



We are making the biggest changes to the planning system in over 30 years

- ✓ Travelled statewide to hear the community's views about the planning system (more than 50 meetings, industry and community consultation events as well as online forums involving more than 4,000 people since June 2011)
- ✓ Received and made publicly available more than 1,500 submissions
- ✓ Repealed the much-despised Part 3A laws that gave Ministers extraordinary powers to override community concerns
- ✓ Returned many decision-making powers to local communities through their councils, allowing them to decide more development applications
- ✓ Published all submissions and assessment reports for major projects on the Department's website before determinations are made, giving the public unprecedented access to this important information
- ✓ Earlier and greater consultation with councils on local and strategic planning matters
- ✓ Formalised independent reviews for council decisions on rezoning applications.

Planning and Infrastructure: The first two years



Restoring integrity, delivering growth in western Sydney

Good planning



We all have an interest in making NSW number one again.

Good planning is central to reviving our economy. Good planning delivers infrastructure, housing and jobs at the right time and in the right places.

The NSW Government has listened to what the community and business have said about the complexity and lack of transparency in the planning system. And now, we're fixing it.

We have **taken the politics out of planning** by handing decisions on major projects to independent bodies like the Planning Assessment Commission and Joint Regional Planning Panels.

We've **returned other planning decisions to local communities** through their councils.

We are making it easier to get into the housing market by accelerating land supply and infrastructure delivery.

We have put in place the toughest controls on the coal seam gas (CSG) industry in Australia.

This brochure provides a snapshot of the planning initiatives undertaken by the NSW Government in the past two years for the residents of western Sydney.

Brad Hazzard
Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

Approved major projects worth \$12.5 billion in western Sydney, creating 30,972 construction jobs and 13,432 ongoing jobs



- ✓ Released the new draft Metropolitan Strategy for Sydney – a fresh approach to support the city's growth, drive jobs and prosperity in western Sydney and protect the food bowl on Sydney's outskirts
- ✓ Introduced the toughest coal seam gas (CSG) controls in the country, including a two kilometre exclusion zone around residential areas
- ✓ Made the State's planning laws fairer, more transparent and easier to use – the Green Paper in July 2012, and the White Paper in early 2013 are key milestones for a better planning system
- ✓ Commenced planning eight new town centres around the new North West Rail Link railway stations to deliver 27,400 new homes and 49,500 new jobs

- ✓ Working with local communities and councils to deliver new homes near transport in Homebush, Auburn, Macquarie Park and Epping as part of a housing strategy to deliver an additional 172,000 home sites across Sydney
- ✓ Rezoned greenfield land in north west and south west Sydney for 35,700 homes and 29,000 jobs and started planning on six new precinct releases with capacity for 30,200 more homes
- ✓ Progressing seven outer suburban sites with potential for 15,850 home sites and 13 additional sites with potential for 60,000 further down the track
- ✓ Assisted NSW Health deliver better healthcare, approving projects worth \$429.4 million at the Sydney South West Private Hospital, Campbelltown Hospital, Liverpool Cancer, Pathology and Clinical Training project and Blacktown Hospital.