

# CAMDEN COUNCIL

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### Camden Council Signs Western Sydney City Deal

Mayor of Camden, Lara Symkowiak, has welcomed the Western Sydney City Deal as a landmark agreement between all levels of government for the future of the region.

Yesterday the mayors of eight councils in the west and south west of Sydney joined the Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull and Premier of NSW, Gladys Berejiklian to announce the deal as an agreed commitment to the area.

“The deal is not about politics, it’s about all three levels of government working together for the first time to ensure Western Sydney becomes a city in its own region and has the same opportunities for its residents that other parts of Sydney have,” Mayor Symkowiak said.

“This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to align the priorities of our region and establish a long term vision to deliver sustainable and practical outcomes for our communities.

“Geographically, Camden is ideally located to harness the many benefits the new airport will offer and bring to the region.

“Attracting commercial investment to the region will provide our residents with job diversity and more options to work within their local areas, reducing their commute times and improving their quality of life,” she said

#### Some highlights from the deal include:

- The establishment of a 114 hectare Badgerys Creek Aerotropolis at North Bringelly which will include a world class science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) university, a high performance secondary school and advanced vocational education and training (VET) facility;
- Creation of a Western Sydney Centre of Innovation in Plant Science at the Australian Botanic Garden in Mount Annan;
- The development of a 5G strategy for the Western Sydney City, which will include partnering with a telecommunications carrier to deliver a trial of 5G Technology;
- Development of a Western Sydney Investment Attraction Office aimed at attracting domestic and international investment;

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- The development of a strategy for the South Creek corridor from Narellan to Hawkesbury that will investigate its restoration and protection;
- The establishment of a western Sydney Health Alliance to improve the coordination and effectiveness of health services in the region;
- New \$150 million Liveability fund, in which the Camden LGA will receive \$15 million for stage two of the Sports Hub, Synthetic Sporting Ovals and the Ferguson Lane Cricket project;
- Introduction of Rapid Bus services linking the region to Badgerys Creek Airport; and
- The investigation of integrated transport and delivery options for a full North South Rail Link from Schofields to Macarthur and a South West Rail Link to connect Leppington to the Western Sydney Airport.

“Western Sydney is the powerhouse of NSW, with the region expected to grow to 1.5 million people over the next 20 years, this is why it is so important to have this high level strategic agreement in place for the future of our region.

“This is just the start of the process, over the coming months I will continue to advocate and work on behalf of our community to ensure our local area receives the right level of investment, infrastructure and local employment prospects for our current and future residents,” Mayor Symkowiak concluded.

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