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WESTERN SYDNEY WINS IN STATE BUDGET

The NSW Government is building a strong Western Sydney for the future, through transformational projects like the North West Metro, Metro West, Parramatta Light Rail and Bankwest Stadium.

Minister for Western Sydney Stuart Ayres said West and North West Sydney are key economic drivers of the State's economy.

"Parramatta is experiencing the fastest business growth in Australia, with a 22 per cent increase over the past decade," Mr Ayres said.

"We're investing in initiatives that focus on better connecting Western Sydney, supporting a skilled community, delivering world-class healthcare, and continuing to make Western Sydney a great place to live."

Key highlights from the 2019-20 Budget include:

- **\$561 million** for 2019-20 towards Parramatta Light Rail Stage 1, linking Westmead and Carlingford through the Parramatta CBD;
- **\$404 million** towards upgrading the Northern Road between Narellan and Penrith;
- **\$286.4 million** in 2019-20 (as part of a \$832.3 million project) for the Stage 1 of the Westmead Hospital Redevelopment;
- **\$196.2 million** in 2019-20 (as part of a \$550 million project) for the Nepean Hospital and integrated ambulatory services Redevelopment;
- **\$145.3 million** towards planning and preconstruction activities for the Western Sydney Infrastructure Plan;
- **\$108.3 million** in 2019-20 (as part of a \$632 million project) for the Stage 2 of the Campbelltown Hospital Redevelopment (including the Mental Health and South West Paediatric services);
- **\$107.4 million** for 2019-20 on M4 Smart Motorway, a motorway management system, being introduced on the M4 Motorway between Parramatta and Penrith to increase trip reliability and improve road safety;
- **\$66.7 million** in 2019-20 (as part of a \$95 million project) for the Stage 1 of the Children's Hospital at Westmead Redevelopment, with \$8.2 million in 2019-20 (as part of a \$619 million project) to commence Stage 2 of the Children's Hospital at Westmead Redevelopment;
- **\$60 million** (2018-19 to 2020-21) towards developing local community initiatives under the Western Parkland City Liveability Program, a joint initiative with the Commonwealth Government and various local councils;
- **\$41.4 million** in 2019-20 (as part of a \$740 million project) for the Liverpool Health and Academic Precinct;
- **\$34.9 million** in 2019-20 (as part of a \$655.2 million project) for the Stage 2 of the Blacktown and Mount Druitt Hospitals Expansion;

- **\$33.4 million** to implement the NSW Motor Sport Strategy, including \$6.4 million for a motor sport Centre for Excellence, \$16 million to install permanent lighting at the Sydney Motorsport Park and \$11 million to upgrade the Sydney International Dragway.

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