



# **The Hon Robyn Parker MP**

## **Minister for the Environment**

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### **MEDIA RELEASE**

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#### **TWO NEW BUSINESS HUBS EARMARKED FOR WESTERN SYDNEY**

NSW Environment Minister Robyn Parker today announced two new business hubs have been earmarked to encourage hundreds more jobs to the Western Sydney region.

Ms Parker said the Western Sydney Parklands Trust has applied to set aside two sites on the perimeter of the Parklands - at Eastern Creek and Horsley Drive at Fairfield - for strategically placed commercial use.

"The two hubs would support about 1100 jobs and are expected to attract more than \$200 million in private capital investment," Ms Parker said.

"In the construction phase the two lease sites at Eastern Creek and Horsley Drive in Fairfield would generate 750 jobs.

"The NSW Liberals and National Government is committed to creating the right environment for jobs growth and investment in the region.

"This is great news for Western Sydney and a mark of the Government's confidence in the region at a time of recent closures by other locally based industries."

Ms Parker said the decision to allow a limited number of commercial land uses for lease within the Parklands was outlined in the Parklands Plan of Management, developed in 2010.

"Two per cent of the Parklands was identified for lease to generate the revenue required to develop and manage the remainder of the Parklands," Ms Parker said.

"Any business hub development will be subject to the full planning assessment process – including community consultation."

The member for Smithfield Andrew Rohan said the hubs would be a real boost to business and job confidence in the region.

"The hubs would blend appropriately into the surrounding industrial areas. One site located adjacent to the M7 and Great Western Highway would act as an extension of the Smithfield - Wetherill Park Industrial Estate," Mr Rohan said.

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