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## Western Sydney Airport to Deliver Jobs and Infrastructure

**Media Release**

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**Joint release with:**The Hon. Tony Abbott MP  
Prime Minister

The Government has confirmed that the site for Western Sydney's new airport will be Badgerys Creek.

For more than 50 years governments have talked about a second airport for Sydney.

The talk is over. The final decision has been made.

This airport will be good for economic growth and good for jobs—both in Western Sydney and nationally.

Airports are unique in that they employ more people in operation than construction—so these are long term jobs for the future.

While the initial construction phase is expected to generate around 4,000 jobs, the airport development is expected to create 35,000 jobs by 2035, increasing to 60,000 jobs over time.

By 2060, the new airport has the potential to drive an increase in Australian gross domestic product (GDP) of almost \$24 billion.

Although the Western Sydney airport will not be fully operational for a decade, planning for the new airport will start immediately and construction should start in 2016.

It is envisaged that most of the cost of the airport will be met by a private sector operator.

Without a new airport, we run the risk of the existing Kingsford-Smith Airport reaching capacity. Sydney's airport is the gateway to Australia's largest city and accounts for 40 per cent of international arrivals and 50 per cent of international air freight each year. If no action is taken on a second airport, Australia would lose out on 80,000 additional jobs and \$34 billion in economic activity by 2060.

Today's decision recognises the growth of Western Sydney. Over the next 20 years, the region's population is expected to grow from two million to three million people.

Western Sydney is already Australia's third largest economy and, in its own right, would be our fourth largest city.

A dedicated Western Sydney airport will service local aviation needs and be a much-needed relief valve for Sydney Airport. It will be a major catalyst for investment, jobs growth and tourism in the region for decades to come.

This is a major long-term infrastructure project.

Realistically, a new airport will see its first flight in the mid-2020s, so we are moving ahead. It is critical that we act now to finalise the necessary planning, including critical road network upgrades.

Because of the time it takes to plan and build an airport, the Government's approach will be roads first; airport second. The additional roads will be ready long before the airport is fully operational.

In coming days, the Government will, together with the NSW Government, announce the details of a major Western Sydney infrastructure package to deliver long overdue investment in the region's roads.

Building road and rail infrastructure to support Badgerys Creek will not just benefit airport users, but residents throughout Western Sydney.

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The Government recognises the need for genuine consultation on this important issue. We have a responsibility to engage with the community to ensure that local voices are heard.

The Government is also aware of its obligations to offer the owner of Kingsford-Smith Airport the right of first refusal in relation to an airport at Badgerys Creek.

The Deputy Prime Minister has, therefore, written to Mr Max Moore-Wilton AC, Chairman of Southern Cross Airports Corporation Pty Limited, to advise him of the Government's decision and to commence formal consultation in due course.

In opposition, the Coalition committed to make an early decision on Sydney's future airport needs. That's exactly what we've done.

The new airport in Western Sydney with supporting roads and transport infrastructure will make life easier in Sydney and make the economy stronger.

- [The Australian Government's Sydney Aviation Strategy](http://www.minister.infrastructure.gov.au/https://web.archive.org.au/awa/20141215052854mp_/http://www.infrastructure.gov.au/aviation/airport/western_sydney/index.aspx)  
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**NOTICE UNDER SECTION 72 OF THE PUBLIC GOVERNANCE,  
PERFORMANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT 2013**

I, the Hon Paul Fletcher MP, Minister for Urban Infrastructure, and on behalf of Senator the Hon Mathias Cormann, Minister for Finance:

- (a) give notice of an event as required under section 72 of the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013*; and
- (b) provide particulars of the event as required under section 26 of the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Rule 2014*.

**Name and portfolio of the Ministers who have the responsibility for the event**

The Hon Paul Fletcher MP, Minister for Urban Infrastructure, and Senator the Hon Mathias Cormann, Minister for Finance

**Nature of, and reasons for, the event**

The Commonwealth has formed a company, WSA Co Limited, and has acquired shares in WSA Co Limited.

WSA Co Limited has been formed to build Western Sydney Airport on Commonwealth-owned land at Badgerys Creek.

The Government has committed up to \$5.3 billion over 10 years in the 2017-18 Budget to build Western Sydney Airport through a new company, WSA Co. This funding is integral to the Government's commitment to ensure the new airport is operational by 2026.

The initial capitalisation is \$15 million and it is intended to cover operating and capital expenses.

**Consequences of the event**

Dollar value of consideration paid or received

The Commonwealth has committed to provide a total of \$15,000,000 upon incorporation of WSA Co Limited from the *Appropriation Act (No 2) 2017-2018* in exchange for 15 million shares at a face value of \$1 per share.

Obligations or liabilities placed on the Commonwealth

This event does not create an obligation or liability for the Commonwealth

Particulars about the Commonwealth's control of the company

The Commonwealth owns all of the issued shares in WSA Co Limited and was the sole shareholder upon incorporation.

Other areas where the Commonwealth's interests have been affected

There are no other areas where the Commonwealth's interests have been affected by this event.

**Particulars relating to the company**

Name of company

WSA Co Limited

ACN or ARBN

ACN 618 989 272

Company type


Public company limited by shares

Address of principal place of business

c/- Australian Government Solicitor

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	Level 42, MLC Centre 19 Martin Place SYDNEY 2000
Whether listed on a stock exchange and, if so, name of the stock exchange	Not listed on a stock exchange
Ownership structure	The Commonwealth owns all of the issued shares in WSA Co Limited
<b>Signature block for Minister</b>	
Date 20/8/17  Paul Fletcher Minister for Urban Infrastructure	

## NEW AGREEMENT KEEPS SYDNEY METRO (WESTERN SYDNEY AIRPORT) JOBMAKER PROJECT ON-TRACK

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### MEDIA RELEASE

02 Jun 2020

*Prime Minister, Premier of New South Wales, Minister for Population, Minister for Population Cities and Urban Infrastructure, NSW Minister for Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney, NSW Minister for Transport and Roads*

Construction will start this year on the around \$11 billion Sydney Metro – Western Sydney Airport rail, locking in thousands of jobs and providing a long-term economic boost to the Western Sydney and New South Wales economies during the COVID-19 recovery.

Under a new agreement between the Morrison and Berejiklian governments, a further \$3.5 billion will be injected into the project, which will service the greater Western Sydney region, in time for the opening of Western Sydney International (Nancy-Bird Walton) Airport in 2026.

Prime Minister Scott Morrison said the investment was a further demonstration of the Coalition's commitment to transforming Western Sydney into an economic and jobs powerhouse.

"It also demonstrates our partnership approach to creating jobs with the New South Wales Government. Working with state governments on bringing forward and investing even more in major infrastructure projects is central to our JobMaker plan to restore our economy," the Prime Minister said.

"The new Metro and the new airport will deliver billions of dollars and thousands of jobs to Western Sydney, while establishing the infrastructure needed now and into the future.

"Construction is already well underway on the airport, and later this year works will start on this new Metro service which will link the suburbs of Western Sydney to the rest of Sydney.

"Getting work started on this project and many other infrastructure projects across New South Wales and Australia is critical to my government's JobMaker program as we rebuild the economy during COVID-19.

"Late last year we agreed to bring forward \$4.2 billion worth of infrastructure investment across Australia to secure jobs and support the national economy, and we continue to look at further opportunities to accelerate projects in all states and territories."

NSW Premier Gladys Berejiklian said the Sydney Metro – Western Sydney Airport was a key part of the state's record \$100 billion infrastructure pipeline.

"Now more than ever we need projects that provide jobs to support families and this project is major economic stimulus right in the heart of western Sydney," Ms Berejiklian said.

"This project is moving forward, through the hard work that has been carried out by the Federal, New South Wales and local governments over the past year.

"The opportunities this mega project will provide are vital as our economy recovers from the financial impact of the COVID-19."

The Sydney Metro – Western Sydney Airport includes six proposed metro railway stations, including:

- Two stations within the airport site, at the airport terminal and at the airport business park;
- A station serving the commercial heart of the Western Sydney Aerotropolis;
- A station at St Marys, interchanging with the existing suburban railway station and connecting customers with the rest of Sydney's rail system;
- A station at Orchard Hills; and
- A station at Luddenham to service a future education, innovation and commercial precinct.

Federal Minister for Population, Cities and Urban Infrastructure Alan Tudge said Western Sydney residents will reap the benefits of this investment well before the first train leaves the station.

"This project will support 14,000 jobs, bringing new opportunities for the people of Western Sydney, closer to home."

"It represents an economic stimulus in the middle of Western Sydney, supporting jobs for electricians, carpenters, plumbers, tunnellers, surveyors, crane and forklift operators and truck drivers.

NSW Minister for Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney Stuart Ayres said supporting the airport and Aerotropolis is a key part of the Western Sydney City Deal, a 20-year agreement signed in March 2018 by the Commonwealth Government, NSW Government, and eight Western Sydney councils.

"The Metro Western Sydney Airport project will be a game-changer for the region, providing the backbone for the economic and broader development," Mr Ayres said.

NSW Transport Minister Andrew Constance says the new line will service greater Western Sydney and the new Western Sydney International (Nancy-Bird Walton) Airport,

“This new metro railway line will become the transport spine for the region, connecting travellers from the new airport to the rest of Sydney’s public transport system.”

The Sydney Metro – Western Sydney Airport is being funded on an equal joint basis by the Commonwealth and New South Wales governments under the Western Sydney City Deal.

The \$5.3 billion Western Sydney International (Nancy-Bird Walton) Airport is being fully funded by the Commonwealth Government.

PRIME MINISTER OF AUSTRALIA  
**The Hon Scott Morrison MP**

**The Hon Alan Tudge MP**Former Minister for Population, Cities and Urban Infrastructure  
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# assures balance in developing Western Sydney Airport

The approval of Western Sydney Airport's \$200 million Biodiversity Offset Delivery Plan by the Department of the Environment and Energy provides for a comprehensive program of biodiversity offsets, and clears the way for earthworks to begin on the airport site.



Minister for Cities, Urban Infrastructure and Population, Alan Tudge, said the Western Sydney Airport site contains fragments of endangered Cumberland Plain Woodland and grasslands, and the Biodiversity Offset Delivery Plan complies with one of the strict conditions included in the Airport Plan to offset this native vegetation.

"Today's release of the Biodiversity Offset Delivery Plan is a sure sign of the Australian Government's commitment to responsible development, balancing economic development and ecological preservation," Minister Tudge said.

"This will ensure that Western Sydney Airport and its jobs generation, commercial development and education opportunities will be delivered without detrimental impacts on the biodiversity values of the Cumberland Plain."

The Biodiversity Offset Delivery Plan was developed with input from a Biodiversity Experts Group on the best plant and animal conservation options.

The Australian Government is committed to achieving significant biodiversity gains in the region and is fully funding the offsets package through an investment of around \$200 million. This represents the largest biodiversity offset program underway in Australia.

"The plan includes a welcome initiative to establish long-term conservation at the nearby Defence Establishment Orchard Hills, as well as seed propagation and the purchase of biodiversity credits," Mr Tudge said.

The Department of Infrastructure, Regional Development and Cities is now calling for expressions of interest from vendors of biodiversity credits for plant communities and species associated with Cumberland Plain Woodland.

Expressions of interest close on 16 October 2018 and a formal procurement process will follow.

More information is available at [www.westernsydneyairport.gov.au/offsets](http://www.westernsydneyairport.gov.au/offsets)  
(<http://www.westernsydneyairport.gov.au/offsets>)

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Thursday 20 September 2018

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