



New South Wales Government

# Western Sydney Parklands

## The lungs for Sydney's west



THE NSW GOVERNMENT has been acquiring and conserving land for recreation and the environment as part of a long-term plan in Western Sydney for over 30 years.

This land is the Western Sydney Parklands and stretches for 27 kilometres from Blacktown to Liverpool along Eastern Creek and the hills of Hoxton Park.

It is 25 times the size of Sydney's Centennial Park and will be an asset for our children and generations to come. The Parklands will be known as the 'Lungs of Western Sydney'.

It will enhance the quality of life for families in Western Sydney, giving them a new landmark recreation area.

The State Government is going to work with the community on a plan to deliver 5,500 hectares of new park, transforming old farming paddocks to create accessible recreation areas and regenerating natural bushland and habitat for local wildlife. The Government has earmarked \$45 million for infrastructure works. The first projects will start to be delivered next year. The State Government will establish a Trust to manage the parklands.

We want to thank Liverpool, Fairfield and Blacktown City Councils for being partners in this historic project.

The State Government is pleased to unlock the lungs of Western Sydney for the families of today and tomorrow.

**The Hon Bob Carr**  
Premier of NSW

**The Hon Diane Beamer**  
Minister for Western Sydney

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## Green landmark for Western Sydney

The Western Sydney Parklands will provide Sydney with a vast conservation and recreation haven equivalent in size to 25 Centennial Parks - one of the biggest urban parklands in the world to be publicly owned and unique in Australia.

It is the culmination of more than 30 years of planning by the NSW Government for the future infrastructure, recreation and open space needs of Western Sydney. The lands were first identified in detail in the Sydney Region Outline Plan in 1968.

The Western Sydney Parklands is a key example of the benefits of planning for the future needs of the city. It is an important part of the Metropolitan Plan for Sydney.

## Unique land in a unique location

This strategic land is positioned in one of the fastest growing regions in Australia. It offers a tremendous opportunity for families in Western Sydney to have a better quality of life.

The Parklands also includes core conservation areas and nature reserves which will be protected and enhanced. To date the NSW Government has progressed revegetation of the area through the Greening Western Sydney Program. This has revegetated and restored a large part of the Parklands during the last 10 years.

The lands also include high quality sports facilities developed for the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games for equestrian, shooting, baseball, softball and mountain-biking competitions.

The Parklands already contains significant recreation resources (approximately 20 per cent of the entire Parklands):

- Nurragingy Reserve
- Western Sydney Regional Park (NPWS)
- Eastern Creek Raceway
- Western Sydney International Dragway
- Sydney International Equestrian Centre
- Sydney International Shooting Centre
- Blacktown Olympic Park - Softball Centre

The Parklands is also home to Prospect Reservoir.

## The future

The overall plan for the Parklands proposes a conservation area linking the existing core woodland with a 760ha biodiversity corridor.

The remainder of the Parklands has been divided into 50 Park areas in nine precincts that can support its ecological values as well as provide recreation, natural and cultural heritage interpretation, tourism and commercial recreation opportunities.





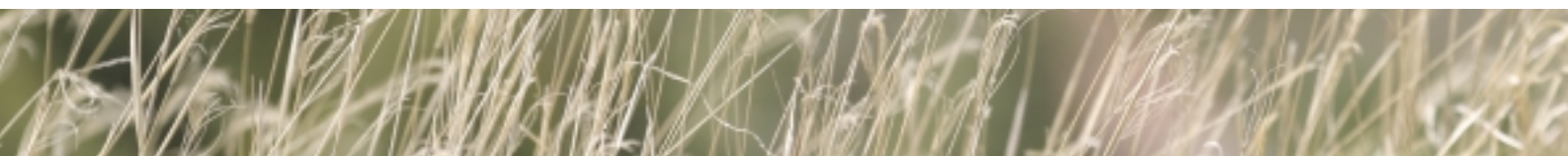
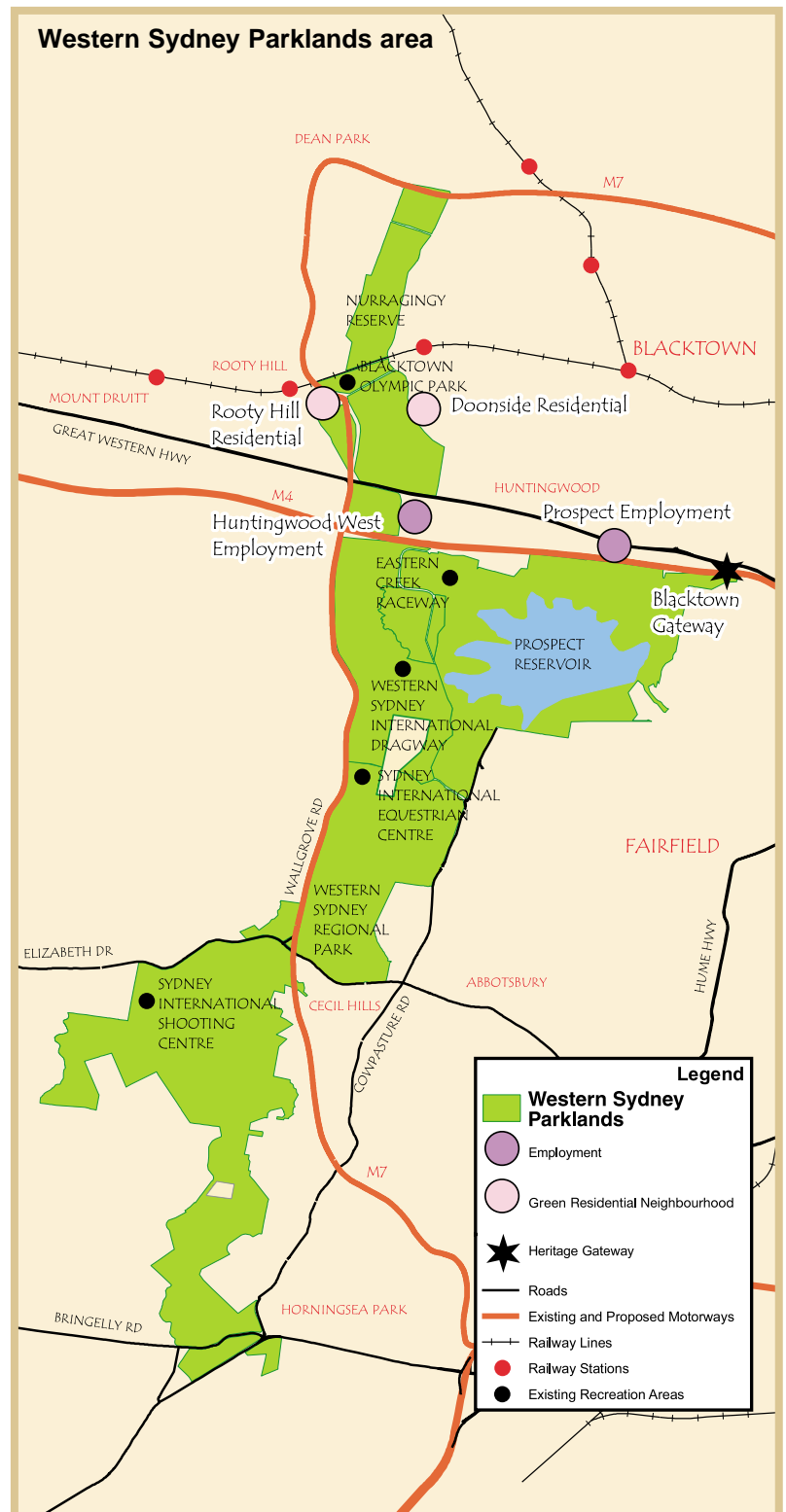


Stage 1 will include commencement of works for:

- a major new regional park on the Telstra site at Doonside for family orientated recreation and events
- cycling and walking paths throughout the Parklands
- a facility for youth including trail bike and BMX bikes
- new picnic grounds and playgrounds with lookouts, parking and amenities
- outdoor camping site for school groups and adventure programs
- new regional sports facilities
- major biodiversity restoration work
- a landscape gateway at Prospect.

Initial funds of \$45 million from the development of new best practice 'Green' residential and employment lands adjacent to the Parklands will be earmarked for the Stage 1 works - over the next 10 years.

These funds will be made available through the Sydney Region Development Fund which acquires regional open space across Sydney.



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## Green residential development for Western Sydney

The establishment of the Western Sydney Parklands will be complemented by one of the premium green suburbs in Australia.

- On land adjacent to the parklands, 55ha will be developed for residential purposes - 40ha at Doonside and 15ha at Rooty Hill - within 1km of a railway station.
- A major design competition will deliver a model for 'green' development and an integrated parkland and residential masterplan for the 40ha at Doonside.
- Environmental experts will be part of the judging panel.
- All the proposed housing will focus on water saving design, energy smart buildings, adaptable and age-in-place housing, high quality appearance, easy access to public transport, seamless transitions between housing and the parklands and will be sympathetic to the parkland's environment.
- These developments will be sustainable neighbourhoods that fully integrate with the adjacent parklands and the existing neighbourhoods.



## New jobs for Western Sydney

Developed in partnership with Landcom, a total of 58ha of land adjoining the Parklands will be used for employment lands (40ha at West Huntingwood, 18ha at Prospect), delivering between 600-800 new jobs for Western Sydney.

- As with the community development a design competition will deliver a model for green development for the 40ha West Huntingwood site for employment lands.
- The employment lands site will be served by transport connections from the M4 and the Great Western Highway.
- Another green development, it will include water sensitive design and energy-smart buildings and all employees will be able to enjoy recreation activities provided by the Parklands.

