



Australian Government

**Department of Infrastructure
and Regional Development**

WESTERN SYDNEY AIRPORT community update



A message from the Minister

In April this year the Government ended half a century of indecision and uncertainty when we announced that Badgerys Creek would be the site of an airport for Western Sydney.

A Western Sydney airport would see major regional benefits through creating tens of thousands of jobs and dramatically improving access to aviation services to support Western Sydney's growing economy. This project marks a coming of age for Western Sydney and it is an acknowledgment of its status as a thriving city in its own right.

A new airport in Western Sydney would be one of the most significant infrastructure projects in Australia which combined with our roads package of \$3.6 billion will generate economic benefits for the people of Western Sydney and for the nation in the years ahead.

An airport for Western Sydney

- The Australian Government has announced that Badgerys Creek will be the site for Western Sydney's airport.
- The development of an airport is expected to create thousands of local jobs and significant economic growth for Western Sydney.
- A 10-year roads programme of \$3.6 billion is underway to deliver world class transport connections for Western Sydney.

Why a Western Sydney airport

- Sydney's population continues to grow strongly: by 2031, it is expected to increase by 1.3 million people. Half of Sydney's population will call Western Sydney home.
- As our population and business activities grow, our demand for air services will also grow.
- A world class airport would further strengthen Western Sydney's busy and productive economy.
- It would help to secure Sydney's place globally as an economic centre and attractive tourist destination.



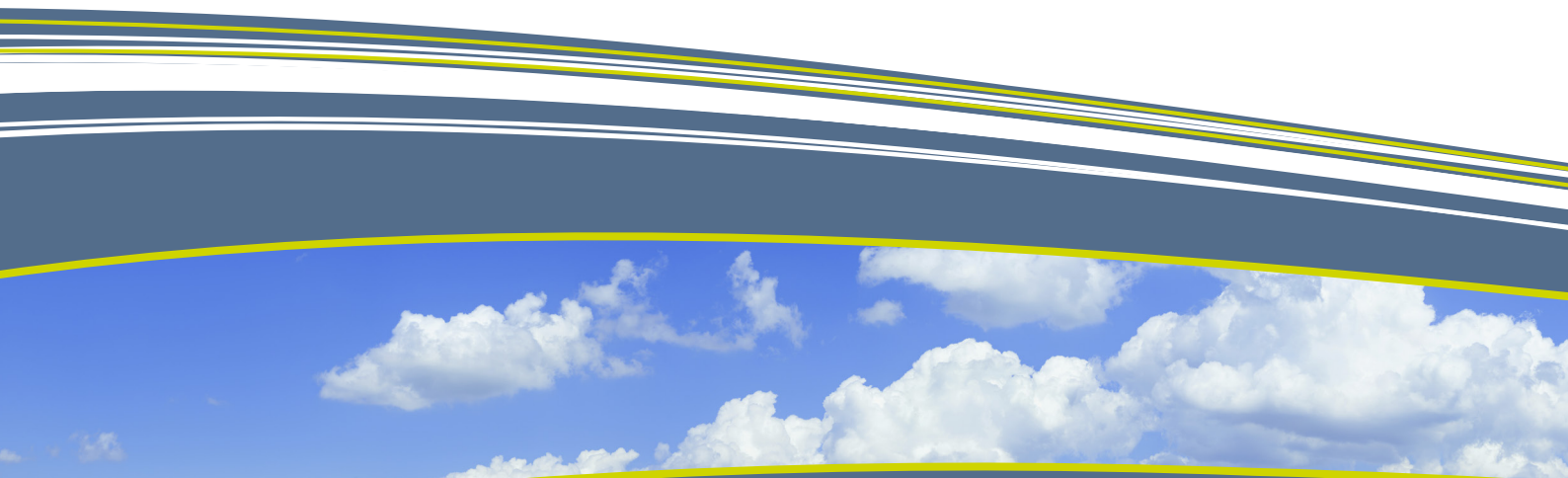
What it means for Western Sydney

- A new airport in Western Sydney would be a major catalyst for boosting the economy and liveability of Western Sydney, making it an even greater place to live, work and do business.
- Providing better access to the area with a package of road improvements including:
 - » the upgrade of Bringelly Road to a minimum of four lanes from Camden Valley Way to The Northern Road.
 - » Werrington Arterial Stage 1 - upgrade of Gibbs Street to a four lane dual carriageway linking the Great Western Highway and M4 with east facing ramps on the M4 motorway.
 - » the upgrade of The Northern Road to a minimum of four lanes from Narellan to the M4 Motorway.
 - » construction of a new four lane motorway between the M7 Motorway and The Northern Road.
 - » a \$200 million package for local roads upgrades.

- It would also benefit the Australian economy more broadly through investment and job creation.
- Initial construction of an airport and roads could generate up to 8,000 jobs with thousands more jobs created once an airport is operational.

It's part of a bigger plan

- The Australian Government is taking a roads first airport second approach and in partnership with the New South Wales Government is investing \$3.6 billion over ten years in transport infrastructure. This will support an airport in Western Sydney and relieve pressure on existing infrastructure in the region.
- The NSW Government is taking action now to protect a public transport corridor that would connect to the recently completed South West Rail Link and run north-south through the South West Growth Centre and the Broader Western Sydney Employment Area, including the Western Sydney airport site at Badgerys Creek.





The steps underway:



Western Sydney airport – Making it happen

- Developing a new airport is a complex, long-term project.
- The Western Sydney Unit, within the Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development, has been established by the Australian Government.
- Detailed planning is now underway with a number of specialist appointed advisers. Work to be undertaken includes development of a business case and cost-benefit analysis, patronage forecasting, airport operation and design concepts, examination of funding and financing models, and environmental assessment.
- Private sector funding will be critical for the development of an airport. In facilitating this a first step is for the Australian Government to consult with the owners of Sydney (Kingsford-Smith) Airport who have the right of first refusal to develop and operate a new airport. This was a condition of the sale of Sydney Airport in 2002. Formal consultations with the Sydney Airport Group commenced on 1 October 2014.
- An airport could be operational by mid 2020s.

Preparing the site

- In the 1980s and 1990s the Australian Government undertook a land acquisition programme in the Badgerys Creek area to reserve the land needed for an airport in Western Sydney. Since the date of acquisition, the land has been owned by the Australian Government in anticipation of a future decision on the location of an airport.
- In order to implement the decision, the land on the site will need to be vacated.
- We have recently contacted the tenants of the land at Badgerys Creek to give them certainty about when the Australian Government intends to take vacant possession of the site.
- The Government is working with all tenants at Badgerys Creek to enable them to move to new accommodation. There will be detailed discussions with all people directly affected.



Have your say

- There will be an opportunity in the coming months to have your say during the environmental assessment process which will build on the previous environmental assessments. We'd like to hear your views on the proposed airport for Western Sydney and will keep the community informed about this process.

Find out more



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