

SYDNEY'S GROWTH CENTRES

- The Growth Centres are two regions of largely undeveloped land in Sydney's north west and south west, totalling some 27,000 hectares and divided into 34 Precincts
- The NSW Government identified the Growth Centres in 2005 as the home for new communities to accommodate 500,000 people over the next 30 years. They represent the biggest coordinated land release in the state's history.
- The Growth Centres will include:
 - Land for more than 180,000 homes
 - 2,500 hectares of employment land, and
 - \$7.5 billion in new infrastructure
- The Growth Centres will minimise travel times and congestion for residents by providing schools, services, business and leisure opportunities close to where people will live over the next 30 years
- Land in the Growth Centres is rezoned for development generally within two years of being released (from 7-10 years previously) through a streamlined process called Precinct Planning
- Precinct Planning brings together government agencies and local councils to coordinate more efficiently the delivery of essential infrastructure for water, sewerage, power, roads, public transport, education and other services
- Since 2005, nine Precincts with capacity for almost 40,000 homes and 33,000 jobs have been rezoned to allow development applications to be prepared and lodged with the relevant council
- A further eight Precincts with capacity for 48,000 more homes are undergoing Precinct Planning

North West Growth Centre

- Approximately 10,000 hectares across the Hills, Blacktown and Hawkesbury local government areas
- Capacity for 70,000 new dwellings and 200,000 people
- 16 Precincts, including three dedicated employment Precincts
- Six Precincts rezoned already + a further five undergoing Precinct Planning
- Designed around the major centre of Rouse Hill

South West Growth Centre

- Approximately 17,000 hectares across the Liverpool, Camden and Campbelltown local government areas
- Capacity for 110,000 new dwellings and 300,000 people
- 18 Precincts, including two dedicated employment Precincts
- Three Precincts rezoned already + two and a half undergoing Precinct Planning
- Designed around the planned major centre of Leppington

- The first land releases in the Growth Centres occurred in June 2006. Building commenced in November 2007 in the North West Growth Centre's Colebee Precinct
- Land within the Growth Centres is currently owned by thousands of individuals, families, trusts, partnerships, companies and government agencies
- Land in the Growth Centres currently supports a range of land-uses including agiculture and small scale agriculture, as well as commercial and residential activity

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