



WESTERN SYDNEY AIRPORT community update



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A message from the Minister

As the new federal Minister for Urban Infrastructure I look forward to continuing the Australian Government's commitment to transformational projects for Western Sydney.

Western Sydney is one of the fastest growing regions in Australia, with an additional one million people to call it home in the next twenty years. The Turnbull Government is delivering the key infrastructure for this region to capture the economic benefits and create more jobs for the people of Western Sydney.

An airport for Western Sydney will be a catalyst for jobs and will drive investment through business growth across Western Sydney. More jobs in the region will result in shorter travel times and more time spent with family and friends. This will make Western Sydney an even better place to live, work and do business. As the Minister for Urban Infrastructure, I am committed to this critical and ambitious project for Western Sydney.

In the 2016 Budget the Australian Government committed \$115 million to fund planning and preparation work for the Western Sydney Airport project. This includes \$26 million for developing the concept design for rail access through the airport site and \$89 million to prepare the Western Sydney Airport site.

The target is to have an airport at Badgerys Creek in Western Sydney operating in the mid-2020s. There is a lot to do and we are working methodically through the planning and approvals for this project in consultation with the community. Work is underway to finalise the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Airport Plan, taking account of submissions received.

The Australian Government has already acted on concerns put forward by the community. In May 2016, I announced that the indicative arrival flight paths with a single merge point over Blaxland, presented in the draft EIS, will not be implemented.

In the coming weeks, the Australian and NSW governments will release a discussion paper looking at the rail needs of Western Sydney. I look forward to hearing community views on the future of rail transport in Western Sydney and would encourage you to provide feedback on the discussion paper. Read this newsletter to find out more.



Have your say on Western Sydney rail

Good transport links will be critical to how people move around Western Sydney and access the future Western Sydney Airport. The Australian and NSW governments are working on a joint scoping study into the rail needs of Western Sydney and a Western Sydney Airport. The Scoping Study will also provide governments with advice on what it would take for rail to be available when airport operations commence.

To inform this study a discussion paper outlining options to service Western Sydney's future rail transport needs, including serving the proposed Western Sydney Airport is being developed.

In the coming weeks, the public will be invited to comment on the discussion paper and share their thoughts on how best to meet Western Sydney's future rail needs.

Your feedback will inform the joint study and help the Australian and NSW governments determine the type of rail, the preferred corridor options, when it will be required, as well as other considerations to lock in the right transport solution for the future.

To stay informed about when the discussion paper is released, you can sign up for updates at www.westernsydneyairport.gov.au



Western Sydney Infrastructure Plan

The Australian Government is delivering on its plan to build a stronger and more prosperous Western Sydney by investing \$2.9 billion over ten years in major infrastructure upgrades that will transform the region's economy. This includes upgrades to The Northern Road, upgrades to Bringelly Road, construction of the Werrington Arterial Road and M12 Motorway, and upgrades to the Ross Street Intersection in Glenbrook. These upgrades will improve connectivity to the airport and will boost economic productivity, growth and jobs in the Western Sydney region. The NSW Government will invest around \$700 million towards these infrastructure upgrades.



A Western Sydney Airport is expected to create jobs closer to where people live in Western Sydney. 80 per cent of people employed in the Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport precinct live within 30 minutes of the Airport.

An airport would provide a range of opportunities for employment and job numbers will grow with the airport. By the early 2030s, it is expected to provide nearly 9,000 direct jobs and over 4,000 jobs in on-site business parks. This is projected to grow as the proposed airport grows, with around 750 jobs created per million passengers at the airport. By the early 2060s, this would mean over 60,000 direct jobs and a further 30,000 jobs in business parks.



Finalising the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

Following community consultation undertaken in late 2015 on the draft EIS, the finalised EIS is expected to be submitted to the Minister for the Environment and Energy in the coming months. The finalised EIS will be made publicly available at this time, alongside a revised draft Airport Plan.

The final EIS provides an assessment of the environmental and social changes the proposed airport may bring and will ensure the community is fully informed of how an airport would fit into the region. The Australian Government has continued to engage experts including environmental, engineering, social and economic specialists to finalise the assessment.

Community feedback has been an important part of finalising the EIS. All 5,000 submissions received have been collated and reviewed, and the matters raised are being taken into account. The final EIS will include a Submissions Report detailing how public comments have been addressed.

The Minister for the Environment and Energy will consider the EIS, and can specify environmental conditions to be included in the final Airport Plan.

For more information about the draft EIS and draft Airport Plan, visit: www.westernsydneyairport.gov.au

Revised draft Airport Plan

A draft Airport Plan was placed on public exhibition alongside the draft EIS in late 2015. Similarly, a revised draft Airport Plan will be published alongside the finalised EIS.

The revised draft Airport Plan identifies how a modern and efficient airport would be developed. It includes details about the design of the Stage 1 development for the proposed airport and an outline of the indicative long-term development of the airport.

The Minister for the Environment and Energy will consider the Airport Plan for the Western Sydney Airport from an environmental perspective, having regard to the finalised EIS. He will make recommendations to the Infrastructure Minister on whether the airport may proceed and specify environmental conditions to include in the Airport Plan.

In determining the Airport Plan, the Infrastructure Minister must accept any environmental conditions notified by the Minister for the Environment and Energy, taking into account the finalised EIS.

The Infrastructure Minister will then determine the Airport Plan, providing planning approval for Stage 1 of a Western Sydney Airport.

What's happening on site

Reducing fire hazard

The Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development is working with the NSW Rural Fire Service to reduce the risk of fire hazard before the fire season starts. In the coming weeks, slashing of grass and small controlled burn activity will take place within the airport site.

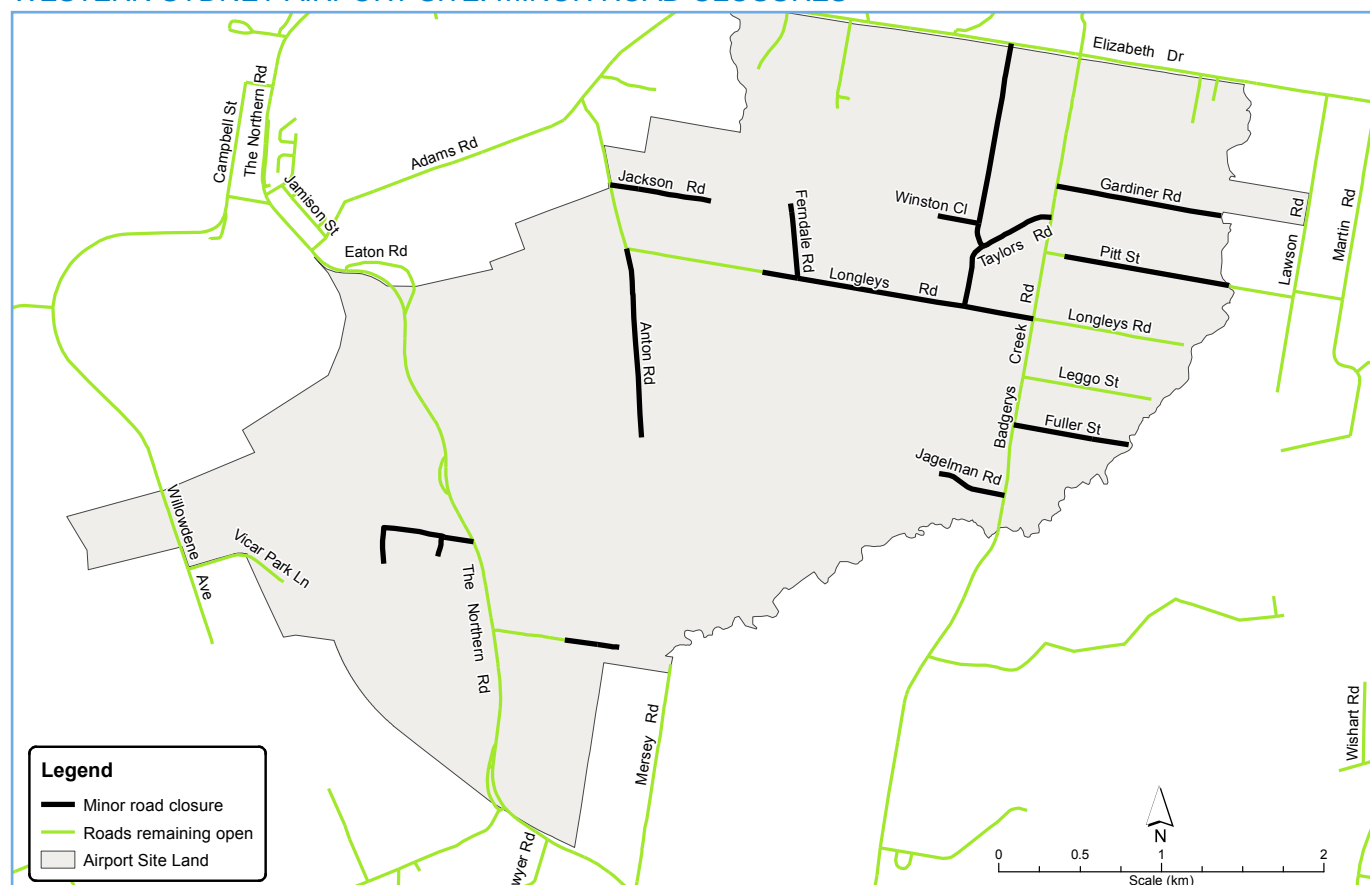
Road closures

Ongoing preparatory work for the proposed Western Sydney Airport requires the gradual closure of minor internal roads within the airport site. Closing off these roads will assist in securing the site from unlawful activity including illegal dumping.

Closures commenced in April 2016 and will continue when roads are no longer required. Where possible, parts of roads will remain open to allow access to public facilities on the site.

These road closures are not expected to impact traffic. Commuters will have continued access to The Northern Road, Badgerys Creek Road and Elizabeth Drive, the main arterial roads in the area. Closed roads are shown in black on the map below.

WESTERN SYDNEY AIRPORT SITE: MINOR ROAD CLOSURES



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