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### **AIRPORT AND AEROTROPOLIS TO DRIVE JOB CREATION**

Major earthworks have commenced on the Western Sydney International (Nancy-Bird Walton) Airport, which will be at the centre of Sydney's first 22<sup>nd</sup> Century City, the Western Sydney Aerotropolis.

Minister for Jobs, Investment, Tourism and Western Sydney Stuart Ayres together with Deputy Prime Minister Michael McCormack today marked the construction milestone in the \$5.3 billion project.

"We know the construction of the Western Sydney International Airport will generate more than 28,000 direct and indirect jobs by the time it opens in 2026, but that is just the start," Mr Ayres said.

"The nearby Aerotropolis will leverage the unique opportunities of Sydney's first 24/7 international airport and drive the creation of 200,000 jobs across the Western Parkland City.

"The jobs will cover aerospace, defence, advanced manufacturing, healthcare, agribusiness and education, as well as tourism and hospitality"

The Western City & Aerotropolis Authority has already reached Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) with 18 companies, including Hitachi, Siemens, GE Additive and DB Schenker.

Member for Mulgoa Tanya Davies said it is great to see how much global interest there is in the Western Parkland City.

"Half of Sydney's population will live west of Parramatta by 2036, so it is important we make sure those people have the best employment opportunities available to them in Western Sydney," Ms Davies said.

Member for Camden Peter Sidgreaves said it is clear the Western Sydney International Airport combined with the Aerotropolis will be a game-changer for the region.

"These major projects will help turn the Western Parkland City into a 30 minute city, bringing everything closer to residents so they can spend less time commuting and more time doing what they want," Mr Sidgreaves said.

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