

NSW GOVERNMENT WEEKLY UPDATE – 11 NOVEMBER 2016

NEW LIFE FOR SYDNEY'S FISH MARKET

- A new \$250 million fish market will be developed at Blackwattle Bay on a site adjacent to the current Sydney Fish Market under a scheme expected to double visitors to one of the city's biggest attractions.
- A historic agreement has been reached between UrbanGrowth NSW and the leaseholders of the Sydney Fish Market to proceed to the next stage of the development of a new market, which includes design, site investigations, planning and negotiations.
- The retail space will grow from the present 6,582 square metres to 15,500 square metres with seafood sales complemented by additional fresh produce lines and there will be outdoor dining seating for more than 3,000 guests and the possibility of the inclusion of a rooftop bar.
- The NSW Government will call for Registrations of Interest from the world's best design and engineering experts to produce an iconic fish and produce market with construction of the new fish market to commence in late 2018.

NEW M4-M5 LINK DESIGN FEATURES RELEASED

- New design features for the next stage of WestConnex have been released, with potential for the M4-M5 Link twin tunnels to be completed early, capacity increasing from three to four lanes in each direction and exit and entry ramps at Camperdown removed.
- Engineering improvements meant the twin tunnels from Haberfield to St Peters could be built as a stand-alone project, and initially operate independently from the Rozelle Interchange and Iron Cove Link. This would allow the tunnels to potentially open to motorists in 2022.

- The \$7 billion M4-M5 Link will be the central spine of Sydney's future motorway network by providing connections to the proposed Western Harbour Tunnel and F6.

CROWN LANDS BILL A WIN FOR COMMUNITIES

- Historic legislation to modernise and streamline the management of the state's vast Crown land estate has passed the NSW Parliament enshrining in legislation – for the first time in history – the importance of Crown land to Aboriginal people while protecting important Aboriginal Land Rights and Native Title interests.
- The new legislation will require environmental, social, cultural heritage and economic considerations to be taken into account in decision making about Crown land and is the culmination of a comprehensive review and engagement process initiated by the Liberal-National Government in 2012.
- The NSW Government will work closely with stakeholders and the community during implementation of the new Bill, ahead of its anticipated commencement in 2018.

REGIONAL JOBS NOW PROVIDES FUEL FOR REGIONAL BUSINESS

- The NSW Government has launched the Regional Jobs Now package to fuel job creation across regional NSW.
- Regional Jobs Now, an initiative of Jobs for NSW, offers products which provide financial support to help companies grow their business and create jobs in the local community – regional businesses are encouraged to tell the NSW Government what they need and help can be provided for that business to apply for the most suitable Regional Jobs Now product.
- The NSW Government has shown its commitment to regional NSW investing \$13 billion in our first term and now investing \$6 billion in our second term under Rebuilding NSW.
- Further information is available at <http://www.jobsforNSW.com.au>.

PARRAMATTA ROAD TO BECOME A VIBRANT CORRIDOR

- Parramatta will become Sydney's new boom corridor under an urban transformation strategy featuring 27,000 additional homes and 50,000 extra jobs with impressive community facilities and green spaces.

- The *Parramatta Road Corridor Urban Transformation Strategy* – which included three years of work and collaboration with local communities- will breathe new life in the corridor from Granville to Camperdown.
- The strategy is a joint vision for revitalising one of our city's most interesting urban corridors, which has been overwhelmed by heavy traffic, excessive noise and declining commercial spaces for years.
- The strategy will be published on the UrbanGrowth NSW website on Thursday 10 November at www.urbangrowth.nsw.gov.au/Parramatta-road

MORE HOMES AND JOBS WITH RECORD APPROVALS

- Thousands of new homes, workplaces and shops will be built across NSW following a record-breaking \$15 billion worth of development being approved in the last financial year.
- A total of 370 applications worth \$15.047 billion were approved across NSW, surpassing the previous record of 285 applications worth \$10.035 billion in 2014-15.
- The approvals were made by the six Joint Regional Planning Panels across NSW, with approved developments including the \$596 million Parramatta Gateway development in Western Sydney and the \$281 million Kirrawee South Village development in Sydney's South.
- More information on the Planning Panels can be found at www.jrpp.nsw.gov.au.

TARGETING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PERPETRATORS LIKE NEVER BEFORE

- Half of the repeat domestic violent offenders put on intensive watch in an Australian-first policing initiative have been re-arrested, as the NSW Government gets tough on violence in the home.
- The Domestic Violence Suspect Management Plan (II) initiative for the first time targets repeat domestic violence offenders, using the same successful monitoring regime police already use to target repeat break and enter and robbery offenders.
- The NSW Government has devoted \$25 million over four years to rolling out High Risk Offender Teams in all six police regions and 24 additional domestic violence liaison officers to give victims of domestic violence the support they need.

NSW CONSUMERS MOST CONFIDENT IN THE NATION

- The Westpac Melbourne Institute Index of Consumer Sentiment has revealed that NSW consumers are the most confident in the nation.
- NSW consumer sentiment rose by 3.5 per cent to 103.6 index points in November – the highest among the states and 2.3 index points above the national average.
- The report comes a day after NAB's Monthly Business Survey showed that NSW business conditions have now been above the national average for the past 25 consecutive months.
- NSW is now leading on all key indicators and this is having a very positive effect on consumer and business sentiment.

NEW POLICE WATCHDOG PASSES PARLIAMENT

- The NSW Parliament has passed important legislation to streamline and strengthen the oversight of the NSW Police Force and the NSW Crime Commission through the establishment of a new watchdog.
- The Law Enforcement Conduct Commission (LECC) will replace the Police Integrity Commission (PIC), the Inspector of the Crime Commission and the Police and Compliance Branch of the Ombudsman's Office. A new LECC Inspector will replace the Inspector of the PIC.
- At the last election, the NSW Government made a commitment to review and reform the oversight arrangements for law enforcement agencies in NSW, and this represents the fulfilment of that promise.