In March, I joined the Prime Minister, the NSW Premier, and eight Western Sydney mayors for the signing of the Western Sydney City Deal. The City Deal is a long-term plan for the development of Western Sydney - with a particular focus on how to maximise the business-attracting, jobs-generating power of the Commonwealth's $5.3 billion investment in Western Sydney Airport.

The deal has a big focus on land use planning, with the Commonwealth and NSW governments to work together to plan the Badgerys Creek ‘aerotropolis’ near the airport.

The aerotropolis will be a hub for sectors such as advanced manufacturing, aerospace and defence, and education and skills. Together with the airport it will form the economic core of a thriving and highly liveable city to be built around it.

Importantly, the Western Sydney councils that are parties to the City Deal have committed to develop a new planning compact. This is intended to provide for consistent, streamlined urban planning throughout these council areas.

As part of the City Deal, the Commonwealth and NSW governments have committed to progressing a North South Rail Link. We have announced a ‘preferred network’, which is likely to be built in stages and ultimately is planned to extend from Macarthur in the south to Schofields in the north, with a connection to the Cudgegong Road terminus of the Sydney Metro Northwest, which is presently under construction.

We have also announced a commitment to construct stage one of the North South Rail Link – from St Marys to the Badgerys Creek Aerotropolis via Western Sydney Airport – with a shared objective to have rail to the airport by the time it opens.

The North South Rail Link will shape the new Western Parkland City as development is drawn to the rail corridor - indeed, it has been described as the steel spine of the new city. Timely, quality infrastructure will enable the amplification of investment from the private sector and grow new communities and employment precincts.

In late May, the Prime Minister and Premier will host a major conference designed to attract domestic and global businesses to locate in Western Sydney, so they can have convenient access to Western Sydney Airport. This Aerotropolis Investor Forum is another example of the coordinated way that all three levels of government are working together to maximise the economic and social opportunities for Western Sydney which the new airport, and surrounding development, will deliver.
Western Sydney City Deal

On 4 March 2018, the Australian and NSW governments, together with eight local governments in Western Sydney, signed the landmark Western Sydney City Deal. The City Deal will deliver a number of initiatives, including:

- the first stage of the new North South Rail Link from St Marys to Western Sydney Airport
- new STEM-focused education facilities
- a Western Sydney Investment Attraction Office and a Western Sydney Development Authority
- a $30 million Western Parkland City housing package
- a $150 million Liveability Program to deliver community facilities and new housing.

The City Deal is designed to stimulate a new level of jobs, education and services for Western Sydney. More information is available at cities.infrastructure.gov.au/western-sydney-city-deal.

Forum On Western Sydney Airport drop-in community information sessions

If you would like to attend as a meeting observer, please fill out an expression of interest form at www.westernsydneyairport.gov.au/fowsa. Expressions of interest close on 30 May 2018.

If you would like to submit a question to the Forum, please email FOWSA@infrastructure.gov.au by 30 May 2018.

WEDNESDAY 30 MAY
5pm – 8pm
Warragamba Public School
Fourth Street
Warragamba

THURSDAY 31 MAY
5pm – 8pm
Chipping Norton Community Centre
Cnr Central Avenue and Homestead Avenue
Chipping Norton

FRIDAY 1 JUNE
5pm – 8pm
Glenbrook School of Arts Hall
Cnr Ross Street and Great Western Highway
Glenbrook

SATURDAY 2 JUNE
Information session: 10am – 1pm
FOWSA Meeting: 2pm – 4pm
Penrith Panthers
123 Mulgoa Road
Penrith
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Community feedback on these corridors is open until 1 June 2018. More information is available at www.transport.nsw.gov.au/corridors.

Rail and transport connections to the airport

Rail will improve connectivity throughout Greater Sydney and help to shape Western Sydney as it grows. The Australian and NSW governments have identified a North South Rail Link and an East West link to form the long-term Preferred Network to support Western Sydney and connect the airport.

The North South Rail Link will run between Schofields and Macarthur via St Marys and Western Sydney Airport while the East West link will connect the airport to Greater Parramatta. The governments are also considering a South West line extension from Leppington to the future Badgerys Creek Aerotropolis.

The Australian and NSW governments have committed to construct the first stage of the North South Rail Link – from St Marys to Badgerys Creek Aerotropolis via Western Sydney Airport – and stated the shared objective to have rail to the airport by the time it opens in 2026.

The next step is a joint business case for the North South Link that includes community consultation and market engagement. The business case will consider the best route, station locations, types of rail service and innovative financing opportunities.

The Australian and NSW governments are undertaking a market sounding process to test private sector interest in station development and innovative funding for the Preferred Network.

The NSW Government will also establish rapid bus services from Penrith, Liverpool and Campbelltown.

The community will continue to be involved as we plan for Western Sydney’s rail future. To find out more about the Scoping Study, visit www.transport.nsw.gov.au/westsydneyrail.

What is the Badgerys Creek Aerotropolis?

The Badgerys Creek Aerotropolis will be a world-class manufacturing, research, medical, education and commercial hub around Western Sydney Airport. The airport will be central to the success of the aerotropolis, driving investment and interest from local and global companies.

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WSA Co update

Site works for the Western Sydney Airport are progressing well with the relocation of the major transmission line on track for completion mid-2019. In addition to the joint announcement on the new rail link to the airport by Prime Minister Turnbull and Premier Berejiklian in March, WSA Co recently shortlisted the early earthworks tender – the first stage in preparing the site for construction. This project will commence later this year and includes levelling of 1.8 million cubic metres of earth, in addition to road and drainage works. The major earthworks package is expected to go out for tender later this year.

With the development of the new airport, comes new job opportunities in the Western Sydney region. WSA Co has committed to local workforce targets of at least 30 per cent during the construction phase and 50 per cent once the airport is fully operational.

Based in Liverpool, WSA Co is responsible for delivering the Western Sydney Airport and partnering with a range of commercial and government entities to deliver a thriving airport precinct which will bring social and economic prosperity to Western Sydney.

TransGrid relocation powering ahead of schedule

Presently, a 330 kv overhead high voltage transmission line runs across the airport site. This is being moved underground under an agreement between WSA Co and TransGrid.

TransGrid has completed all the trenching earthworks and conduit installation work in preparation for moving 3.2 kilometres of the high voltage cable underground. This work has included four water crossings that allow water to continue flowing to neighbouring farm dams.

In the coming months, TransGrid will bury the cable and construct the two transition points needed to connect the underground cable with TransGrid’s existing network. These transition points will ensure a safe and reliable electricity supply through construction and operation of the airport.

The relocation, which is the first major activity to occur on the airport site, is several months ahead of schedule and now has a planned completion date of mid-2019.

Find out more

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