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### **WESTERN SYDNEY BOOSTS JOBS GROWTH**

Western Sydney provided a major boon to employment growth in NSW over the year, the latest ABS data shows.

Labor force figures released today show Western Sydney contributed 50,700 jobs – an increase of 4 per cent – through the year to November, with unemployment remaining at a nine-year low of 5.3 per cent.

Nearly 83,000 jobs have been added in Western Sydney in the two years since the last election – more than Labor created in their last four years in office.

“Today’s results are a big win for the people of Western Sydney, who are getting on with the job and helping to make NSW the best state to live, work and raise a family in,” Mr Perrottet said.

“The fact we’ve created more jobs in the last two years than Labor did in four shows this Government knows how to create the right conditions and incentives for jobs in Western Sydney.

“The results also show our economic reforms and investment in infrastructure are driving growth for the people of Western Sydney.”

The unemployment rate in Western Sydney is still the lowest since August 2008 and well below its average of 5.9 per cent since 2011.

Minister for Western Sydney Stuart Ayres said business confidence in Western Sydney was strong and continuing to grow.

“Western Sydney’s low unemployment rate is delivering an improved standard of living for people in the area and all across the state,” Mr Ayres said

Regional NSW has also benefited from the Government’s reforms, adding 79,000 jobs in regional NSW since April 2015 – an impressive 55.7 per cent of the total regional employment growth in Australia over this period.

“More than half of regional jobs growth is happening in NSW, showing those living in our regions are hard at work, increasing prosperity locally while fortifying the national economy,” Mr Perrottet said.

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