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WESTERN SYDNEY YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT REACHES TWO DECADE LOW

Youth unemployment in Western Sydney has dropped to the lowest level (9.9 per cent) since ABS data started being collected in 1999, with more than 30,000 jobs added for 15 to 24 years olds since 2011.

By comparison, ABS data shows that in the seven years prior to 2011, a total of just 1,200 jobs were added for Western Sydney youth.

Treasurer Dominic Perrottet said the young people of Western Sydney were a vital part of Western Sydney's growing role as the state's economic powerhouse.

"If you look at the explosion of new jobs for young people in Western Sydney, there is no doubt who in NSW Parliament is actually fighting for the workers of NSW," Mr Perrottet said.

"You can hire a red bus and drive around taking selfies, but that doesn't create jobs - meanwhile the Liberals & Nationals have the economic plan and the financial discipline to deliver, and our track record on youth jobs in Western Sydney is a prime example.

"For the young people of Western Sydney the difference could not be more stark - more than 25 times the number of jobs have been created under the Liberals & Nationals compared to Labor's last seven years in office."

Minister for Western Sydney Stuart Ayres said from February 2017 to January 2018 the areas with the highest number of employed youth were in Parramatta (33,000), South West Sydney (36,000) and the Inner South West (47,000).

"Western Sydney is attracting the eyes of some of the biggest global companies in the world and this Government is dedicated to making Western Sydney the place where people want to live and work," Mr Ayres said.

"Our commitment to deliver the future Western Sydney Parkland City will deliver jobs and lifestyles for young people Labor could only dream of achieving.

"More than half of all new jobs in Sydney to be created in Western Sydney by 2031, we're investing in facilities like the Northern Road Training Hub, STEM-focussed education and new TAFE campuses to train the next generation of NSW workers."

The general NSW unemployment rate is 5.1% the lowest of all the States.

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