

The Hon Barry O'Farrell MP Premier of NSW

Minister for Western Sydney

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LINFOX AND ARNOTT'S MOVE IN TO WESTERN SYDNEY

NSW Premier and Minister for Western Sydney Barry O'Farrell today officially opened the new Linfox Australia Arnott's Foods warehouse in Bungarribee, near Blacktown.

Member for Riverstone, Kevin Conolly, and Member for Smithfield, Andrew Rohan, joined Linfox Founder, Lindsay Fox, and Mr O'Farrell at the opening.

Mr O'Farrell said the new warehouse was designed and operated by Linfox Logistics and would lead to the creation of more jobs in Western Sydney.

"It's a huge vote of confidence in Western Sydney that Australia's largest privately owned logistics company, Linfox Logistics, has selected this region to invest in," he said.

"Linfox has partnered with Arnott's Biscuits Limited to open this facility, which is now one of the Australian food icon's key national distribution hubs.

"Ensuring supplies of Tim Tams are maintained will please chocoholics around the country.

"Linfox and Arnott's say the more than 100 people employed at this facility will play an important part in the supply chain delivering Arnott's most famous biscuits.

"Western Sydney is one of the country's largest and most diverse economies. Since the election, the NSW Government has helped create more than 91,000 jobs.

"Companies are welcome to take advantage of initiatives such as the extended payroll tax rebates announced by the NSW Government this week, and the \$1.4 million Supply Chain Accelerator pilot program – targeted at Western Sydney.

"We have partnered with the Sydney Business Chamber to deliver the Accelerator Program to develop globally competitive supply chains in key NSW industries.

"We're committed to attracting businesses such as Linfox Logistics and Arnott's to continue investing and creating jobs in Western Sydney to grow this vibrant region.

"It was especially pleasing that official data released this week shows NSW topping the nation for economic growth for two consecutive quarters for the first time." Mr Conolly said he was pleased to see more local jobs being created for locals.

"Linfox and Arnott's say this warehouse will deliver more than 100 jobs in warehousing, distribution services, administrative support and equipment operations," he said.

"The partnership between Linfox and Arnott's has opened opportunities for locals to work closer to home so they can spend more time with their families."

Mr Rohan said the NSW Government was committed to developing globally competitive supply chains in key NSW industries.

"Western Sydney is one of Australia's fastest growing economies and we welcome this investment that will provide the jobs the region needs to continue growing."