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## FOUR MORE EMPLOYMENT PRECINCTS TO DRIVE JOBS, BOOST EDUCATION AND CREATE INNOVATION

Home-grown IT giant Atlassian is set to become an anchor tenant at Sydney's **Sydney Innovation and Technology Precinct** located at Central-Eveleigh with NSW Premier Gladys Berejiklian today announcing initiatives across four employment precincts.

Ms Berejiklian and Treasurer Dominic Perrottet joined Atlassian Co-CEO Scott Farquhar to announce Atlassian and the NSW Government have reached an agreement in principle for the tech leader to create a new home for their Sydney headquarters near Central Station.

"The Sydney Innovation and Technology Precinct will become the digital destination for all of Australia with thousands of people working and learning, and I am delighted Atlassian will be part of this future," Ms Berejiklian said.

"We have a record low unemployment rate of 3.9 percent in NSW but we will not rest on our laurels. We will create 250,000 new jobs across the next four years, and these employment precincts will play an important role contributing to that total."

Ms Berejiklian revealed key initiatives in three other precincts:

- A statement of intent has been signed with three universities to create the Liverpool Health and Innovation Precinct based around the \$740 million redeveloped Liverpool Hospital. This precinct will be a partnership between the South Western Sydney Local Health District, University of New South Wales, University of Wollongong and Western Sydney University and the Ingham Institute for Applied Medical Science.
- \$12.5 million in funding to develop a **Nuclear Medicine and Technology Hub** in partnership with the Australian Nuclear Science Technology Organisation in Lucas Heights in Sydney's south which will create up to 5000 jobs.
- The creation of an integrated **Central Coast Education and Employment Precinct** around a revitalised Gosford CBD with increased education and job opportunities.

"These precincts will bring together universities, major hospitals, industry leaders and startups to deliver more job opportunities across Sydney and the Central Coast," Ms Berejiklian said.

"We want Western and South Western Sydney and the Central Coast to have the best jobs and the best education opportunities, and these new precincts will deliver that."

Treasurer Dominic Perrottet said creating the environment for innovation and entrepreneurship would provide opportunity for the next generation.

"It's vital we take advantage of the strong economic position NSW is in to create opportunity for the future and keep growing NSW," Mr Perrottet said.

"We have Australia's most diverse economy, and one of the great strengths of NSW is our ability to innovate and develop new businesses both for today but also for the next generation."

## These four precincts are in addition to six other major precincts that the Government is delivering across NSW:

- Western Sydney Airport Aerospace and Defence Industries Precinct.
- Westmead Health and Education Precinct.
- Randwick Health and Education Precinct.
- Williamtown Defence Aerospace and Aviation Precinct.
- Parkes Special Activation Precinct.
- Wagga Wagga Special Activation Precinct.

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