detailed plans for Sydney's newest town centre which is set to provide 5,000 jobs for the region.

"Getting new jobs and housing moving more quickly in Western Sydney was a priority for this government and that's exactly what we are doing," said Mr O'Farrell, who was joined by Camden MP Chris Patterson.

Mr O'Farrell said Landcom's partner at Oran Park, the Greenfields Corporation, had this week lodged a development application for the first stage of the Oran Park town centre.

This application will include:

- The first stage of 50,000 square metres of retail space and 4,380 square metres of commercial space;
- South-west Sydney's largest Woolworths supermarket; and,
- Approximately 30 speciality shops and a medical centre;

Future stages of the town centre will include department stores, a restaurant precinct, another supermarket, residential apartments and more fashion retail.

Once complete, the town centre will provide 5,000 jobs and about 300 apartment dwellings, supporting some 8,500 homes in the wider Oran Park area.

"We want to provide more jobs closer to where people live. Allowing people in South Western Sydney to work near their homes means they have more time to spend with their families," Mr O'Farrell said.

"Combined with the South West Rail Link, the widening of the M5 West and local road upgrades, the NSW Government is getting on with the job of delivering vital infrastructure.

"This town centre will provide restaurants, homes, shops and leisure facilities, allowing local residents to enjoy employment and a great lifestyle close to their doorstep."

Mr Hazzard said Western Sydney was a priority area for new housing supported by jobs and transport and other infrastructure.

"Labor failed to provide sufficient housing and infrastructure for Western Sydney, driving up prices," he said.

"We've accelerated the construction of the Camden Valley Way and the South West Rail Link to help match new housing with infrastructure."

Since March 2011, the Coalition has accelerated over 55,000 lots of land for housing and exhibited plans for 312ha of employment land across western Sydney council areas.

"This compares to Labor – which famously declared 'Sydney was full' and didn't release one new precinct for housing in its last 18 months in office," Mr Hazzard said.

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