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Roozendaal welcomes 200 jobs for western Sydney as Costco expands into NSW

Treasurer Eric Roozendaal will today meet with executives of US retail giant Costco to discuss its expansion plans for NSW.

The company is planning its first NSW warehouse in Auburn, which will support at least 200 local jobs.

“I welcome plans by Costco to open in Sydney,” Mr Roozendaal said.

“This is a major investment into NSW which will support hundreds of jobs during the construction phase and 200 jobs when open.

“Job creation is the NSW Government’s Number 1 priority – that’s why the recent NSW Budget was focused on supporting and investing in jobs.

“My focus has been on doing everything in the Government’s power to support jobs, maintain business confidence and keep our economy strong.”

Costco is investing \$55 million in the proposed 14,000 square metre Auburn warehouse on Parramatta Road, which has been designated a major project by the NSW Government.

The company forecasts:

- Creation of 25 jobs in retail management at the Auburn warehouse;
- 175 jobs in sales, merchandising, butchers, bakers, optical specialists, tyre fitters and maintenance workers; and
- 200 site-related construction jobs.

About 60 per cent of the workers at the Auburn warehouse will be from the nearby area.

Costco Wholesale operates 554 warehouses in seven countries and is currently building its first Australian retail outlet in Melbourne.

Their Australian head office is in North Ryde and the 67 workers there will move to Auburn when construction is complete.

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